

<b>COMMITTEE: GENERAL</b>	<b>DECEMBER 1, 2016</b>	<b>LOCATION: THE REDWOODS, MILL VALLEY</b>
<p><b>PRESENT:</b> Bedinger, Bloch, Bortel, Boutilier, Brilliant, Dowling, Gontarz-York, Kirshbaum, Lamorte, Locks, Marchese, Monson, Silverman, Timms, Turner, Zeller</p> <p><b>EXCUSED:</b> Asimos, Livoti, Mitchell, Peters-Janover</p>		
RECORDER: Michele McCabe		
NEXT MEETING: January 5, 2017		

MINUTE SUMMARY	ACTION TAKEN/RESPONSIBLE PARTY
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<p><b>Call to Order</b> Chair Dowling called the meeting to order at 11:17 a.m.</p> <p><b>Approval of Agenda</b> The agenda of December 1, 2016 was approved as written.</p> <p><b>Approval of the Minutes</b> The minutes of November 3, 2016 were approved as corrected.</p> <p><b>Open Time for Public Expression:</b> Diana Lopez from HICAP introduced herself as one of the Marin volunteers and provided her e-mail for anyone wanting to contact her - <a href="mailto:dlopez1052@gmail.com">dlopez1052@gmail.com</a>. Due to remodeling at several sites, they are looking for places in San Rafael to meet with people for insurance counseling.</p>	
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**Chair's Report:** Dowling reported the following:

- The Older Adult Economic Security Group will hold their last workshop at Dominican University on December 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Members of the Executive Committee have been appearing at the MHSA public forums.
- The last MHSA forum will be held on Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at Pickleweed.
- There are openings on the MHSA Advisory Committee and the Mental Health Board. Commissioners interested in advocating for older adults should apply.
- We need an emerging topic for June 1, 2017 Commission meeting.

***Vice-Chair Report:*** None

***Action Items:*** None

***Committee Reports:***

***Health and Nutrition:*** Carol Zeller reported in the Chair's absence:

- The next meeting will be on Thursday, January 19, 2017 from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- The Health and Nutrition committee has accomplished two objectives with two more to go.
- A temporary meal flyer is available until the Diner's Guide is revised.

***Planning:*** Chair Timms reported:

- Their last meeting was on November 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Committee will be responsible for planning the March 2, 2017 commission meeting which will focus on age-friendly.
- The next meeting of the Planning Committee will be on Thursday, January 12, 2017 at the Redwoods.
- Objectives will be completed by the end of January 2017.

***Housing and Transportation:*** Chair Marchese reported:

- The next meeting will be on Wednesday, January 18, 2017 from 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
- Leelee Thomas from the Marin County Community Development Agency will be the main presenter at the January meeting.

**Legislative Task Force:** Chair Bloch reported on the following:

- The next meeting will be on December 2, 2016.
- Task Force will be meeting with Assemblyman Levine and State Senator McGuire on Thursday December 15<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.
- Thanked staff for all of their hard work during the 2016 session.

Commissioner Boutilier noted the Legislative Task Force is looking for at least two community members who have an interest in public policy, legislation and advocacy.

**Editorial Board:** N/A

**Director's Report:** Lee Pullen, Area Agency on Aging Director and Joe O'Hehir Chair of the Aging Action Initiative Steering Committee reported the following:

(Lee)

- We appreciate the opportunity to provide you with an update of the initiative and to ask for your continued support of the project.
- It was more than three years ago when this Board called for the department and community to come together to plan for our growing older adult population.
- With that call we formed a steering committee of community leaders to shape what was needed to be done.
- It was recognized early on that in order to strengthen our services infrastructure for the years ahead, we needed to expand our aging services network and become stronger by working together on relevant issues.
- Requests were sent out for participation and this community responded with scores of people spending several months looking at how to take short-term action toward the longer range goal.
- Last year when the initiative moved into its implementation phase, in the spirit of collaboration and with intent to maximize collective impact, main oversight of the project moved to the steering committee rather than oversight provided solely by Aging and Adult Services.
- It was at that time that Joe offered to serve as our Chair and his leadership in guiding us through this past phase and toward where we need to go next has been invaluable. He will provide you a brief summary of accomplishments and recommendations for the future.

