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ADVISORY COUNCIL, April 6, 2017, 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 1:00 pm by Chair, Steven Rozensky, with the pledge of Allegiance. Guests were introduced
 - A. Members Present, Steven Rozensky, Suzanne Blakeley, Lois Harper, Sally Livingston, Susan Okun, Steve Sillen,.
 - B. Staff Present: Leanne Martinsen – AAoA Executive Director, Vincent Valezuela – Planner,
 - C. Members Absent/Excused: Sandy Calloway, Carl Bunch, Carroll Cotten, John Morris, Mary Palmer, Arnold Koenig, Teri Ruggiero.
 - D. Board Members Present: Dr. Richard Lundin.
 - E. Guests Present: None.
- II. Consent Agenda
 - A. **Motion by Sally Livingston, seconded by Suzanne Blakeley, to approve the agenda for the April 6, 2017 meeting, with a change to have Dr. Lundin give his report on veterans issues earlier, motion carried.**
 - B. **Motion by Suzanne Blakeley, seconded by Sally Livingston, to approve the March 2, 2017 meeting minutes, as presented, motion carried.**
- III. Correspondence: Leanne Martinsen indicated that we have received the letter from the California Department of Aging (CDA) approving the 2016-2020 Area Plan, and a copy of the letter was given to Steven Rozensky, Chair.
- IV. Dr. Lundin reported that the investigation into bonuses that were paid to National Guard members is now complete, and there are a very few that were found to be in the wrong (they took the money and left), and they are being required to pay back the amounts they were not owed, and placed on a payment plan. He also spoke about various improvements that have been made in the VA healthcare system, to improve the timeliness and quality of care for veterans. Steven Rozensky thanked Dr. Lundin for his report, and noted that Dr. Lundin was being honored as Veteran of the Year in Solano County for his dedication and service to Veterans.

- V. Presentation: Vincent Valenzuela used the laptop and projector to demonstrate some features of the Network of Care for Older Adults and Persons with Disabilities websites, which are being developed for both Napa and Solano Counties. He showed the You Tube video that explained how the site works, and explained that AAoA staff was working with both Counties on the content of the service directories. Sally Livingston noted that the Solano Senior Poverty workgroup has been instrumental in helping County staff modify the site to be more user-friendly.
- VI. Community Input I – Steve Sillen reported that the Carquinez Village launch was very successful, with over 100 attending the event in Benicia on April 3. Sally Livingston reminded everyone that the Senior Coalition of Solano County has been putting on the Mini Medical School on Saturdays, and there is one more this Saturday, April 8, featuring the film “Being Mortal”, and several workshops related to end of life issues.
- VII. AAoA Board Liaison Dr. Richard Lundin was unable to attend the last Board meeting. Leanne Martinsen reported that the Board had met on March 21, and the main topics covered were responding to the Organizational Assessment Report, focusing on improving communication with the County Supervisors and public, making plans for a Board Retreat, and a reception on June 15, inviting Advisory Council members, AAoA staff and County Supervisors. They also recommended that the Board and Advisory Council have a joint meeting, possibly the Area Plan Public Hearing. This will be an action item later in this agenda for the Council’s consideration.
- VIII. Committee Reports:
 - A. Program Performance Monitoring Committee –Teri Ruggiero was not present to report, but Suzanne Blakeley noted that the provider service delivery report showed that all providers were doing well at the end of February. The next committee meeting will be held before the May 4 Advisory Council meeting, when the third quarter service delivery reports will be reviewed.
 - B. Legislative Committee CSL Report – Leanne Martinsen reported that the C4A Legislative Summary was included in the meeting packet, and fact sheets were available as handouts. Legislators will be in the district over the next couple of weeks, so it would be good to schedule visits with them in their district offices to advocate for issues that are important to older adults in our community. She also noted that there will be an opportunity to select CSL members later this year.
 - C. Advocacy Committee – Suzanne Blakeley reported on the impact if the Affordable Care Act is repealed, and the Federal Budget proposals. Older adults will see changes in Social Security, Medicare and MediCal. She also reported on the Fighting Back initiative to have smoke-free sections in senior rental housing.

- D. Membership Committee – Lois Harper noted that there were no new applicants at this time. She has provided information at Brookdale in Vallejo, and recommended that staff give presentations to inform and encourage greater participation from folks who reside there. She also mentioned a former member that had moved back to Vallejo and may be interested in joining again. We have a number of members with terms expiring this year. The bylaws call for up to 20 members, and we currently have 13. We are seeking additional members, especially from Solano County, and representation from the Filipino and Latino community would be welcome.
- E. Ad Hoc Committee on Senior Safety/Elder Abuse: Arnold Koenig was not present to report on committee activities. Leanne Martinsen noted that both Counties plan on having events on June 15, which is World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. There has been a suggestion that a follow up meeting be held for both counties to develop a plan of action. Information will be forwarded to the membership when details are confirmed.
- F. TACC Report – Steven Rozensky will not be able to participate in the next meeting of the Triple A Council of California in May, and will ask Carroll Cotten to represent PSA #28 in Sacramento.

