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

Area Agency on Aging Serving Napa and Solano
CSOA Conference Room – 650 Imperial Way, Napa, CA 94559

Minutes

- I. The meeting was called to order at 1:15 pm by Chair, Steven Rozensky, with the pledge of Allegiance. Guests were introduced.
 - A. Members Present, Steven Rozensky, Carroll Cotten, Teri Ruggiero, Arnold Koenig, Sandy Calloway
 - B. Staff Present: Leanne Martinsen – AAOA Executive Director, Jason Curletto, Program Assistant – MIS.
 - C. Members Absent/Excused: Lois Harper, Carl Bunch, Nieves Fernandez, Sally Livingston, Betty Lou Mukerji, Suzanne Blakeley, Susan Okun,.
 - D. Board Members Present: None.
 - E. Guests Present: Kristi Lesnewich, Bay Area Legal Aid.
- II. Consent Agenda
 - A. **Motion by Carroll Cotten, seconded by Sandy Calloway, to approve the agenda for July 7, 2016 meeting minutes as presented, motion carried.**
 - B. **Motion by Arnold Koenig, seconded by Carrol Cotten, to approve the June 2, 2016 meeting minutes, as presented, motion carried.**
- III. Correspondence: None.
- IV. Presentation: Kristi Lesnewich, senior attorney with Bay Area Legal Aid provided an update on senior legal assistance in Napa County. She discussed the history of Legal Aid in Napa the organization, leading up to the merger with Bay Area Legal Aid this year. She indicated that during the past three months (April-June) she had opened 76 cases, which is an indicator of the need. She explained the partnership with One Justice, and how the law students work with her at events at low-income senior communities to assist residents to establish Power of Attorney for Finance, Health Care Directives and simple wills. She indicated that a lot of the cases are dealing with housing issues and evictions. She also spoke about the Legal Advice Line and the Health Consumer Center, which provide free legal services, and how these telephone services expand access for seniors. She answered questions from members.

- V. Community Input I – Arnold Koenig indicated that he had attended the Solano Elder Abuse Awareness event on June 15, and gave a report about the event sponsored by Napa County Alliance for Senior Education (NCASE) on June 16. The program included keynote speakers and panels with representation from law enforcement, criminal justice and service providers. He stated that NCASE was working on classes that will be on the fall schedule for Napa Valley College. Teri Ruggiero spoke about In Home Supportive Services (IHSS), and the implementation and enforcement of new guidelines related to overtime for caregivers on the IHSS Public Authority. There are consequences for caregivers that report unauthorized overtime, including that they can be suspended. There was a discussion about reporting suspected elder abuse to Adult Protective Services.
- VI. AAoA Board Liaison Leanne Martinsen noted that the Board did not have a quorum on June 21. However, the executive committee was convened to authorize the executive director to sign the contract with CDA and issue provider contracts for fiscal year 2016-17.
- VII. Committee Reports:
 - A. Program Performance Monitoring Committee –Teri Ruggiero reported that she had attended the scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors on June 21, prepared to give the report from the program monitoring subcommittee. As there was not a quorum, they were not able to act on the report, and it will be placed on the agenda for the next Board meeting on July 19. A date for the next Program monitoring committee will be set in August, when the year-end service delivery reports for FY 2016-17 will be available, and the committee will also review the status of the programs that are funded by other than Older Americans Act sources.
 - B. Area Plan Work Group. Leanne Martinsen indicated that we are awaiting approval on the Area Plan. Both the Area Plan and Budget must be approved before reimbursement can be made for the current fiscal year.
 - C. Legislative Committee CSL Report – Leanne Martinsen reported that the state budget had been signed, and some, but not all the additional funding for senior programs was included. She also referred to the item in the agenda packet that outlined how non-profits can get involved with the electoral process and impact change. There was also discussion of the fact sheet from N4A on Title IIIB funded programs, noting that the funding for these essential services is at the same level as it was in FY 2004. Federal funding for State Health Insurance Programs (SHIP), which is the source of funding for Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy (HICAP) in California is in jeopardy as the Senate has eliminated this from their budget,. The House of Representatives will be proposing their version of the budget, and there will be negotiations so this is an opportunity for advocacy, to educate Senators and Congress members about how this program is essential for seniors, due to the complexity of the Medicare program.
 - D. Advocacy Committee – Suzanne Blakeley was not present to report.

- E. Membership Committee – Lois Harper was not present, but she had requested that a letter of thanks be set to Patricia Scarcelli, which Leanne Martinsen has prepared for Steven Rozensky’s signature.
- F. TACC Report – Steven Rozensky reviewed the written report of the May meeting, which was included in the meeting packet, and the summary document that was prepared by the Congress of California Seniors for the Senior Rally at the State Capitol. The chart “Decade of Decline” was a very clear picture of how services have had their funding frozen, cut or eliminated Leanne Martinsen will send copies of this to the members.

VIII. AAoA Executive Director & Staff Report.

- A. Leanne Martinsen reported on AAoA activity, including the following items:
 - June was busy with Elder Abuse Awareness activities, including the social media campaign, with posts on our Face Book page and Twitter.
 - Provider Contracts for Fiscal Year 2016-17 were sent to the providers.
 - Staffing: We have hired some new staff (MSSP Case Managers and PEAS staff). We still have positions posted , including a Navigator-Case Manager for the Healthy Minds-Healthy Aging program in Napa.
 - Leanne Martinsen will be attending the N4A annual conference in San Diego this month, and C4A plans to attend the fall conference in Los Angeles.
 - There are very few outreach events scheduled in July and August, but when it pick up in the fall, Advisory Council members will be encouraged to sign up at accompany staff.
- B. Jason Curletto indicated that the Provider Service Delivery Report reflects that at 11 months, most of the contract providers have already exceeded their annual goals, and he expects that when the year end data is entered, all should be in full compliance. The Direct Services that have been on a corrective action plan have made great progress, but there are some areas that have not totally caught up, so it is likely that Solano Outreach, Napa Outreach, Information and Assistance and Case Management will finish the year at less than 100% of the goals that were set for these categories. Teri Ruggiero suggested that the IHSS caregiver orientation/training sessions are a good opportunity for outreach. Jason indicated that as we place more and more information on line, there seems to be a reduction in utilization of telephone I&A, and he will be analyzing how much the website is being accessed for resources. He also noted that he has been busy with technical support at the AAoA offices, helping with some computer and phone system issues.

IX. Action Items: None this month.

X. Information Items: None

.XI. Communication with AAoA Board: Steven Rozensky indicated that he would attend the July 19 Board of Directors meeting, and Teri Ruggiero planned to go as well to formally present the recommendations from the Program Monitoring Committee. The Advisory Council will not be meeting in August, however Leanne Martinsen indicated that there will be information sent to members.

XII. Community Input II. None

XIII. The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 PM. With thanks to Steven Rozensky for providing cookies.

Submitted by: Leanne Martinsen, Executive Director

Approved by _____, Advisory Council Secretary

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