

COMMITTEE: GENERAL	JULY 7, 2016	LOCATION: TEMPLE RODEF SHOLOM, SAN RAFAEL
PRESENT: Asimos, Bedinger, Bloch, Bortel, Brilliant, Dowling, Gontarz-York, Kemp, Lamorte, Livoti, Locks, Marchese, Timms, Turner, Wilson, Zeller		
EXCUSED: Boutilier, Gertler, Hickey, Kirshbaum, Monson, Peters-Janover		
RECORDER: Michele McCabe		
NEXT MEETING: September 1, 2016 - Mill Valley Community Center		

MINUTE SUMMARY	ACTION TAKEN/RESPONSIBLE PARTY
<p>Call to Order Chair Dowling called the meeting to order at 11:25am.</p> <p>Approval of Agenda The agenda of July 7, 2016 was approved as written.</p> <p>Approval of the Minutes The minutes of June 2, 2016 were approved as written.</p> <p>Open Time for Public Expression: Kris Organ and Ruth Carter from the California Alliance for Retired Americans invited everyone to the next Marin meeting held on the 1st Tuesday of every month at 1:00pm at the Northgate Mall Community Room (enter elevator next to food court). The address is 5800 Northgate Parking Lot in San Rafael. They also passed out flyers for the Marin Town Hall meeting on September 6th from 1:00pm – 4:00pm at the Marin Public Employees Association at 16 Mitchell Avenue in San Rafael.</p>	

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<p>Action Items: Commissioners Bloch, Bortel and Brilliant were nominated and voted in as the FY 2016-17 Nominating Committee.</p> <p>Chair’s Report: Dowling reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Still trying to fill Commissioner Smith’s vacancy for District 3. • Commissioners Bedinger, Livoti, Monson and Turner have been reappointed. • The retreat is on Friday September 9th at St. John’s Church in Ross. The event begins at 10:00am. • Complimented the Health and Nutrition Committee on a great meeting that was well attended. <p>Vice-Chair Report: Vice Chair Locks reported on Nettie Stevens, a pioneering female geneticist who would have been 155 years old today. Although she is not a household name, she was a life long teacher and earned a Ph.D. in 1903. She is responsible for discovering the difference between the “x” and “y” chromosomes. She died at age 50 of breast cancer. She is the ‘inspiration’ for the day.</p> <p>Committee Reports:</p> <p>Health and Nutrition: Chair Asimos reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • She was very happy with the recent meeting of June 16th and emphasized the importance of planning and preparation. • The next Health and Nutrition meeting will be on Tuesday, July 19th. <p>Housing and Transportation: Former Chair Bortel reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The next meeting will be on Wednesday July 20, 2016 at 20 NSP in the Point Reyes Room. • Commissioner Marchese will chair his first meeting. • The Senior Information Fair is on October 26th. “Through the Looking Glass” is the theme. The committee is trying to convince Commissioner Livoti’s daughter to play Alice. 	

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<p><i>Legislative Task Force:</i> Chair Bloch reported on the following items from the Governor’s Budget:</p> <table border="0"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="155 423 327 451"><u>Budget Item</u></th> <th data-bbox="730 423 821 451"><u>Action</u></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="155 496 365 524">Senior Nutrition</td> <td data-bbox="730 496 1182 524">\$2 million one-time only increase *</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="155 532 436 560">Ombudsman Program</td> <td data-bbox="730 532 1325 560">\$1 million one-time only from citation account</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="155 568 480 596">Adult Protective Services</td> <td data-bbox="730 568 1066 596">\$3 million one-time only *</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="155 604 390 631">Senior Legislature</td> <td data-bbox="730 604 1052 631">\$500,000 one-time only *</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="155 639 436 667">Alzheimer’s Research</td> <td data-bbox="730 639 1045 667">\$1 million one-time only</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="155 675 543 703">IHSS – Restore 7% Reduction</td> <td data-bbox="730 675 842 703">Restored</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="155 711 291 738">SSP Grant</td> <td data-bbox="730 711 905 738">2.7% increase</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>* Supported by COA</p> <p><u>Bills that are supported by the COA and are still active:</u></p> <p>AB 1584 Assembly Member Brown</p> <p>Summary: This bill reinstates the cost-of-living adjustment for the State Supplementary Program for the Aged, Blind and Disabled and indexes the maximum Supplemental Security Income/State Supplementary Payment benefit to the federal poverty level. For more information, go to: http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/15-16/bill/asm/ab_1551-1600/ab_1584_cfa_20160418_163527_asm_comm.html</p> <p>Senate Appropriations – set for August 1st</p>	<u>Budget Item</u>	<u>Action</u>	Senior Nutrition	\$2 million one-time only increase *	Ombudsman Program	\$1 million one-time only from citation account	Adult Protective Services	\$3 million one-time only *	Senior Legislature	\$500,000 one-time only *	Alzheimer’s Research	\$1 million one-time only	IHSS – Restore 7% Reduction	Restored	SSP Grant	2.7% increase	
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<p>AB 2497 Assembly Member Wagner Summary: This bill replaces the existing California Senior Legislature Fund with the California Senior Citizen Advocacy Fund as a voluntary contribution fund on the personal income tax return for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2016. For more information, go to: http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/15-16/bill/asm/ab_2451-2500/ab_2497_cfa_20160509_181136_asm_comm.html Senate Appropriations – Set for August 1st</p> <p>SB 1002 Senator Monning Summary: This bill would require the Department of Public Health (DPH) to establish a toll-free telephone line to respond to inquiries regarding the End of Life Option Act. The Department would be required to respond to inquiries in multiple languages. The bill requires DPH to ensure that the telephone line has a protocol for responding to callers in crisis. For more information, go to: http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/15-16/bill/sen/sb_1001-1050/sb_1002_cfa_20160425_100918_sen_comm.html Status: Appropriations Suspense 5/27</p> <p>SB 1655 Assembly Member Dodd Summary: This bill increases the personal needs allowance amount in a medical institution or nursing facility. The bill requires the Department of Health Care Services to annually increase this amount based on the percentage increase in the state Consumer Price Index. For more information, go to: http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/15-16/bill/asm/ab_1651-1700/ab_1655_cfa_20160404_161119_asm_comm.html Sponsor: California Senior Legislature Status: Appropriations Suspense 5/27</p>	