(Joe)

- Thank you for the opportunity to provide a progress report on the Aging Action Initiative.
- It has been an honor to work side-by-side with Lee Pullen for the last three years, and to have served as the AAI Steering Committee Chair for the past 18 months.
- AAI's vision is to cultivate a county-wide, age-friendly environment especially for those in need, collectively created by a strong, diverse network through a system-wide approach to education, advocacy, and coordinated services.
- AAI has grown to become a collaborative collective effort of over 65 different agencies, grassroots organizations, commissions and neighborhood groups. Several organizations have addressed letters of support for the continuation of AAI.
- As Lee mentioned, AAI 1.0 focused on aging issue areas not already addressed by other collective impact aging services efforts: Nutrition, Mental Health & Dementia, Information & Assistance, and Economic Security. Four workgroups were created across each issue area. Workgroup members co-created collective actions that could be planned and completed within AAI's first year of engagement.
- Thanks to this collective engagement, AAI has produced over a dozen workshops, three large stakeholder convening's, a quick resource guide on mental health and dementia, and several curriculums that can be used to co-sponsor ongoing trainings in mental health and dementia, nutrition, financial security, and information and resource referrals.
- In addition to the work of AAI, several other collective efforts have also been making headway throughout the county such as the age-friendly cities and communities movement and the Marin Mobility Consortium to name a few.
- Also, during this past year, a number of new studies, reports, and data sets have provided a deeper look into the landscape of Marin's increasing aging population and how many in this segment of the population are struggling to live in the county.

- Given all this activity and focus, the AAI Steering Committee felt that the time is right to leverage and align county-wide related activity toward community-wide collective goals and systemic impact.
- The steering committee studied how other county-wide collective impact initiatives are working, especially in the area of children’s education in Marin. Several successful initiatives are focusing on “cradle to career” partnerships for educational equity, such as First 5 Marin, MarinKids, Marin Promise, and School’s Rule.
- The AAI Steering Committee’s vision is to create a county-wide “retirement to rest” collective impact partnership focusing on aging equity for all adults in Marin County.
- After considering a variety of organizing models, the steering committee has developed an overarching plan to focus more of AAI’s attention during its next phase of development at a strategic, systematic level.
- AAI 2.0 will now focus on bringing the aging lens to every community issue. Workgroup members will co-create joint outreach, educational awareness and involvement; and set and track system-wide collective impact objectives. The goal is to unite and strengthen existing initiatives and services to address the growing aging crisis in Marin.
- We recognize the need for continued coordination and leadership of this initiative and are seeking to have in place a person or organization to serve as the project director by the end of this year. A request for information for prospective candidates was sent last month and proposals will be reviewed shortly.
- We are asking for your continued support for the next three years to help move the AAI to this next level of development.

In response to a question, Mr. O’Hehir stated that Whistlestop is now looking at the Bio Marin site at 999 3<sup>rd</sup> Street as a possible future home.

Director Pullen made the following announcement regarding the Area Agency on Aging Request for Proposal awards for III B Supportive Services:

- Jewish Family and Children Service's awarded \$15,000 for case management
- The Spahr Center awarded \$10,000 for visiting services in Central Marin

***Commission Updates:***

Bloch (CSL): Former Commissioner Ruth Youngquist passed away. She was a very active member.

Bortel (CSL): Grateful to Dr. Grant Colfax for his work with the villages

Boutilier (City of Sausalito): Presented the Age-Friendly Strategic Plan. The plan was approved.

Brilliant (City of Mill Valley): Marin Interagency Disaster Coalition is a small group trying to get new member funding. They will speak to the Mill Valley City Council on January 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Gontarz-York (District 5): Looking for commissioners to join the Ad Hoc Media Team.

Kirshbaum (City of Larkspur): Reported she learned a lot at the Marin Senior Information Fair

Locks (City of San Rafael): Reported on the FAST team presentation in Novato

Marchese (District 4): Medicare needs to be watched closely.

Monson (District 4): Met with the new Board of Supervisors member Dennis Rodoni.

Silverman (District 3): Reported on the great work the volunteers are doing at the Bayside MLK school in Marin City.

Timms (City of Fairfax): reported on age-friendly in Fairfax. She also appeared in front of the Mill Valley

City Council to advocate for a crosswalk on Miller Avenue.

***Adjournment:*** The meeting adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

The next meeting will be on Thursday January 5, 2017 at the San Rafael Community Center.