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ADVISORY COUNCIL, January 7, 2016, 1:00 PM

Area Agency on Aging Serving Napa and Solano
Comprehensive Services for Older Adults (CSOA) Main Conference Room
650 Imperial Way, Napa, CA 94559

Minutes

- I. The meeting was called to order at 1:05 pm by Chair, Steven Rozensky, with the pledge of Allegiance. Guests were introduced.
 - A. Members Present, Steven Rozensky, Carroll Cotten, Nieves Fernandez, Lois Harper, Sally Livingston, Carl Bunch, Patricia Scarcelli.
 - B. Staff Present: Leanne Martinsen – AAOA Executive Director, Jason Curletto, Program Assistant – MIS.
 - C. Members Absent/Excused: Suzanne Blakeley, Susan Okun, Betty Lou Mukerji, Teri Ruggiero.
 - D. Board Members Present: None.
 - E. Guests Present: Arnold Koenig, applicant for membership, and Drene Johnson, Executive Director Community Action Napa Valley.
- II. Consent Agenda
 - A. **Motion by Carl Bunch, seconded by Carroll Cotten, to approve the agenda for January 7, 2016 meeting minutes as presented.**
 - B. **Motion by Nieves Fenandez, seconded by Carl Bunch, to approve the December 3, 2015 meeting minutes, as presented, motion carried.**
- III. Correspondence: None.
- IV. Presentation: Drene Johnson reported that Community Action Napa Valley (CANV) has five major programs, including the Food Bank, Meals on Wheels (funded in part by the AAOA), Shelters for homeless individuals and families, childcare programs, and a culinary program. She noted that they cook their own meals and serve 440 meals a day, being the only program in the area that still serves hot home-delivered meals. She noted that Hands Across the Valley had provided funding to purchase a new delivery truck that is being outfitted with hot & cold container sections. She also reported that CANV has an arrangement to use the Salvation Army kitchen for meal preparation, and the Salvation Army serves 160 meals a day for the homeless. A new congregate meal site has opened at Rohlff's Manor in Napa, and has plans to open a congregate site in Calistoga at the Fairgrounds. She indicated that the Senior Brown Bag program is currently being funded by the Gasser Foundation answered questions from members.

- V. Community Input I – Lois Harper inquired about the legislative committee. Leanne Martinsen indicated that the Advisory Council does not have an active Legislative Committee at this time. Arnold Koening indicated that he would be interested in this area. Lois also had concerns about when someone is in a nursing home and on MediCal, whether the community-dwelling spouse would be required to pay back the State. Leanne Martinsen indicated that under some circumstances, Medi-Cal does file a claim to recover the cost of care, but that surviving spouses are not required to sell their homes.
- VI. AAoA Board Liaison Leanne Martinsen noted that the Board met in December, and a new member has been appointed from Solano County, but there are now 3 vacant positions for Napa members. The Board was disappointed that Teri Ruggiero was not able to present the program monitoring report in December, and is looking forward to receiving the report of service delivery for the first half of the fiscal year at their February meeting.
- VII. Committee Reports:
 - A. Program Performance Monitoring Committee – Teri Ruggiero was not present. The Provider Service Delivery Report that was included in the agenda packet reflects the first 5 months of the fiscal year (July – November), and the committee will meet on February 1 to review the reports that will reflect the first half of the fiscal year, and develop recommendations for the Council to forward to the Board of Directors. Steven Rozensky indicated that the Area Plan Workgroup is also requesting to review the service delivery reports as a part of their process.
 - B. Area Plan Work Group. Leanne Martinsen indicated that the group has met two times since the last Advisory Council meeting, and they are looking at the current funding allocations, the range of services that can be provided with Older Americans Act funding, and findings from recent needs assessment surveys, working to develop recommendations regarding priority services to be funded in the next planning cycle, and also considering options for service delivery. The group decided that the members from each county should meet separately before coming back together for their next meeting in February. It appears that this meeting will be scheduled some time after the February 4 Advisory Council meeting, but before the February 16 Board meeting. The new 4-year area plan is due to CDA on May 1. Community forums and public hearings will be held later in February, so that a final draft plan can be presented to the Council in March, and the plan can be approved by the Board of Directors in March. Steven Rozensky indicated that this is very complicated and we should be funding services that make a difference. For example, a program that provides background checks and case management to facilitate shared housing would address the critical need for more appropriate and affordable housing options for seniors, could be supported with Title IIIB funding, and that would be more cost effective than building or renovating housing for individuals.
 - C. Legislative Committee CSL Report – There were no members present to report on Legislative Activity. Leanne Martinsen noted that the California Association of Area Agencies on Aging (C4A) is having a Capitol Day on February 25, and encouraged Advisory Council members to participate.

