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| COMMITTEE: GENERAL | FEBRUARY 12, 2015 | LOCATION: MARIN VALLEY MOBILE COUNTRY CLUB |
| <p>PRESENT: Asimos, Bloch, Bortel, Boutilier, Dowling, Gertler, Gontarz-York, Kemp, Kirshbaum, LaMorte, Livoti, Locks, Marchese, Monson, Peters-Janover, Smith, Timms</p> <p>EXCUSED: Bedinger, Brilliant, Hickey, Turner, Wilson, Zeller</p> | | |
| <p>RECORDER: Michele McCabe</p> | | |
| <p>NEXT MEETING: March 12, 2015, Margaret Todd Senior Center</p> | | |

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| <p>Presentation: Engaging with First Responders to Prevent Falls in Older Adults Speakers: Dr. Ruth Ramsey</p> <p>Call to Order Chair Monson called the meeting to order at 11:15 a.m.</p> <p>Approval of Agenda The February 12, 2015 agenda was approved as submitted.</p> <p>Approval of the Minutes The minutes of January 8, 2015 were approved.</p> <p>Open Time for Public Expression:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bob Nations from the Senior Access Board spoke about their new art initiative. • Suzanne Swift from Mercy Housing introduced herself and stated that she was happy to be at the | |

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| <p>Commission on Aging meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marilyn McConnell from Marin Medical Equipment Recycling spoke about their medical equipment recycling program in Marin. <p>Chair’s Report: Monson reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioner Marianne Gontarz-York has been appointed to represent the commission with the Health and Human Services/Aging and Adult Services Media Team. • On behalf of the commission, Monson attended the West Marin Senior Services Open House to celebrate their 35th anniversary. • Monson urged commissioners to plan and attend their assigned committee meetings. It can be difficult to obtain a quorum for several of our committees. <p>Vice-Chair Report: Dowling acknowledged Bloch and Bortel for their hard work as (California) Senior Legislators.</p> <p>Action Item: None</p> <p>Committee Reports:</p> <p>Health and Nutrition: Chair Asimos reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The January Health and Nutrition meeting could not be held due to lack of a quorum. The next meeting will be Thursday, March 19th at 1:30 p.m. • The committee continues with the study regarding the importance of end of life decision making. <p>Housing and Transportation: Chair Bortel reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The January 21st meeting had two presentations with good speakers on junior residential units and mobility devices for your home. • The next meeting is April 15th at 1:30 p.m. | |

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| <p>Legislative Task Force: Chair Bloch reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The CSL proposals that have been picked up by legislators • The last day to propose legislation is Friday, February 27th. • Announced that May 5th is Senior Rally Day in Sacramento • The next Legislative Task Force Meeting is Friday, March 6, 2015 at 9:30 a.m. <p>Co-Chair Boutilier reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The age-friendly movement has taken hold here in Marin County. Sausalito was the first city to receive the designation. Corte Madera and five other cities and towns are working on or trying to get the designation. • The White House Conference on Aging will be held in 2015. A date has not been set yet. To kick off the planning process a webinar on the Elder Justice was held on Wednesday February 11th. The Conference focused in the one hour webinar and how the Federal Government is addressing Elder Justice Issues. <p>Planning: Chair Timms reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The committee will be looking at the draft of the FY 2015-16 Area Plan Update. • The next Planning Committee meeting will be on Wednesday, March 11th. <p>Editorial Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A <p>Director's Report: Lee Pullen, Area Agency on Aging Director reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Older Americans Act reauthorization has passed the Senate HELP committee and will be taken to the full Senate at a later date. • The President's budget has some proposed additional funding for nutrition and Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRC). • Pullen and key staff members cosponsored a community forum on ADRC along with the Marin Center on Independent Living. | |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marin is embracing the “age-friendly city” movement. • C4A day at the State Capitol is Thursday February 26th. • Requested Commissioners to complete the demographic survey as soon as possible for the Area Plan Update. • Spoke about the end of phase one of the Aging Action Initiative. A second convening will be held during the first part of April. • Introduced Adult Services Program Manager, Angela Struckmann, who spoke about the rising numbers of Adult Protective Service referrals and the Elder Justice Act. • Introduced Ana Bagtas, Program Manager for Aging. <p>Ana Bagtas reported the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explained that Information/Assistance/Intake/Referral would be fully staffed with three social workers and a unit supervisor on Monday, March 2nd. • Announced the phone tree was disconnected. This received a round of applause from the commissioners. Calls will be answered “live” on four lines before going to a message machine. • Spoke about the unit being the “front door” to Aging and Adult Services. <p><i>Commission Updates:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boutilier (Sausalito); explained the differences and connections between Marin Villages and the age-friendly movement. • Gertler (Belvedere); still participating in the Prescription Drug Task Force meetings. By June of this year, Marin will have a safe place to dispose of medication. • Gontarz-York (District 5); spoke about the Front Line Program on Being Mortal and promised to send commissioners the link. • La Morte (San Anselmo); spoke about the Ross Valley Seniors Group. • Livoti (City of Novato); spoke about the Novato Village launch currently set for June 6th. • Marchese (District 4); met with Supervisor Kinsey and Gavin Newsom to give a report about aging | |

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| <p>in Marin.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Smith (District 3); spoke about the new transportation grant the City of Sausalito received from Marin Transit. • Timms (Fairfax); spoke about age-friendly progress in Fairfax and working with Park and Recreation on programing for older adults. <p><i>Adjournment:</i></p> <p>The meeting adjourned at 12:25 p.m.</p> <p>Next meeting: Thursday, March 12th, Margaret Todd Senior Center, Novato</p> | |