



**ADVISORY COUNCIL, April 7, 2016, 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 1:10 pm by, Steven Rozensky, Chair, with the pledge of Allegiance. Leanne Martinsen introduced Cathy Hall, Executive Director of Meals on Wheels of Solano County.
  - A. Members Present, Steven Rozensky, Suzanne Blakeley, Nieves Fernandez, Lois Harper, Susan Okun, Carroll Cotten, Arnold Koenig, Sally Livingston.
  - B. Staff Present: Leanne Martinsen – AAOA Executive Director, Terry Ann Steffen – Direct Services Supervisor.
  - C. Members Absent/Excused: Betty Lou Mukerji, Carl Bunch, Patricia Scarcelli. Teri Ruggiero, Sandra Calloway.
  - D. Board Members Present: Dr. Richard Lundin.
  - E. Guests Present: Cathy Hall, Executive Director, Meals on Wheels of Solano County.
- II. Consent Agenda
  - A. **Motion by Sally Livingston, seconded by Suzanne Blakeley, to approve the agenda for the April 7, 2016 meeting minutes as presented.**
  - B. **Motion by Susan Okun, seconded by Nieves Fernandez, to approve the March 3, 2016 meeting minutes as presented, motion carried.**
- III. Correspondence: None.
- IV. Presentation: Cathy Hall provided an update on Meals on Wheels of Solano County. She distributed copies of recent articles that covered the March for Meals campaign, when a number of Mayors and County Supervisors participated in delivering meals, and commented that good press is important. They deliver more than a meal, they deliver a difference. She indicated that the meal counts are ahead of expectations, and the program is expanding. The congregate site at Florence Douglas Senior Center in Vallejo is serving up to 40 people every day. She answered questions from members, including the client donations, which vary from site to site, and over time, as a reflection of the economic conditions. Sally Livingston commented on the great job that Cathy has done since coming to the organization, including fundraising. She also noted the challenge of satisfying the menu preferences of older and younger groups of seniors.

- V. Community Input I – Discussion regarding Vallejo Senior Roundtable meeting at Florence Douglas Senior Center.
- VI. AAoA Board Liaison Report – Dr. Lundin reported on a number of current Veterans issues. The Pathways Program at the Yountville is renovating the facility with private funds, and they expect to resume the residential treatment program there soon. This program has demonstrated success, providing training, counselling and preventing suicide. Leanne Martinsen reported that at the March Board of Directors meeting, the Board had received an update on the Area Plan process, and authorized staff to proceed with grant applications, which will be covered in the staff report later in this meeting. In response to a question, Leanne Martinsen reported that there will be a Housing Summit in June, and this is an opportunity to learn more about the current status and concerns about senior housing issues in Napa County.
- VII. Committee Reports:
  - A. Program Performance Monitoring Committee – The July 2015 - February 2016 provider service delivery was included in the mailed meeting packet. The next meeting of the committee is scheduled on May 2, when the third quarter reports will be available for review.
  - B. Area Plan subcommittee and work group. Leanne Martinsen reviewed the draft goals and objectives that have been developed based on a review of the needs assessment surveys, working group meetings, and input from the public hearing a community forums.
  - C. Legislative Committee CSL Report – There were no members present to report on Legislative Activity. Leanne Martinsen stated that there was information in the meeting packet from the California Association of Area Agencies on Aging (C4A) about pending state legislation that would impact older adults, and information about the budget request for additional funding for senior nutrition programs. She also encouraged Advisory Council members to consider attending the Senior Rally Day at the State Capitol in Sacramento on May 11, which would be an opportunity to advocate with elected state legislators for these issues. Nieves Fernandez reported that she had heard that the Rally had been cancelled, and Leanne Martinsen will follow up to confirm and notify members of the arrangements.
  - D. Advocacy Committee – Suzanne Blakeley shared information about the primary election coming up in June.
  - E. Membership Committee – Lois Harper reported that she did not have any new applications for membership.
  - F. Nominating Committee – Lois Harper agreed to serve as chair of the committee, and Suzanne Blakeley and Nieves Fernandez will meet to find nominees for officers. The bylaws call for elections in May, but if the committee brings nominations in May, elections can be held in June, as officers terms start in July.

VIII. AAoA Executive Director & Staff Report:

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

- Staff submitted applications for funding from Kaiser Community Benefit for Latino Outreach and Napa County Master Settlement Agreement to support StopFalls Napa Valley.
- Staff negotiated contract with Solano County to continue fall prevention activities.
- Staffing: Have hired new staff to provide caregiver referral registry and support health promotion in both counties, also hired a bilingual Navigator for the Healthy Minds-Healthy Aging program in Napa Co. Positions posted for the Prevention and Early Access for Seniors program in Solano Co.
- CDA has announced another delay in releasing the planning estimate for FY 2016-17. This is holding up development of the budget that will accompany the Area Plan.
- The Solano Co. District Attorney's office is considering grant opportunities that would increase their capacity to serve victims of elder abuse, and planning a community forum on World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, June 15.
- The C4A organization is launching a statewide campaign to raise awareness of Elder Abuse and Prevention, which will be for the entire month of June.
- Evidence-based Health Promotion program classes are being scheduled in both counties. Information about dates and locations can be obtained by checking the website or calling the Drop-In Center in Vallejo.

B. Jason Curletto was not present, but continues to schedule program monitoring site visits with contract providers, and Advisory Council members are encouraged to participate.

C. Terry Ann Steffen distributed a report that provided updated information on the progress that Direct Services have made since February and a list of additional upcoming events, including Farmer's Markets in various communities.

IX. Action Items:

A. There were no recommendations regarding program monitoring at this time.

B. **Motion by Carroll Cotton to accept the recommendations of the Area Plan working group, accept the draft goals and objectives, to authorize the Advisory Council Chair to sign the transmittal letter, and recommend to the Board of Directors that they approve the plan and authorize staff to submit the Area Plan for 2016-2020 to the California Department of Aging, seconded by Nieves Fernandez, motion carried.**

C. Leanne Martinsen distributed a list of upcoming Outreach events, and encouraged members to sign up to join AAoA staff at one or more events of their choosing.

X. Information Items: None

XI. Communication with AAoA Board: none this month.

XII Community Input II: Arnold Koenig announced that the Napa County Alliance for Elder Education is planning forum focused on issues related to Elder Abuse, and it will be held at the Napa Community College on June 16. Sally Livingston reported that the Dynamic Aging conference sponsored by the Senior Coalition of Solano County in Vacaville in March was very successful, with over 450 participants during the two day event. She also announced that there will be a Transportation Summit, focused on issues related to Seniors and Persons with Disabilities on May 6 at the Joe Nelson Community Center in Suisun City. Nieves Fernandez announced that the IHSS Spring Outreach conference will be on May 5, at the NorthBay Healthcare Conference Center, 4500 Business Center in Fairfield.

XIII. The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 PM.

Submitted by: Leanne Martinsen, Executive Director

Approved by \_\_\_\_\_, Advisory Council Secretary

Date: May 5, 2016

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