- D. Advocacy Committee – Suzanne Blakeley was not present to report for the Advocacy Committee. Leanne Martinsen shared information about an Advocacy Alert for SB 547, which is scheduled for a hearing in the Senate Health Committee on January 13. She encouraged members to review the bill summary and contact legislators to advocate for this bill.
- E. TACC Report – Steven Rozensky had provided a written report, and discussed the meeting that was held in Sacramento December 1-2. The speakers at the meeting presented information on issues related to Senior Rural Housing, a study exploring the therapeutic use of Therababy dolls with seniors with moderate to severe dementia, and “Dine Around Town”, a restaurant voucher program that is offered in Sutter County, where there is no congregate meal dining program.
- F. Membership Committee – Lois Harper introduced Arnold Koenig who had submitted an application for membership and he shared information about his background and his work with the Napa County Alliance for Senior Education. They are planning an event to be held on February 26, and one in June during Elder Abuse Awareness Month. **Motion by Patricia Scarcelli, seconded by Nieves Fernandez, to accept the application of Arnold Koenig, and appoint him to a three year term expiring in January 2019., motion carried.** A new member orientation is scheduled for January 14.

VIII. AAoA Executive Director & Staff Report.

- A. Leanne Martinsen reported on AAoA activity, including the following items:
 - Legal Aid of Napa Valley merger with Bay Area Legal Aid. Guidance from CDA that we can amend current contract to provide continued services.
 - StopFalls Napa Valley staffing has been reduced, planning to restore, now that Auction Napa Valley has granted funding for 2016. (ANV funding information shared with Board, not widely until after their announcement).
 - Have transitioned Napa Caregiver Permit Application Processing duties to staff member working at Napa office on Main St. effective August 1. Updated Ordinance necessitated by new state law that established licensing of home care agencies and their employees. Made related changes to application process and website.
 - Partners In Care, grant to establish “A Matter of Balance (MoB) an evidence-based fall prevention program. Two staff are now Certified Master Trainers. MOB Coach training in Solano this week and in Napa in February or March.
 - Health Educator to provide Nutrition Education – SNAP-Ed contract. Classes are being offered at congregate nutrition sites in both counties, and we have a contract to continue this program for another year.
 - AAoA representation at various events, Commission and Coalition meetings

Coming Events: See schedule of events, AAoA website calendar & Facebook Page
Look for us on Facebook, like us and share postings.
- B. Jason Curletto indicated that he would be sending an e-mail to Advisory Council members regarding the schedule for program monitoring site visits, and encouraged them to respond so they could participate and visit the provider organizations in which they had interest.

- IX. Action Items: were included under committee reports earlier in the agenda
- X. Information Items:
Leanne Martinsen indicated that there were a number of flyers for events in both Napa and Solano County, and encouraged members to take any that interested them, and also to share this information in their communities.
- .XI. Communication with AAoA Board: None this month.
- XII Community Input II. Carroll Cotton indicated that with the shortage of housing, and there are many seniors who might benefit from shared housing, but most mobile home parks have rules that prohibit renting rooms. This is a topic that could be subject for legislation.
- XIII. The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 PM. With thanks to Steven Rozensky for providing cookies and chocolate bobka.

Submitted by: Leanne Martinsen, Executive Director

Approved by _____, Advisory Council Secretary

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