

<b>COMMITTEE: GENERAL</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 1, 2016</b>	<b>LOCATION: MILL VALLEY COMMUNITY CENTER</b>
<p><b>PRESENT:</b> Bedinger, Bloch, Bortel, Boutilier, Brilliant, Dowling, Gontarz-York, Kemp, Lamorte, Livoti, Locks, Marchese, Mitchell, Peters-Janover, Timms, Turner</p> <p><b>EXCUSED:</b> Asimos, Kirshbaum, Monson, Wilson, Zeller</p>		
<p><b>RECORDER:</b> Michele McCabe</p>		
<p><b>NEXT MEETING:</b> October 6 , 2016</p>		

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<p><b>Call to Order</b> Chair Dowling called the meeting to order at 11:25 a.m.</p> <p><b>Approval of Agenda</b> The agenda of September 1, 2016 was approved as written.</p> <p><b>Approval of the Minutes</b> The minutes of July 7, 2016 were approved as written.</p> <p><b>Brown Act:</b> Chair Dowling reminded the commission of the major components of the Brown Act which apply to this meeting.</p> <p><b>Open Time for Public Expression:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Elizabeth River, Interfaith Minister, spoke about the “Making Friends with Death” presentation on</li> </ul>	

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<p>October 29<sup>th</sup> and the first two Saturdays of November in San Rafael. For more information contact Elizabeth River at <a href="mailto:lizebiz@gmail.com">lizebiz@gmail.com</a>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dennis Rodoni, Candidate for the District 4 supervisor election introduced himself.</li> <li>• Michael Eisenmenger, Executive Director of the Community Media Center of Marin (CMCM), spoke about expanding outreach with media. They will film the October 6<sup>th</sup> commission meeting at Marguerita Johnson Senior Center in Marin City. The CMCM website is <a href="http://cmcm.tv/">http://cmcm.tv/</a>.</li> </ul> <p><b>Chair’s Report:</b> Dowling reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thanked former Belvedere Commissioner Vera Gertler for serving nine years on the commission. We are most grateful for her service.</li> <li>• Today is the first commission meeting for Jim Mitchell, new commissioner representing Belvedere.</li> <li>• Commissioner Conn Hickey has recently resigned due to pressing work commitments. We are grateful for his service.</li> <li>• There are still two vacancies on the commission: District 2 (Supervisor Rice) and District 3 (Supervisor Sears)</li> <li>• Friday September 9<sup>th</sup> is the commission retreat at St. John’s Episcopal Church in Ross. Parking is tough so please arrive early. We’ll send out directions with a reminder notice next week.</li> <li>• The October commission meeting will be at the Marguerita Johnson Senior Center in Marin City. The program will be on women and economic security. This meeting will start a series of community workshops on “Money Matters.” More information can be found at: <a href="http://www.marincounty.org/main/county-press-releases/press-releases/2016/hhs-moneymatters-091416">http://www.marincounty.org/main/county-press-releases/press-releases/2016/hhs-moneymatters-091416</a></li> </ul> <p><b>Vice-Chair Report:</b> None</p>	

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<p><b><i>Update from Health and Human Services Director: Grant Colfax:</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Noted he is looking forward to speaking at November 3<sup>rd</sup> Commission on Aging meeting at Alma Via in San Rafael.</li> <li>• Working with the aging community is going to be a top priority for Health and Human Services (HHS).</li> <li>• Strategic Plan is still in the assessment phase.</li> <li>• In early 2017, Colfax will come back to speak with the commission on prioritizing. So far the two key principles of the strategic plan are:             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Becoming more data driven</li> <li>2. Equity</li> </ol> </li> <li>• In response to a question, Dr. Colfax acknowledged that he was well aware of the issues around dementia treatment and the intersection with mental health.</li> </ul> <p><b><i>Action Items: None</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Committee Reports:</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Health and Nutrition:</i></b> Locks reported for Chair Asimos:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The next meeting will be September 22<sup>nd</sup> from 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.</li> <li>• Committee already has a suggestion for the 2017 Healthy Aging Symposium.</li> </ul> <p><b><i>Housing and Transportation:</i></b> Chair Marchese reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The last meeting was in July. The next meeting will be on October 19<sup>th</sup>.             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Asked the Commission on Aging if the H&amp;T Committee should meet more often? Everyone was in agreement.</li> <li>2. Housing for older adults continues to be a big priority.</li> <li>3. Asked the commission to send him any ideas about possible solutions to the many housing and transportation challenges in Marin.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>	

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<p><b>Legislative Task Force:</b> Chair Bloch reported on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A handout on still active legislation was distributed (and is noted at the end of these minutes).</li> <li>• Bloch will provide a final legislative update to the commission next month.</li> <li>• Currently working with Senator McGuire and Assemblyman Levine. The CSL got \$500,000 in funding for next year. They are working on a trailer bill which was supposed to be numbered yesterday. Bloch will report back next month.</li> </ul> <p>Co-Chair Boutilier reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AB 72 has been sent to the Governor for signature. This bill makes certain insurance companies will cover out-of-network charges.</li> </ul> <p>Chair Bloch also noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Former Legislative Task Force member Madeline Kellner has retired and will be going to Guatemala to join the Peace Corps. There will be a going away party on Saturday, September 17, from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. at Miwok Park in Novato.</li> </ul> <p><b>Planning:</b> Chair Timms reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The next meeting is Wednesday October 5, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.</li> <li>• Marin Networks (age-friendly) met today and will meet again next month.</li> <li>• The committee sponsored today’s presentation. The committee will also sponsor the March 2, 2017 presentation which will feature a topic on age-friendly.</li> <li>• Reminded people that data from the Area Plan can be pulled and summarized if requested for a certain area.</li> <li>• Urged people to join the committee.</li> </ul> <p><b>Editorial Board:</b> N/A</p>	

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<p><b>Director's Report:</b> Lee Pullen, Area Agency on Aging Director reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wrote an article for the Marin Senior Information Fair insert in the Marin IJ.</li> <li>• Staff held a successful orientation for all the AAA contractors for FY 2016-17.</li> <li>• Thanked Jon Gaffney from Marin Transit who presented with him and Ana Bagtas at the n4a conference in San Diego. The presentation was about community partnership with transportation.</li> <li>• AAI Steering Committee will meet again to decide the next phase for the Aging Action Initiative.</li> <li>• Noted it was a pleasure to meet new Commissioner Jim Mitchell.</li> <li>• An orientation will be held later this year for the three new commissioners once they have all been appointed.</li> </ul> <p><i>Commission Updates:</i></p> <p>Bedinger: working on age-friendly in Fairfax. She was glad to hear Dr. Colfax recognize dementia as a huge issue in Marin.</p> <p>Bloch: noted we should invite people less than 50 years of age to get a head start regarding aging issues. She is happy Dr. Colfax recognizes that homelessness, mental health and substance abuse are important issues.</p> <p>Bortel: COA needs a commissioner to volunteer to decorate the commission booth and handle scheduling shifts for commissioners to staff the booth.</p> <p>Boutilier: The Sausalito Age-Friendly Strategic Action plan is almost revised. The city council voted to include a line item for the CARS coordinator as a paid city employee. They are working with the department heads regarding older adult's plans for the City of Sausalito.</p> <p>Brilliant: reported on attending the Marin Inter-agency Disaster Coalition every other month. The Disaster Coalition is doing work with the homeless around disaster preparation. Also recommended everyone read Conn Hickey's book about his mother.</p>	

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<p>Dowling: There will be several workshops on economic security sponsored by the Aging Action Initiative. Some topics to be addressed are working after 50, housing, investments etc. A website and brochures are in the works.</p> <p>Gontarz-York: The Health and Human Services Media Team has created a slide show and will distribute it to all the commissioners. They are seeking to form an Ad Hoc Media Task Force. The next step is to get permission from the Executive Committee. Brilliant also has met one on one with the Novato City Council and the chief planner for Age-Friendly Novato.</p> <p>Kemp: Noted Supervisor Damon Connolly has an open door policy and recommended paying him a visit.</p> <p>LaMorte: wrote a nice report to the Town of San Anselmo which was well received.</p> <p>Lock: Ritter House is looking at relocation in the near future.</p> <p>Marchese: Aged-Friendly Corte Madera held a reception for folks over age 80. There are approximately 100 people in that group.</p> <p>Mitchell: Introduced himself and made the following comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has lived in Belvedere since 1972</li> <li>• He is an architect by trade; retired after 25 years</li> <li>• Served on the Belvedere Planning Commission, Education Board, Tiburon Peninsula Foundation, and has strong connections to UCSF.</li> <li>• He designed quite a bit of senior housing</li> <li>• 60% of falls are caused by vision impairment.</li> <li>• He is also an enthusiastic cyclist, likes to cook, and his hobby is designing and making furniture.</li> </ul> <p>Timms: emailed the Fairfax Council about 457-INFO and received approval to have benches set up in the</p>	

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<p>main part of Fairfax.</p> <p>Age-Friendly Fairfax will hold a retreat in October.</p> <p>The Streets for People in Fairfax happened last weekend and they had an age-friendly table. The Death Café has come to Fairfax at the Buddhist Center has conducted three events so far. There is another one scheduled for October 30<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>Turner: looking forward to the October 6<sup>th</sup> meeting and program in Marin City.</p> <p><b>Adjournment:</b> The meeting adjourned at 12:31 p.m.</p> <p>The next meeting will be on October 6<sup>th</sup> at Marguerita Johnson Senior Center in Marin City.</p>	

**STILL ACTIVE BILLS**

15-16 Bills -2nd year

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Bill #	Author	Subject	Status	Position	Rank	Final	Follow
AB 488	Gonzalez	Medi-Cal Community Living	To Governor	Watch			MK
AB 1584	Brown	SSI/SSP	8/30 to Governor	Support			SB
AB1655	Lackey	IHSS	To Governor	Watch			MK
AB1899	Calderon	Long Term Care Insurance	8/30 to Governor	Watch			TD
AB1930	Lackey	Family Caregivers	8/30 to Governor	Watch			SB
AB 2207	Wood	Denti-Cal	8/15 to Governor	Watch			MMc
AB 2231	Calderon	Care Facilities	8/29 to Governor	Watch +			TD
AB 2366	Dababneh	Long Term Care Insurance	8/30 to Governor	Watch +			TD
AB2721	Rodriguez	Elder Abuse	New Law Chaptered	Watch			EB
AB2747	Hadley	RCFE's	To Governor	Watch			MMc
AB2810	Eggman	Aid in Dying Drugs	New Law Chaptered 8/29	Watch			JD
SB 547	Liu	State Dept of Community Lvg.	8/30 to Governor	Watch			SB
SB815	Hernandez	MediCal Demo	Chaptered New Law	Watch			SB
SB924	Roth	Annuity Transactions	Chaptered New Law	Support +			AB
SB939	Monning	Continuing Care Community	Chaptered New Law	Support			JK
SB1091	Liu	Long Term Care Insurance	8/26 to Governor	Watch			MMc
SB1408	Allen	Alzeheimer Guidelines	Chaptered New Law	Support +			AB