**COMMITTEE: EXECUTIVE**

**MARCH 23, 2015**

**LOCATION: 10 NORTH SAN PEDRO ROAD, RM 1025**

PRESENT: Teri Dowling, Jim Monson, Lee Pullen, Sybil Boutilier, Allan Bortel

EXCUSED: Jody Timms, Salamah Locks, Chris Asimos, Ellie Bloch

ABSENT:

RECORER: Gary Lara

Next Meeting: 10 N. San Pedro Rd., Conference Room 1025 - Monday, April 27, 2015 *(new meeting time at 9:00am)*

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<td>Chair Monson called the meeting to order at 12:40 p.m. The agenda could not be approved since the meeting lacked a quorum.</td>
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| **Minutes**     |
| The February 23, 2015 minutes were not approved since the meeting lacked a quorum. |

| **Public Comment** |
| None |

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**Chair’s Report**

**Healthy Aging Symposium:**

Chair Monson noted the recent planning meeting of the Healthy Aging Symposium Committee did not provide many new updates since the last meeting of the Executive Committee. Program Manager Ana Bagtas is currently working on coordinating the panelists for the discussion.

In respect to the Healthy Aging Symposium, Monson noted that Area Agency on Aging Director Lee Pullen will introduce keynote speaker Matt Willis. Monson asked Commissioner Teri Dowling to facilitate the panel. The topics for the panelists were noted as: world health organization age-friendly cities, age-friendly business orientation and volunteerism.

Additional items suggested for the symposium were noted as follows:

- Having a table exercise discussion: providing a list of discussion topics so attendees will have conversation amongst one another.
- Commission Boutilier inquired about the commissioners having an opportunity to introduce themselves at the event (note: Chair Monson thought that would take too much time from the agenda).
- Commissioner Bortel thought it might be good to announce the commission is looking for volunteers to serve on the various committees.
- Director Pullen suggested utilizing the photo of the commission in an effort to make attendees aware of their representatives.

Pullen noted he will take back the above noted items to the symposium planning committee.

Commissioner Dowling asked if there were any commissioners leaving office after this fiscal year. It was determined that acknowledging commissioner departures would be better suited at the General meeting of June 11th (if there are any).
Acknowledgment of Larry Meredith’s Retirement:

Chair Monson suggested the option of presenting a resolution at a future Board of Supervisors meeting to acknowledge H&HS Director Larry Meredith for his years of services to the county and his dedication to the older adult population of Marin.
A couple of options were discussed such as writing a letter that would be signed by the commissioners and attending a Board meeting where there would be an opportunity for commissioners to speak during the public comment section.
It was agreed that due to time constraints, Chair Monson would write a note on behalf of the commission and mail it to Dr. Meredith’s home address.

Director’s Report

Lee Pullen, Area Agency on Aging Director, provided the following report:

- The Aging Action Initiative Convening will take place on Thursday, April 2nd from 8:30am to 11:00am at the Embassy Suites in San Rafael. Supervisor Kathrin Sears will make the opening remarks.
- The proclamation for Older American Month will be presented by Board of Supervisors’ President Katie Rice.
- Kathrin Sears, District 3 Representative has agreed to be the “champion” for issues pertaining to older adults.
- BOS President Katie Rice has asked to be briefed on aging issues. Pullen will meet with her Wednesday, March 25th at 3:00pm.
- Thanked the CSL for their support with sponsoring a budget funding proposal for CWDA to provide training for APS workers.
- The first meeting with the Health and Human Services’ Media Team, which included Commissioner Marianne Gontarz-York, Social Worker Joanna Menendez and Unit Supervisor Chloe Cook took place recently. Their goal is to promote awareness of Aging and Adult Services. The next meeting is in about
Commissioner Bortel noted he would like to see the CSL representatives invited to the May symposium.

Bortel stated he was not sure where to send the letter of support in regard to the Coast Guard Property in Point Reyes. Commission Boutiler offered to research this. It was suggested that Kim Thompson at the Community Land Trust Association of West Marin (CLAM) would know. Monson suggested sending the letter to Barbara Boxers’ office.

Commissioner Boutiler noted that Larry Meredith and Commissioner Tricia Smith were both recently featured in separate articles by the Marin Independent Journal. The following are the links:

- “Marin is the Oldest County in the Bay Area” (comments by Commissioner Tricia Smith) http://www.marinij.com/general-news/20150319/marin-is-oldest-county-in-the-bay-area-report-finds
- “Veteran Marin County Health Director Retiring” (Larry Meredith) http://www.marinij.com/20150314/veteran-marin-county-health-director-retiring

**Action Item:**

None

**Discussion Items:**

In regard to moving the General Commission date, it was determined at the last General meeting of March 12th, that the third Thursday of the month was not good. There are two options left which are the first or the fourth Thursday of the month. Pullen asked if there are commitments on the first Thursday that the Executive Committee had been unaware of during the previous discussion.
Commissioner Bortel noted the Section on Aging meeting takes place on the third Thursday and that enough commissioners spoke up about this at the recent General meeting regarding the scheduling conflict.

This topic will be tabled until it can be officially discussed at the next Executive Committee on April 27th. Pullen suggested voting on this matter at that time.

**Committee Reports**

**Area Plan:**
- Secretary Gary Lara noted the Area Plan Update will be mailed to commissioners as soon as it’s available.
- Commissioner Boutilier noted the Planning Committee had minimal changes and the plan itself is approved.
- Pullen noted May 5th will be the date the Area Plan Update is approved and commented he would like to invite all the commissioners to attend the BOS meeting.

**Meeting with Mental Health Director Dr. Suzanne Tavano:**

Pullen, Bortel and Monson met recently with Dr. Suzanne Tavano and noted it was a good meeting. There are currently a couple of initiatives underway which are the mobile response unit for all mental health issues and the triage team with geriatric specialists.

Monson noted that Commissioner Chris Asimos wasn’t appointed to the MHSA Advisory Board and that Dr. Tavano was unaware of this fact. Monson will contact Marvin Marrs to serve as liaison.

Monson also spoke with Cesar Lagleva from the H&HS MHSUS team who identified two age groups most at risk for issues of mental health issues: transitional youth and seniors. Monson will keep following up on this matter.

Bortel noted a study showed there is not a lot of evidence based success for the use of Mental Health Service
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<td>The Executive Committee had an offline discussion about candidate qualifications in order to be eligible to serve as an officer of the Commission for the next fiscal year.</td>
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The meeting concluded at 1:55 p.m. The next meeting is Monday, April 27, 2015 at the new time of 9:00am.