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ADVISORY COUNCIL, January 5, 2017, 1:00 PM

**Area Agency on Aging Serving Napa and Solano
Napa Senior Activity Center – Large Annex Room, 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, Carl Bunch, Suzanne Blakeley, Lois Harper, Carroll Cotten, Betty Lou Mukerji. Arnold Koenig, Sally Livingston, Steve Sillen, Mary Palmer.
 - B. Staff Present: Leanne Martinsen – AAoA Executive Director, Vincent Valenzuela, -- Planner, Jason Curletto -- Program Assistant/MIS&IT.
 - C. Members Absent/Excused: Susan Okun, Sandy Calloway, Teri Ruggiero, John Morris
 - D. Board Members Present: None.
 - E. Guests Present: Joyce Goodwin – Health Services Administrator for Older and Adult Services, Solano County Health and Social Services., Fran Rosenberg – Molly’s Angels.
- II. Consent Agenda
 - A. **Motion by Carl Bunch, seconded by Steve Sillen, to approve the agenda for the , January 5, 2017 meeting minutes as presented, motion carried.**
 - B. **Motion by Steve Sillen, seconded by Carl Bunch, to approve the December 1, 2016 meeting minutes, as presented, motion carried.**
- III. Correspondence: None.
- IV. Presentation: Fran Rosenberg provided information about Molly’s Angels. During 2016, they provided 3,785 one-way rides for Napa County Seniors. In December, they provided 270 rides, and 54 off these were to take seniors to medical appointments outside of Napa County. The volunteers drove 43,877 miles. She also .reported that the Telephone reassurance program made 2,246 calls to 56 isolated seniors in Napa County. They have wonderful volunteers, and she shared some stories about how they have helped the seniors. She answered questions from members, and shared information about their fundraising events.
- V. Community Input I – None.

- VI. AAoA Board Liaison Richard Lundin was not present. Leanne Martinsen noted that at the December 6 Board meeting, the Board accepted the report from the Advisory Council regarding program monitoring. The consultant is on track to complete the organizational assessment, and a report will be presented to the Advisory Council and Board, perhaps in February.
- VII. Committee Reports:
- A. Program Performance Monitoring Committee –Teri Ruggiero was not present to report, but the provider performance report for July-November 2016 was distributed with the meeting agenda packet. The next meeting of the committee will be on January 30, when they will review the service delivery reports through December, the first half of the fiscal year..
 - B. Legislative Committee CSL Report – Leanne Martinsen reported that the State Legislature was back in session with newly elected members, and committee leadership was being determined. She encouraged members to consider participating in the C4A Capitol Day on February 23. This will be an opportunity to hear from staff from the Governor’s office, as well as the Assembly and Senate committees on Aging and Long-term care about budget concerns and to advocate for the needs of older adults and community-based services.
 - C. Advocacy Committee – Suzanne Blakeley had been delayed, so this report was postponed until later in the agenda.
 - D. Membership Committee – Lois Harper noted that she has been providing membership information at various locations, including the Florence Douglas Senior Center in Vallejo. Mary Palmer has applied for membership and completed the orientation.
 - E. Ad Hoc Committee on Senior Safety: Steven Rozensky reported that this committee is still forming, and that it will be scheduled for a review in 90 days to evaluate whether it will continue, but it should have a singular focus. Arnold Koening reported that the Month of June has been designated as Elder Abuse Awareness Month, and June 15 is World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. There are a number of groups in both counties working on fraud prevention, elder justice and related topics and he would like the committee to work with other organizations, including the Napa County Alliance for Senior Education to put on an event to inform the community. Any members who would like to participate, should come an hour before the February 2 meeting to get an update.
 - F. Steven Rozensky reviewed his report of the December Triple-A Council of California (TACC) meeting that was held in Sacramento. He highlighted comments from Derrell Kelch Executive Director of the California Association of Area Agencies on Aging (C4A) about legislative advocacy. He also provided information from a report co-authored by Sandi Fitzpatrick, Director of the California Commission on Aging, titled “Aging, Women and Poverty in California”. A copy of this report will be sent via e-mail to members. They also heard about the Senior Driving Ombudsman. The California Department of Motor Vehicles, has 4 Ombudsman that work with older adults to keep them driving as long as it is safe for them to continue driving. They also heard from

Leza Coleman, Executive Director of the State Association for Long-Term Care Ombudsman programs, about issues impacting the Long Term Care Ombudsman programs in California in 2017. A spirited discussion about problems in nursing facilities followed. It was suggested that a presentation by the local long-term care ombudsman coordinator(s) be arranged for a future Advisory Council meeting.

VIII. AAoA Executive Director & Staff Report.

- A. Leanne Martinsen reported on AAoA activity, including the following items:
- CDA requested clarification on a few items in the Area Plan in December, and staff submitted a response, awaiting approval.
 - CDA has approved the Budget revision #1, and service provider contract modifications have been processed to include the additional One-Time-Only funds.
 - CDA Fiscal Audit for Fiscal Years 2011/12 through, 2014/15 scheduled in January 2017.
 - All vacant staff positions have been filled.
 - The Consultant Occupational Therapist with StopFalls Napa Valley is leaving, and another OTR/L that has been associated with the program has been engaged to fill that position.
 - The video on Senior Poverty that the Senior Coalition of Solano County produced may be shown at the next Advisory Council meeting..
- B. Vincent Valenzuela distributed copies of the draft timeline for the Request for Proposals (RFP) that will be conducted over the next few months, and discussed that process. At the February 2 Advisory Council meeting, a draft of the RFP will be available, and the services included will be all of the currently contracted Title III Nutrition and Supportive Services, as well as the Long-Term Care Ombudsman program for Solano County and Information and Assistance, Case Management, Caregiver Referral Registry and Outreach for Napa County. The RFP announcement will be distributed widely, in an effort to recruit providers with the capacity to provide quality services.
- C. Jason Curletto offered to answer questions from members about the quarterly reports or any other concerns about program monitoring, and indicated that the schedule of site visits will be available in February. Advisory Council members are encouraged to sign up and participate in program monitoring site visits.

IX. Action Items:

- A. There were no other recommendations to the Board of Directors regarding program monitoring or any other matters at this time.
- B. **Motion by Suzanne Blakeley, seconded by Steve Sillen to accept the membership application of Mary Palmer, and appoint her to a three year term ending in January 2020, motion carried.**
- C. No other action items were brought to the attention of the Council.

- X. Information Items: Carl Bunch indicated that there will be a Women's March on January 21 (the day after the Presidential Inauguration) in Washington DC, and there will also be local marches, including one in Napa. Steve Sillen noted that there will be a large march in Oakland as well. Suzanne Blakeley gave the Advocacy committee report at this time. She shared information from Social Security Works about the move to repeal the Affordable Care Act and impacts on Medicare. She reported that at the senior facility where she lives, there have been concerns about Sol Trans, and she was investigating this. She has been distributing copies of the AAoA Senior Guides at doctor's offices and the facility where she lives, and they have been well received. She also reported that the Vallejo Police Department is offering safety training for managers of apartment complexes, and she will be doing follow-up with seniors who live in apartment complexes. Sally Livingston reported that the Senior Coalition of Solano County will be sponsoring the Mini-Medical School at the Kroc Center, This will be 3 or 4 Saturdays in March, and speakers will present information on health issues of concern to older adults.
- .XI. Communication with AAoA Board: None at this time.
- XII. Community Input II. None
- XIII. The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 PM.

Submitted by: Leanne Martinsen, Executive Director

Approved by _____, Advisory Council Secretary

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