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**ADVISORY COUNCIL, June 8, 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, Sandy Calloway, Carl Bunch, John Morris, Arnold Koenig, Teri Ruggiero.
  - B. Staff Present: Leanne Martinsen – AAoA Executive Director, Vincent Valenzuela – Planner.
  - C. Members Absent/Excused: Carroll Cotten, Mary Palmer.
  - D. Board Members Present: Dr. Richard Lundin.
  - E. Guests Present: Mary Spry-Danner, Jean King, Joyce Goodwin.
- II. Consent Agenda
  - A. **Motion by Sally Livingston, seconded by Carl Bunch, to approve the agenda for the June 8, 2017 meeting as presented, motion carried.**
  - B. **Motion by Steve Sillen, seconded by John Morris, to approve the May 4, 2017 meeting minutes as presented, motion carried.**
- III. Correspondence: None.
- IV. Presentation: Leanne Martinsen shared information from the Senior Rally that was held on May 11 in Sacramento, including the “Tips for a Successful Advocacy Visit”. She also reviewed how to navigate the California State Legislature website to find contact information for elected officials. She noted that in addition to the C4A Legislative Update that was included in the meeting packet, various fact sheets on State Budget and legislative issues, as well as analysis of the proposed Federal Budget were available, and would be helpful to review in preparation for conversations with elected officials. Vincent Valenzuela used the laptop and projector to demonstrate some features AAoA website, including the calendar and information sections with archived meeting agendas and minutes, and recently added links to a new Elder Abuse Awareness landing page. This not only includes basic information on recognizing the many forms of elder abuse, but also includes a feature that will send an e-mail to your elected official, and another that facilitates placing a report of suspected elder abuse. In response to a question,

Joyce Goodwin provided an explanation of how Solano County Adult Protective Services responds to reports that are filed.

- V. Community Input I – Steve Sillen reported that the Carquinez Village has been in operation for three months, and has responded to 100 requests for assistance, and also expects to add their 100<sup>th</sup> member within a month, exceeding their expectations. Sally Livingston provided an update on the Senior Coalition of Solano County: Solano County is in the process of recruiting a new consultant/coordinator. The Coalition is planning another centenarian celebration in September, and is moving ahead with the Savvy Saving Seniors and Bridging Opportunities efforts. Teri Ruggiero reported on the Solano Senior Falls Prevention Roundtable that met earlier this week to develop a strategic plan for moving ahead with coordinated fall prevention activities. Arnold Koenig reported that the Napa County Alliance for Senior Education will be hosting two events this month. On Thursday June 15 from 9am – 3pm there will be an educational symposium on elder abuse awareness and the following day they have invited concerned citizens from Napa, Solano and Sonoma County to share best practices and develop a regional strategic plan for preventing elder abuse. Suzanne Blakeley shared information about the situation at the Solano Vista Senior apartments in Vallejo. She reported on some ongoing concerns about security, and more recently boiler failures. The most recent one resulted in flooding and damage so extensive that an entire building has been declared uninhabitable, and residents have been placed in various motels. She indicated that many of the seniors are not doing well, as some do not have transportation, and do not have access to healthy meals or cooking facilities, and it may be two months (or more) before they can move back into their apartments. Joyce Goodwin offered to meet with Su after the meeting to see how the County could help.
- VI. AAoA Board Leanne Martinsen reported that the Board of Directors met on May 16, and held an off-site retreat on June 3 to work on responses to the recommendations in the organizational assessment report. The Board has invited Advisory Council members, along with AAoA staff and County Supervisors to a reception on June 15 at 5:30 in American Canyon. Members are encouraged to RSVP and come to get better acquainted.
- VII. Committee Reports:
- A. Program Performance Monitoring Committee –Teri reported that the committee had not met this month, but will be working on recommendations for monitoring Long-term Care Ombudsman programs.
- 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. This is the time of year that the State legislature is developing the State Budget.
- C. Advocacy Committee – Suzanne Blakeley reported that following the vote in Congress to repeal the Affordable Care Act, some Republicans are distancing themselves from the White House, and concerned about being re-elected.

- D. Membership Committee – Lois Harper noted that Mary Spry-Danner was present, and interested in becoming a member again. Jean King, who participated in the Area Plan Public Hearing is also interested. Leanne Martinsen will arrange for new member orientation before the next Advisory Council meeting.
- E. Ad Hoc Committee on Senior Safety/Elder Abuse: Arnold Koenig had nothing additional to report
- F. TACC Report – Steven Rozensky noted that Carroll Cotten had represented PSA #28 at the meeting on May 10 & 11 in Sacramento, and had provided a written report, which was distributed.

VIII. AAoA Executive Director & Staff Report.

- A. Leanne Martinsen reported on AAoA activity, including the following items:
  - Area Plan Update for 2017 submitted on time to CDA on May 1, awaiting feedback/approval.
  - Worked with staff to implement Elder Abuse Awareness Social Media campaign.
  - Worked with CFO to complete initial Area Plan Budget for FY 2017-18, submitted to CDA.
  - Independent Audit for Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2016, expect report from CPA at July Board meeting.
  - Working on Service Provider Contracts for FY 2017-18.
  - CDA on-site visit scheduled January 8-12, 2018 to monitor Older Americans Act funded programs and services.
  - Updated Napa Guide copies are available now.
  - 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.
  - Working on components to respond to organizational assessment, including Board retreat on June 3.
  - Represented AAoA at community forums:
    - Statewide Kick-off event for Elder Abuse Awareness month in Sacramento on June 1.
    - Legislative Advocacy at Senior Rally in Sacramento on May 11. Visits with Senator Bill Dodd and staff of Assembly Member Cecilia Aguiar-Curry to advocate for additional funding in the State Budget for Senior Nutrition programs and pending legislation that would impact senior services in California.
    - Attended Congressman John Garamendi's meeting in Fairfield on May 9 to advocate for the needs of older adults in the areas of Health Care and the Older Americans Act that are under consideration in Washington DC.

- B. Vincent Valenzuela reported that the Scams, Schemes and Frauds booklet is being printed, and will be available for the forums on June 15 and distributed widely after that. It was suggested that it could be used in the Savvy Saving Seniors workshops, and there was discussion regarding possible support for printing costs. Vincent also reported that this would be the last Advisory Council meeting that he would be staffing as the Planner. He will be transitioning to a case management program with the PEAS program in July.
- C. Jason Curletto was not present but continues to work on monitoring program reports and the IT needs of the AAoA.

IX. Action Items:

- A. There were no recommendations to the Board of Directors at this time.

X. Information Items: Steve Sillen reported that the Federal Education Budget, which proposed cuts to public education, was not moving forward. Dr. Lundin was honored as Veteran Champion of the Year by Community Action North Bay on May 25, and the program information was shared with the Council members. Sally Livingston announced that this was her last meeting as a member, because she is moving to Maryland. Leanne Martinsen discussed the Solano Volunteer program, that uses a website to match volunteers with organizations that have opportunities. She noted that the AAoA has volunteer opportunities posted, and Advisory Council members are welcome to check them out. We currently could use volunteers at the Drop-In Center to assist staff in serving clients.

.XII. Communication with AAoA Board: The next meeting of the Board of Directors is on June 20.

XIII. Community Input II. None

XIX. The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 PM. With thanks to Steven Rozensky for providing cookies.

Submitted by: Leanne Martinsen, Executive Director

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

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