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ADVISORY COUNCIL, August 10, 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 1:05 pm by Vice Chair, Suzanne Blakeley, with the pledge of Allegiance. Guests were introduced
 - A. Members Present, Suzanne Blakeley, Carroll Cotten, Mary Palmer, Lois Harper, Susan Okun, Steve Sillen, Carl Bunch, John Morris, Arnold Koenig, Teri Ruggiero.
 - B. Staff Present: Leanne Martinsen – AAoA Executive Director.
 - C. Members Absent/Excused: Steven Rozensky, Sandy Calloway.
 - D. Board Members Present: None.
 - E. Guests Present: Jean King.
- II. Consent Agenda
 - A. **Motion by Susan Okun, seconded by Carroll Cotten, to approve the agenda for the August 10, 2017 meeting as presented, motion carried.**
 - B. **Motion by Carl Bunch, seconded by Mary Palmer, to approve the June 8, 2017 meeting minutes as presented, motion carried.**
- III. Correspondence: None.
- IV. Presentation: Leanne Martinsen Presented a certificate of appreciation to Angela Allberry, in recognition of her service as a Long-Term Care Ombudsman in Solano County. The program was a direct service of the Area Agency on Aging for the past two fiscal years, and is now a contracted to Ombudsman Services of Solano County. Angela indicated that she was initially motivated to become an Ombudsman because she had been assisted by and Ombudsman when her husband was a patient in a local facility, and indicated that it has been a joy to serve. She will be continuing as a volunteer with the program.
- V. Community Input I – Steve Sillen reported on behalf of the Carquinez Village, they were pleased with the “Solano Cares for Seniors” website, and thanked those that had been involved with establishing it. Lois Harper shared information about the Healing Yoga for Cancer classes that are being offered at the Foley Cultural Center in Vallejo. The flyer was included in the meeting packet. Susan Okun spoke about the Tai Chi: Moving for Better Balance classes that are being offered at the American Canyon Senior Center and Fairfield. Teri Ruggiero

discussed how the State's decision to transfer costs of the IHSS program back to counties was impacting Solano County. She indicated that restoring the funding for IHSS has resulted in less funding for expanding other programs in public health and mental health. She also noted that the union representing the IHSS workers was seeking an increase from the current wage of \$11.50 (which has been since 2008). She announced that there will be an appreciation event for caregivers on November 20 at the Solano County Event Center. The Senior Health and Fitness Festival, focusing on Fall Prevention will be held in September at the Kroc Center in Suisun City. Suzanne Blakeley shared information from an article in USA Today about Ageism and Employment. She also shared information about scams that continue to target elderly folks.

- VI. AAoA Board Leanne Martinsen reported that the Board of Directors met on July 18, and a number of committees are working on tasks following the assessment and planning retreat that was held in June. The next meeting of the Board will be on August 15 in Vallejo, and it is anticipated that the independent auditors will be presenting their annual report.
- VII. Committee Reports:
- A. Program Performance Monitoring Committee –Teri reported that the committee had not met this month, and the year-end service delivery report indicates that the providers had met or exceeded the goals that were set for 2016-17. There are still concerns about procedures for monitoring the Long-Term Care Ombudsman programs.
 - B. Legislative Committee CSL Report – Leanne Martinsen reported that the C4A Legislative Summary was available, as well as an advocacy alert about AB1250.
 - C. Advocacy Committee – Suzanne Blakeley reminded members about the Older Americans Act that was reauthorized last year, but the funding allocations are vulnerable with the current administration and congress. She indicated that she will be providing a program on safety and disaster preparedness for the Solano Vista Apartment Community, and distributed copies of a checklist that members could use to develop their own emergency plan. She provided an update about the situation at the Solano Vista Senior apartments in Vallejo where many residents remain displaced after the boiler failure, pending the completion of repairs and inspection clearance. She is still in a motel in Fairfield.
 - D. Membership Committee – Lois Harper requested that other members consider joining the committee. **Motion by Carl Bunch, seconded by Carroll Cotton to renew the membership of Teri Ruggiero for a three year term to expire on June 2, 2020, motion carried.** Mary Spry-Danner was unable to attend the meeting today, but completed an application for membership and participated in the new member orientation in June. Jean King also participated in the orientation, and requested an application form as well.