IX. AAoA Executive Director & Staff Report.

- A. Leanne Martinsen reported on AAoA activity, including the following items:
 - Approval letter dated March 30, 2017 from CDA for the 2016-2020 Area Plan. A copy will be posted on the AAoA website.
 - Anticipate receipt of budget display and contract for FY 2017-18 from CDA on or after April 1. Area Plan update and Area Plan budget due to CDA on May 1. Planning public forums during April to encourage community input.
 - Working with Planner on RFP, applications received 3/31, to review team today.
 - Working with CFO on various items related to audit and also updating annual budget to reflect CDA budget revision (OTO funds) and other changes since start of FY. Anticipating Budget Display and Contract for FY 2017-18.
 - Independent Audit for Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2016 started in November.
 - CDA Fiscal Audit for Fiscal Years 2011/12 through, 2014/15 on-site January 9-13, 2017.
 - Solano Guide has been updated and copies are available now. Napa Guide has been updated and will be going to the printer this month.
 - Kaiser sponsorship award for Fall Prevention events in September 2017.
 - Submitted application for Kaiser Community Benefit funds to support expansion of existing Health Promotion programs on March 24. Announcement in June for FY 2017-18.
 - Application for Napa County for Master Settlement Account (MSA) funding to support StopFalls Napa Valley during 2017-2018 has not been recommended for funding. Impact is that StopFalls Napa Valley will continue in current “lean” model.

- Mentis application for Napa County for Master Settlement Account (MSA) funding to support Healthy Minds-Healthy Aging during 2017-2018 has not been recommended for funding. Impact is likely that Mentis will not be subcontracting with AAoA, and the program may be scaled back until additional funding is obtained.
 - Represented AAoA at community forums, including:
 - Senior Coalition of Solano County – Poverty work group meeting – Solano Volunteer Center and Network of Care Website Development.
 - Healthy Aging Population Initiative (HAPI) Collaborative and committees (Napa) – Napa Network of Care Website Development and Livable Communities (All age friendly) project.
 - May is Older American’s Month. The Theme this year is “Age Out Loud”, and we have requested proclamations from the Board of Supervisors in both counties. When the dates are confirmed we will remind the members, and all are encouraged to be present for the proclamation. T
 - June is recognized in California as Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse Awareness month, and in addition to the events on June 15, which has been designated around the world as World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, we will be participating in a media campaign all month, with posts on Social media and other efforts to educate the community about this important issue.:
- B. Vincent Valenzuela reported that the RFP applications had been received by the due date of March 31 and reviewed the providers that had applied for the respective programs. He noted that Steve Rozensky, Arnold Koenig and Suzanne Blakeley had previously volunteered to serve on the review team, but Arnold has declined, as he is recovering from knee replacement. Lois Harper agreed to serve on the review team. Vincent distributed copies of the applications and score sheets to these members. The team will read and score the applications individually, and then meet prior to the next Advisory Council meeting to develop recommendations. The consensus was to meet on May 1 with staff, and this is also the date when the Program Monitoring Committee will meet. The recommendations of the committee will be brought to the Advisory Council at the May 4 meeting, when the Council will make recommendations to the Board of Directors.
- C. Jason Curletto was not present, but provider monitoring site visits have been completed, and he will provide more information at a future date.
- X. Action Items:
- A. There were no recommendations to the Board of Directors at this time.

- B. **Motion by Steve Sillen, seconded by Suzanne Blakeley, to have a joint meeting with the Board of Directors and Area Plan Public Hearing on April 18.** In anticipation of this, staff has made arrangements to hold this event at Florence Douglas Senior Center, with the Public Hearing first, to be followed by the business meeting. Staff will be available to provide similar presentations at various locations in both Counties to provide more opportunities for input and feedback from the community.
- C. The Advisory Council will be asked to authorize the Chair to sign the Area Plan Transmittal letter at the April 18 meeting.
- XI. Information Items: Sally Livingston reported that Solano County is working on the contract for the Senior Coalition consultant, as Rochelle Sherlock has announced that she is not renewing her contract. Suzanne Blakeley announced that there will be training for first responders in Vallejo on May 10 at 6:00 pm. This is intended for older adults to provide them with information that they can use in the event of an emergency. RSVP required, as a light dinner will be provided.
- .XII. Communication with AAoA Board: The next meeting is a joint meeting with the Board of Directors on April 18.
- XIII. Community Input II. None
- XIX. The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 PM. With thanks to Steven Rozensky for providing cookies.

Submitted by: Leanne Martinsen, Executive Director

Approved by _____, Advisory Council Secretary

Date: April 18, 2017

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