

MARIN COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING
Legislative Task Force Meeting
Friday, January 6, 2017

MEETING SUMMARY

Present: Ellie Bloch, Sybil Boutilier, Teri Dowling, Diana López, Director Lee Pullen and staff Michele McCabe.

- New Committee member Diana López was introduced.
- Fairfax Housing Support was added to the agenda.
- It was the consensus of the group that:
 1. It was a great meeting despite the weather and beneficial to all.
 2. Task Force learned that it's good to make an impression on Legislative staff by doing something creative like handing out cookies.
 3. One time only funding is going to be the norm for the next few years as opposed to receiving continuous funding.
- There were no Legislative Aides Reports because none were present.
- Co-chair Bloch spoke for a few minutes on the CSL.
- Co-chair Boutilier spoke about the TACC meeting that she attended. She will send notes to staff to forward to task force members.
- Co-chair Bloch asked staff to poll members of the Legislative Task Force to see if they were going to continue in 2017.
- The Task Force reviewed the *County of Marin 2017 Federal and State Legislative Programs and Legislative Policy Guidelines* and noted which recommendations were accepted and which were not accepted for 2017.
- Objectives for 2017-2018 fiscal year were discussed and the following seven objectives are proposed:
 1. Goal 1: **(New)** By 6/30/17 the Marin County Commission on Aging Legislative Task Force will sponsor a Commission on Aging presentation regarding important senior legal issues when "Aging in Place."
 2. Goal 2: **(Renew but Goal Switch)** By 10/31/16, the Marin County Commission on Aging Legislative Task Force will review the 2018 Draft of the *County of Marin 2018 Federal and State Legislative Programs and Legislative Policy Guidelines* and suggest changes and modifications to the County Administrator via the AAA Director.
 3. Goal 3: **(New)** Before January 1, 2017, the Marin County Commission on

Aging Legislative Task Force will have a policy discussion with at least two of the three State and Federal Legislators representing Marin County.

4. Goal 3: **(Continue)** In January 2018, the Marin County Commission on Aging Legislative Task Force will sponsor a Commission on Aging presentation regarding key policy and legislative issues affecting Older Adults.

5. Goal 4: **(New)** By October 1, 2017, the Marin County Commission on Aging Legislative Task Force will recommend a position on at least five federal, state or local policy areas.

6. