

COMMITTEE: GENERAL	FEBRUARY 4, 2016	LOCATION: MARIN COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION
<p>PRESENT: Asimos, Bloch, Bortel, Boutilier, Dowling, Gertler, Gontarz-York, Kemp, Lamorte, Livoti, Locks, Monson, Peters-Janover, Smith, Timms, Turner, Zeller</p> <p>EXCUSED: Bedinger, Brilliant, Hickey, Kirshbaum, Marchese, Wilson</p>		
<p>RECORDER: Michele McCabe</p>		
<p>NEXT MEETING: March 3, 2016 – Margaret Todd Senior Center, Novato</p>		

MINUTE SUMMARY	ACTION TAKEN/RESPONSIBLE PARTY
<p>Call to Order Chair Dowling called the meeting to order at 11:20 a.m. Chair reminded commissioners to raise their hand and use the mike before speaking.</p> <p>Approval of Agenda The agenda of February 4, 2016 was approved as written.</p> <p>Approval of the Minutes The minutes of January 7, 2016 were approved as written.</p> <p>Open Time for Public Expression:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rachel Gila from the County of Marin HOPE/Senior Peer Counseling Program announced they are looking for volunteer counselors. Contact Rachel at rgila@marincounty.org. 	

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<p>Chair's Report: Chair Dowling:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thanked the Area Agency on Aging staff and commissioners for making the planning process so successful this year. Commissioner Timms will speak more about this during the Planning Committee's report. • Reported the Executive Committee has developed the following objectives for 2016-17: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. By September 30, 2016 the Executive Committee will have a full day retreat to improve the advocacy and information skills of the commissioners and to improve their ability to work as a team. 2. The Executive Committee will develop a presentation and handout that can be used by commissioners when they meet with community groups and organizations. 3. In September and February, the Executive Committee will review the progress of the objectives of the commission committees and task force and offer support as needed. • Reported the commission is looking for new meeting venues for next fiscal year. Commissioners were asked to visit any potential sites and report back to Aging staff. • The newly formed Older Adult Economic Security Task Force had its 2nd meeting and will focus on branding, developing a list of resources and outreach. If other commissioners are interested in participating, please let Chair Dowling or Director Pullen know. • In regard to the Area Plan 2016-2020, each commissioner must complete a demographic survey. Please complete the paper survey today and return it to Aging Program Coordinator Amy Dietz. An online version of the survey is also available. Please contact Amy Dietz and she will provide the link to the survey. • Chair Dowling, Director Pullen and Commissioners Locks, Monson and Timms will meet with Dr. Grant Colfax, Director of Marin County Health and Human Services next Friday to provide him with information about our planning process/plans and ask him to have a place holder in the budget for older adult services/programs and to be a strong advocate for the needs of older adults across all health and human service divisions. 	

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<p><i>Vice-Chair Report:</i> Vice Chair Locks reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tonight at 6:00 p.m. at the San Rafael City Hall, Marc Levine will host a public forum on the Death with Dignity Law. <p><i>Action Items:</i> None</p> <p><i>Committee Reports:</i></p> <p><i>Health and Nutrition:</i> Chair Asimos reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The next committee meeting will be on Tuesday March 22nd at 1:00 p.m. • The committee is “on fire!” 70 people attended the Being Mortal presentation in Point Reyes. • The next two “Being Mortal” presentation dates are February 22nd at San Geronimo and March 24th in Bolinas. <p><i>Planning:</i> Chair Timms reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The next meeting will be held on February 10th • All commissioners should have received an email about the goals being set. By the end of the week, committees should have their objectives finalized. <p><i>Housing and Transportation:</i> Chair Bortel reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The next meeting will be on April 20, 2016. • The Senior Fair theme will be “through the looking glass.” • Objectives were set including promoting fixed route transportation and shared housing. <p><i>Legislative Task Force:</i> Chair Bloch reported on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The next meeting will be February 5, 2016 at 9:30 a.m. • Task Force has a new member, Laura Eberly, Community Advocate for the YWCA San Francisco- 	

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<p>Marin</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If the CSL does not raise \$250,000 their existence is in jeopardy. <p>Co-Chair Boutilier reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legislative focus this year for the California Commission on Aging will be on senior nutrition. • Cost of Living raises for SSI/SSP will also be a focus <p><i>Editorial Board: N/A</i></p> <p>Director’s Report: Lee Pullen, Area Agency on Aging Director reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capitol Day in Sacramento will take place on February 25th. He and Chairperson Dowling will meet with representatives from Assemblyman Marc Levine and Senator Mike McGuire. C4A will be advocating for increased funding for nutrition. • Aging Requests for Proposals (RFPs) will go out in March. Lee noted that commissioners will likely be asked to help with the review panels. • Lee announced that Kari Beuerman has been appointed as Assistant Director of Health and Human Services serving in the role of Social Services director. Kari has a background in Aging and Adult Services and hopes to attend a Commission on Aging meeting soon. <p><i>Commission Updates:</i></p> <p>Asimos (District 1); San Rafael Village is moving along.</p> <p>Bortel (CSL); asked about RFP’s and planning. Ana Bagtas, Aging Program Manager noted the new planning process will help formulate the RFP’s.</p> <p>Boutilier (City of Sausalito); the theme for Older Americans Month is “Blaze a Trail.” She commented the commission should sponsor an event.</p>	

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<p>Gontarz York (District 5); urged commissioners to use the talking points that were previously distributed to educate the community.</p> <p>Livoti (City of Novato); reported that Health Services Day is on February 17, 2016 at Margaret Todd.</p> <p>Timms (City of Fairfax); Fairfax Age-Friendly is moving along. Timms reports often during the public time at the Fairfax Town Council meetings.</p> <p>Turner (District 3); reported that Marin City is working with the District to activate a Senior Services Committee.</p> <p>Zeller (City of Corte Madera); Age-Friendly Corte Madera is working with the faith based community to conduct focus groups regarding what older adults think would make Corte Madera Age-Friendly.</p> <p>Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 12: 25 p.m.</p> <p>The next meeting will be on Thursday March 3rd at Margaret Todd Senior Center in Novato.</p>	