

**MARIN COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING**  
**Legislative Task Force Meeting**  
**Friday, October 3, 2014**

**MEETING SUMMARY**

**Present:** Ana Bagtas, Ellie Bloch, Allan Bortel, Sybil Boutilier, Madeline Kellner, Carol Mills, Lee Pullen

- Chair Bloch welcomed everyone and presided over the meeting. The committee reviewed the updated list of bills. She noted that SB 997 (Morrell) listed as a dead bill is not accurate. This bill was signed by the Governor and has been chartered into law.
- The 2015 Marin County State and Federal Legislative Plan Proposals were reviewed. Lee Maureen Lewis, Dan Eilerman, and Lee Pullen met to discuss developing guidelines on seeking support for bills from the County Board of Supervisors. Pullen was advised to form a small committee to meet and align bills of interest with the County guidelines.
- The Task Forces' legislative priority proposals for 2015 were reviewed. Suggested revisions include the following:
  - *Long Term Care Funding*: amend verbiage as follows: Support efforts aimed at restructuring long term care programs, focusing on how to improve chronic health care and promoting independence and aging in place for as long as possible. Support the protection and improvement of the In-Home Supportive Services program.
  - *Social Services Funding*: add the following: Support programs that increase qualified members of the caregiver workforce. Amend verbiage as follows: Oppose any cuts to Social Security including chaining the Consumer Price Index.
  - *Older Adult Programs*: delete the following: Support efforts to obtain more funding for senior programs. Amend verbiage as follows: Support efforts to better prevent elder and dependent adult abuse for people living in the community and in facilities and work to protect funding for the Adult Protective Services program and the Elder Justice Act.
  - *Preventive Healthcare*: add a new sub-section as follows: Support programs that would improve and promote the mental health and emotional well-being of older adults.
  - *Affordable Housing*: amend verbiage as follows: Support affordable housing for older adults and people with disabilities across all levels of need including assisted living. Add verbiage in support of efforts that provides flexibility in building coding and fosters multigenerational housing for older adults and people with disabilities. Approaches should provide a seamless housing continuum that follows the changing needs of older and disabled individuals.
  - *Volunteer Labor*: switch order of the two supporting statements.

- Chair Bloch reviewed with the group the proposals from the California Senior Legislature. Task force members picked some priority areas from the list of bills.
- The Legislative Task Force is assigned to host and organize the December 11 Commission on Aging meeting. It has been decided that newly elected State Senator Mike McGuire will be invited to speak. Sybil and Lee will work on some points that could be suggested to Mike to cover at his presentation. The presentation should focus on Senator McGuire getting to know Marin seniors.

The next meeting of the Legislative Task Force is Friday, November 7.