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ADVISORY COUNCIL, October 1, 2015, 1:00 PM

Area Agency on Aging Serving Napa and Solano
Training/Conference Room
400 Contra Costa Street, Vallejo, CA 94590

Minutes

- I. The meeting was called to order at 1:05 pm by, Steven Rozensky, Chair, with the pledge of Allegiance. Leanne Martinsen introduced Jacquelin Bell, CFO and Rev. Fuentes.
 - A. Members Present, Steven Rozensky, Nieves Fernandez, Lois Harper, Susan Okun, Carroll Cotten, Betty Lou Mukerji, Patricia Scarcelli. Teri Ruggiero.
 - B. Staff Present: Leanne Martinsen – AAoA Executive Director, Ruth Feigel, Program Assistant.
 - C. Members Absent/Excused: Suzanne Blakeley, Carl Bunch, Sally Livingston.
 - D. Board Members Present: None
 - E. Guests Present: Rev. Robert Fuentes, Executive Director, Faith in Action.
- II. Consent Agenda
 - A. **Motion by Susan Okun, seconded by Nieves Fernandez, to approve the agenda for the October 1, 2015 meeting minutes as presented.**
 - B. **Motion by Carroll Cotten, seconded by Nieves Fernandez, to approve the September 3, 2015 meeting minutes as presented, motion carried.**
- III. Correspondence: None.
- IV. Presentation: Rev. Fuentes distributed information about Faith in Action, an organization that was established nearly 18 years ago, to provide safety net services for seniors in Solano County. All services are provided by volunteers, and there is never a charge to participants. The first program that was established matches volunteers to provide caregiver respite for elders, and this program includes the home visits for isolated seniors, now under the contract with AAoA. They also provide telephone reassurance. In 2003, Faith in Action added "Ride with Pride", a volunteer transportation program. They need more volunteer drivers to meet the need in the Vallejo area. Senior Peer Counseling was introduced in 2008, in response to the need that was identified through telephone reassurance, and this has expanded to include the Senior Voices program that has been adapted to provide senior peer counseling in a group via telephone, following a model that is used by the Senior Center without Walls program. They have 100-150 volunteers, and training is provided on an ongoing basis. They have 600 registered recipients and 400 are currently receiving services. Faith in Action also advocates on issues important to seniors, including transportation, and serves as the fiscal agent for

the Senior Coalition of Solano County and the newly formed Carquinez Villages project. He answered questions from members. Teri Ruggiero requested that the information be sent to her electronically, so that she could share with the staff at the Public Authority, which provides personal care, including transportation and other services to IHSS clients.

- V. Community Input I –Teri Ruggiero announced that Stephan Betz has left his position as Deputy Director with Older and Adult Services in Solano County to take a position in Sonoma County, and that she and other staff, including Joyce Goodwin have assumed leadership duties in ODAS during the transition. She also informed the members that there is a potential strike by SEIU 1021, which represents many Solano County employees. The issues are health benefits and wages, and there is a strike plan in place, with “essential staff” covering services so that no clients are harmed.
- VI. AAoA Board Liaison Report – Dr. Lundin was not able to attend the meeting. Leanne Martinsen reported that at the Board of Directors meeting in September, the focus of the meeting related to the program monitoring committee report, and provider contract language.
- VII. Committee Reports:
 - A. Program Performance Monitoring Committee – The July - August 2015 provider service delivery was included in the mailed meeting packet. Teri Ruggiero reported that the Board had reviewed many finance documents and approved the recommendations from the Advisory Council Program Monitoring Committee. The Board directed staff to revise provider contract language to read “If Contractor shall fail to deliver the service units agreed upon in this contract, a percentage of the total funding equal to the percentage of the undelivered units may be subtracted from the total contracted amount”, and to review provider performance no later than mid-year after the second quarter, so that underperforming providers will be provided assistance and/or put on notice that a portion of their funding is at risk. The next Program Monitoring Committee meeting was rescheduled and will meet on Monday, November 2 at 1:00 pm, when the quarterly service delivery reports will be reviewed.
 - B. Legislative Committee CSL Report – There were no members present to report on Legislative Activity. Leanne Martinsen reported that the California Senior Legislature (CSL) is not having a session in Sacramento this year, but will have another process for determining priority proposals. Copies of the C4A legislative Update are available for members. She also relayed information that Congress has passed a temporary Federal Funding Bill that avoids a government shutdown.
 - C. Advocacy Committee – Suzanne Blakeley was not present to report.
 - D. Membership Committee – Lois Harper discussed the need for more outreach to potential members. Leanne Martinsen indicated that membership recruitment packets have been distributed by staff at outreach events, and will provide Lois with contact information for potential members, so that she can follow up with them.
 - E. TACC Report -- Steven Rozensky represented PSA #28 at the Triple-A Council of California (TACC) meeting on August 11-12, 2015 in Sacramento. His written report was included in the meeting packet. He continues to work with an ad-hoc group to

develop the book on fraud and scams for our area. One of his ideas was to re-title it, from “Elder Abuse”, which is off-putting, to just something like “Schemes, Scams and Fraud”. Leanne Martinsen echoed this, with a comment that “Elder Justice” is becoming the preferred term, as it encompasses the wider range of issues, whereas for many folks, Elder Abuse brings to mind physical abuse, an important and difficult issue, but not the most prevalent type, and our focus should be on prevention of all abuse.

VIII. AAoA Executive Director & Staff Report.

A. Leanne Martinsen reported on AAoA activity, including the following items:

- Staffing: we have hired a new MIS Coordinator, and he will be at your next meeting. We also have hired a MSSP Nurse manager, to replace one who is leaving.
- Area Plan submitted to CDA on May 1, awaiting approval.
- The budget amendment with additional funds for LTCO has been approved by CDA.
- Provider Contracts for 2015-16 have been issued, and contract review meetings are being scheduled during the last two weeks of October.
- StopFalls Napa Valley staffing has been reduced, due to funding reductions, and services continue while we seek additional funding sources.
- Have transitioned Napa Caregiver Permit Application Processing duties to staff member working at Napa office on Main St. effective August 1, and we have been meeting with a committee of Napa Commission on Aging and others to recommend changes to the Caregiver Permit Ordinance, necessitated by new state law that establishes licensing of home care agencies and their employees, effective January 1, 2016.
- StopFalls Napa Valley and StopFalls Solano Seniors continue comprehensive Fall Prevention services in both counties.
- Partners In Care Foundation, developing another grant that will provide training to two AAoA staff as Master trainers for “Matter of Balance”, an evidence-based fall prevention program, which will allow us to train MOB coaches to provided ongoing workshops in both counties:
- Many events for outreach opportunities, including the Solano Walk to End Alzheimer’s on October 24 in Suisun City. The AAoA Go-Getters Team will be walking to raise awareness and funds.

IX. Action Items: None this month.

X. Information Items:

Betty Lou Mukerji shared information from the Fraud Prevention workshop hosted by Assembly member Bill Dodd in Napa. She said it was “amazing”. There is another one scheduled in Dixon next month, and she encouraged members to participate.

There was also discussion about the recent wildfires in neighboring Lake County and the evacuation center that was established in Calistoga.

Members were encouraged to sign up for outreach events this month.

Handouts from the California Commission on Aging and event flyers are available for distribution.

- .XI. Communication with AAoA Board: none this month.
- XII Community Input II: none offered.
- XIII. The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 PM. With thanks to Steven Rozensky for providing cookies.

Submitted by: Leanne Martinsen, Executive Director

Approved by _____, Advisory Council Secretary

Date: November 5, 2015

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