

MARIN COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING
Legislative Task Force Meeting
Friday, November 7, 2014

MEETING SUMMARY

Present: Ellie Bloch, Allan Bortel, Sybil Boutilier, Teri Dowling, Staff: Michele McCabe

- Chair Bloch welcomed everyone and presided over the meeting.
- Two items were added to the agenda and are summarized in these comments.
- Bloch gave an update on what's happening at the California Senior Legislature.
- Beginning in February when new Legislation comes out, Boutilier asked that each committee member keep their eyes and ears open for pertinent legislation concerning Older Adults at both the State and Federal level. It was explained that staff reviews bills as they are being introduced by compiling a list of all "Older Adult" Legislation. Staff also checks to see what other related groups are doing on the bills, e.g.: CDA, Ombudsman and C4A. On Boutilier's suggestion, staff will inquire of Lee Pullen if Aging and Adult Services is a member of N4A and if we can use "the password" at their site regarding Federal Legislation.
- Staff reported that she reviewed the final draft of the Legislative proposals and that they would be published sometime in December. She will send a copy to Task Force Members when they are available.
- Bortel's SP1 and Bloch's AP2 were discussed. Allan's proposal is in the top 10 and Ellie's is in the top 20 for the CSL.
- Staff reported on the Final Final Legislative List for 2014. It was sent to all members on 11-6. There were 4 items. What really happened with the Morrell bills? Morrell was in the Assembly when the session began. His AB2012 did die because no action was ever taken. He got elected in March to the CA Senate. He moved his language to SB997 (spot bill introduced by Knight) and that was signed and chaptered on September 28th regarding the CSL. Staff reported and disseminated information on AB2231 which was signed and chaptered on September 28th. This bill establishes a property tax postponement program for seniors and the disabled.
- The status of the Area Plan objectives for Fiscal Year 2014-15 were discussed. The group decided to submit the same objectives for Fiscal Year 2015-16 by unanimous vote of members present.
- State Senator Michael McGuire was invited to speak at the December Commission Meeting. The Task Force came up with some questions regarding points to speak on. Staff will type them up and send them to the Task Force, Lee Pullen, Ana Bagtas and Chair Monson for ranking and editing before sending them to staff for Senator McGuire.
- The next meeting of the Legislative Task Force is Friday January 9, 2015. (Instead of the usual 1st Friday).