- E. Ad Hoc Committee on Senior Safety/Elder Abuse: Arnold Koenig reported that the Napa Valley College and the Napa Alliance for Senior Education were planning to provide workshops on disaster preparedness. He also provided an update on the elder abuse prevention events held on June 15 and 16 at the college, and a regional forum planned for October 4 in Petaluma, where best practices will be shared.
- F. TACC Report –Carroll Cotten had represented PSA #28 at the meeting on May 10 & 11 in Sacramento, and had provided a written report, which was distributed at the June meeting, and he shared about his experience.. Steven Rozensky attended the TACC meeting on August 8-9, and will provide a report at the next meeting.

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.
 - Independent Audit for Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2016, Auditors scheduled to present report at Board of Directors meeting on August 15 in Vallejo.
 - Working with fiscal staff on closeout reports for FY ended 6/30/2017.
 - Issued 14 Service Provider Contracts to 9 Providers for FY 2017-18.
 - Hired candidate for Napa Long-Term Care Ombudsman Coordinator.
 - Recognition for Elizabeth Mautner, retired Napa LTC Ombudsman will take place at the Napa County Commission on Aging on August 28 in Yountville.
 - Followed through with Transition Plan for Solano Long Term Care Ombudsman Program and met with E.D. from Contra Costa LTC Ombudsman regarding contract and arrangements.
 - Posted position and interviewed for Planner position.
 - Met with Operations Manager and new Program staff of Collabria regarding the transition of the Napa Information and Assistance, Case Management, Caregiver Referral Registry and Outreach Programs to the new contract, and logistics with co-location at CSOA.
 - Health Fair Season this fall – Advisory Council members welcome to assist staff, will send e-mail schedule to sign up if interested.
 - CDA on-site visit scheduled January 8-12, 2018 to monitor Older Americans Act funded programs and services.
 - Updated Senior Guides for both Napa and Solano Counties, English and Spanish are available now.
 - Working with Board on components to respond to organizational assessment, including participation at Board retreat on June 3. Advisory Council members invited to participate in training to better understand financial reports on Wednesday, August 23 from 2-4pm at the Solano Community Foundation, 744 Empire Street, Suite 240, Fairfield.
 - HICAP counseling site at AAoA on 2nd Friday of the month, by appointment only.
 - Represented AAoA at community forums:

- Both Napa and Solano Board of Supervisors public comments on Independence in July.
- Senior Coalition of Solano County – Poverty work group meeting – Solano Volunteer Center and Solano Cares for Seniors (Network of Care) Website Development, participated as a speaker at the website launch on July 18.
- Healthy Aging Population Initiative (HAPI) Collaborative and committees (Napa) – Napa Network of Care Website Development
- Live Healthy Napa County Leadership group – Community Health Assessment Process (3-year cycle) – focus on food resources, housing that is affordable and all age friendly community.
- Napa Senior Center Social Service Providers meeting.

B. Jason Curletto was not able to participate today, but continues to work on monitoring program reports and the IT needs of the AAoA.

IX. Action Items:

A. **Motion by Carroll Cotten, seconded by Carl Bunch to accept the membership application of Mary Spry-Daner for a three year term to expire on August 10, 2020, motion carried.**

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

X. Information Items: Teri Ruggiero announced that Dixon Heritage Commons, a very nice senior housing community has openings for low-income seniors.

.XII. Communication with AAoA Board: The next meeting of the Board of Directors is on August 15.

XIII. Community Input II. None

XIX. The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 PM.

Submitted by: Leanne Martinsen, Executive Director

Approved by _____, Advisory Council Secretary

Date: October 5, 2017

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