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<p>SB 1452 Senator Wieckowski Summary: This bill specifies that a conservatee retains the personal right to receive electronic mail. The bill provides the court authorization to issue an order specifically granting the conservator the power to enforce the conservatee's right to receive electronic mail or directs the conservator to allow electronic mail to be delivered to the conservatee. For more information, go to: http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/15-16/bill/sen/sb_1451-1500/sb_1452_cfa_20160406_165446_sen_floor.html Status: Inactive 6/6</p> <p>Planning: Chair Timms reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The next meeting is July 14, 2016 11:30am at The Redwoods. • Age-friendly met this morning. The topic was how all the aging networks can collaborate better together. <p>Editorial Board: N/A</p> <p>Director's Report: Lee Pullen, Area Agency on Aging Director reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was a lot of successes with the Governor's budget. It really shows how educating and advocacy work together for the benefit of older adults. Thanks to all for that. • Received a call from California Commission on Aging. They are interested in coming to Marin in September 2017. We will start working on how to best showcase their visit to Marin. Maybe we can have a combined meeting. They haven't met in Marin since 2003. • Introduced Mark Vanderscoff who has been on the job for a year as the Program Manager for APS and IHSS. • Pullen and Ana Bagtas have partnered with Jon Gaffney of Marin Transit to present at n4a during the July conference in San Diego. • Health and Human Services was invited to present an abstract in October at the American Public Health Association Conference in Denver on Senior Economic Security. The conference will be in Denver in October. Planner Amy Dietz will be going to present with Epidemiology. 	

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<p>It was noted by several commissioners that members need to be educated about the California Commission on Aging prior to their visit next year.</p> <p><i>Commission Updates:</i></p> <p>Bloch (CSL); thanked staff for “always making her look good!” Bloch and Commissioner Gertler attended the Alzheimer’s Association Conference. The focus now is to stop Alzheimer’s before it happens! Bloch has been a member at Temple Rodef Sholom for 44 years. It is her home away from home.</p> <p>Brilliant (City of Mill Valley); reported on attending the Marin Inter-agency Disaster Coalition which meets every other month.</p> <p>Gontarz-York (District 5); announced that there is second media training on July 22nd. There is still room for more participants.</p> <p>Kemp (District 1); welcomed the commission to her spiritual home. Kemp has been a member for 56 years. Services are at 6:15pm on Friday night and Saturday at 10:00am. Everyone is welcome. Kemp also spoke fondly of meeting Supervisor Damon Connolly.</p> <p>Lamorte (City of San Anselmo); working to get people familiar with public transportation</p> <p>Livoti (City of Novato); Age-Friendly Novato has sent a proposal to the city council and are waiting for a response. The group met with Marin Senior Co-housing run by Sandy Bowman. For more information go to https://www.meetup.com/Marin-Cohousing/.</p> <p>Timms (City of Fairfax); Age-Friendly Fairfax is moving along.</p> <p>Wilson (City of Tiburon); the “Dementia Group” of the Aging Action Initiative created a Detect and Connect information card. The card has information on three major points:</p>	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detect Behaviors out of the ordinary • Connect with the adult through compassionate communication • Connect the adult to the appropriate resources. <p>Wilson distributed the cards to Tiburon city officials and four banks. Commissioner Gontarz-York will follow up with Commissioner Wilson and the AAI group.</p> <p>Zeller (City of Corte Madera); spending a lot of time on Age-Friendly Corte Madera. The focus groups continue and are well attended. They are having an August “tea” for people 90 years of age and over. In FY 2016-17 they will work on strategic planning, a speaker series and transportation.</p> <p>Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 12:13 p.m.</p> <p>The next meeting will be on September 1, 2016 at the Mill Valley Community Center</p>	