MINUTE SUMMARY

Presentation: HICAP: Medicare Changes for 2015

Speaker: Betti Conder, Outreach Coordinator for HICAP (Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy)

Call to Order
Chair Monson called the meeting to order at 11:15 am.

Approval of Agenda
The November 13, 2014 agenda was approved as submitted.

Approval of the Minutes
The minutes of October 9, 2014 were approved as submitted.
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### Open Time for Public Expression:
- Bob Nation from the Senior Access Board spoke about the retirement party for Dr. Marge Belknap.
- Michael Harper Director of Senior Resources at Home distributed Senior Episcopal Communities 50th Anniversary report.

### Chair’s Report: Chair Monson reported:
- Thanked commissioners for all their work on the Senior Fair
- Upcoming changes in the West Marin Senior Services Lunch Program
- The Executive Committee is following up on some of the recommendations that came out of the retreat.

### Vice-Chair Report: No Report

### Action Item: None

### Committee Reports:

#### Health and Nutrition: Zeller (in the absence of Chair Asimos) reported:
- The next meeting will be held on Thursday, November 20\(^{th}\) at 1:30 p.m.
- The Committee is on schedule for completing its Area Plan Update objectives.
- Commissioners need to get the word out about the Mental Health First Aid trainings.

#### Housing and Transportation: Chair Bortel reported:
- The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 21\(^{st}\) at 1:30 p.m.
- Sue Lamorte is working on a “blurb” that Commissioners can use for their local “patches” and other media sources. This will complete an objective for fiscal year 2014-2015.
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**Legislative Task Force:** Chair Bloch reported:
- The next meeting will be held on Friday, January 9th at 9:30 a.m.
- Members of the task force met with Congressman Jared Huffman to discuss the reauthorization of the Older Americans Act as well as other issues facing older adults.
- Senior Legislator Bortel’s proposal regarding dementia made it to the top 10 of the CSL Senior Legislator. Bloch’s proposal regarding evictions of older adults made it to the top 20. The next step will be finding a California Legislator to sponsor the bill.

**Planning:** Chair Timms reported:
- The last meeting was canceled due to a lack of quorum. They are working on rescheduling it.
- Family Caregiver Survey
  - Deadline is December 1st.
  - Commissioners are to interview 5-10 caregivers using the survey provided.
  - The results of this survey will help us to determine the needs of family caregivers in our community.
- Each committee is to review and complete its current objectives by June 30th. Each Committee must draft Objectives for the Area Plan Update 2015/2016 by January 30th.

**Director’s Report:** Lee Pullen, Area Agency on Aging Director reported:
- There will be a meeting with the Mayor and staff of City of Mill Valley to discuss senior related matters and age-friendly communities.
- Debriefed regarding the presentation to the Board at the Redwoods in Mill Valley.
- Aging Action Initiative is going well. Committees are meeting and will come together in a large group on November 18, 2014 at the Embassy Suites.
- The 2015 Legislative Guidelines were completed and submitted.
- Palace Market will no longer be providing food for the West Marin Congregate Meal. Good Earth will be the new provider. Kudo’s to Amy Dietz and Ana Bagtas from Aging and Adult Services for
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<td>arranging this transition with very short notice.</td>
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<td>• It’s time for a new COA group photo. The photographer was not available this month but will take the photo at next month’s meeting.</td>
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<td>• Files of Life are available. Each Commissioner should e-mail Amy Dietz with the number that they are requesting at <a href="mailto:adietz@marincounty.org">adietz@marincounty.org</a>.</td>
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**Commission Updates:**

- Bloch (CSL); reported she and the Rotary (mostly seniors) are working with some Marin City students in a reading program.
- Bortel (CSL); reported on the process of acquiring property for senior housing.
- Boutilier (Sausalito); has been busy working on senior transportation grant applications.
- Dowling (City of Ross.); speaks with her town council periodically and is currently working with the Ross Property Manager Association.
- Gertler (Belvedere); reported about the Larkspur lunch and the fact that seniors in the same community often do not know each other.
- Gontarz-York (District 5); currently preoccupied with caregiving.
- Hickey (District 2); enjoyed the Senior Fair and working at the commission booth.
- Kemp (District 1); reported she loved the *Choices for Living* publication and so does everyone else.
- Lamorte (San Anselmo); met with her town administrator recently and The Villages.
- Marchese (District 4); urged the commission to sharpen and refine our legislative items. A nonpartisan effort is needed.
- Smith (District 3); reported on her current work with age-friendly designations and senior transportation.
- Timms (Fairfax); Fairfax Task Force for an Age-Friendly City has formed a senior section in the library.
- Turner (District 3); reported she has finally retired.
- Wilson (City of Tiburon); reported to the Tiburon Town Council and has been doing some work on shared housing.
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<td>• Zeller (Corte Madera); reported on Corte Madera’s work on becoming an age-friendly city.</td>
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*Adjournment:*  
The meeting adjourned at 12:31 p.m.

*Next meeting:* Thursday, December 11, 2014 at the Redwoods in Mill Valley.