

**MARIN COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING**  
**Legislative Task Force Meeting**  
**Friday, October 2, 2015**

**MEETING SUMMARY**

**Present:** Ellie Bloch, Allan Bortel (by phone), Teri Dowling, Judy Dick, Judi Kirshbaum, Sybil Boutilier, Joan Lubamersky and Area Agency on Aging staff: Michele McCabe

The task force heard legislative reports from Joan Lubamersky of Mark Levine's office. They are working on Levine's list of issues for possible legislation. The group asked Joan to get the following items on the list if possible: funding for Long-Term Care Ombudsman and eviction safeguards for older adults.

The 49 CSL Proposals were divided up as follows:

Finance & Insurance Committee - Ellie Bloch (Both Senate and Assembly)

Assembly Health Committee - Judi Kirshbaum

Senate Health Committee - Judy Dick

Housing & Transportation Committee - Allan Bortel (Both Senate and Assembly)

Social & Community Services Committee - Teri Dowling (Both Senate and Assembly)

State & Local Government Committee - Sybil Boutilier (Both Senate and Assembly)

Members will review and give their feedback to Ellie and Allan no later than Monday morning, October 5<sup>th</sup>. Both CSL members will attend a Bay Area caucus on October 5<sup>th</sup> and need input from the group. Staff made one comment on SP1 Peabody that dealt with Ombudsman witnessing all notarized documents. It was pointed out that the proposal did not include any Ombudsman funding and what a burden it would be on offices across California without funding.

Staff reported on the support letters that were sent to the Governor on Monday, September 28<sup>th</sup>. Permission was received from the County Administrator to send copies in support of bills by sending letters that were previously sent to committees in support. These support letters went out to Governor Brown regarding: AB643, AB332, SB613, AB74, SB199 and AB1261.

Staff then gave out the latest Legislative Update dated 10/1/2015. Task Force members were asked to keep the color code in mind:

	Stalled or Dead
	On Governor's Desk
	Signed and Chaptered into Law
	Vetoed

Of the six bills that support letters were sent, the Governor has taken action on only two of them so far. AB 643 Silver Alert was signed and chaptered. AB 74 which required more visits to Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly was vetoed by Governor Brown. Sybil made a request that on the final list staff differentiates between bills that were signed and chaptered bills that were not signed but chaptered by operation of law. Staff agreed to do this. Final Legislative update will be sent out after October 11, 2015 which is the last day that the Governor can sign or veto bills. There was one new bill that was added to the list; ABX-2-15 which was sent to the Governor on 9/25. This bill was sponsored by Eggman and concerns the right to die. This task force was watching SB 128 Wolk and is now watching this one as well.

The October 8, 2015 General commission meeting was discussed at length. Ellie will introduce Senator Mike McGuire who will speak for 30-45 minutes followed by a Q&A. Sybil will conclude the presentation and thank the senator. Teri will keep time. Sybil will do the Legislative Committee's report which will be limited to ten minutes and review the steps of how a bill becomes a law for the benefit of the commission. Staff will have handouts of current legislative updates and how a bill becomes a law process for all commissioners. After the discussion, Teri will ask Ellie and Allan to do a 10-15 minute presentation on the California Senior Legislature at a future committee meeting.

One of the objectives for fiscal year 2015-16 is to have more public participation on the Legislative Task Force. Members discussed who the best people are to target and will begin recruiting.

Handouts for the Senior Information Fair to be distributed by this task force will be the CSL brochure and the bill process that will also be handed out at the October 8<sup>th</sup> General meeting.

Staff will check with Director Lee Pullen regarding the 2016 Marin County Legislative Plan and if the committee will be asked again for input.

Members asked staff to send them the phone number to make a lunch reservation for the October General commission meeting. Staff will do so.

The Commission on Aging will change its schedule for the General meeting to the first Thursday of the month beginning in January 2016. This task force would like to meet the week prior so the meeting schedule will be changed to the last week of the month. Staff will get back to members with the room location.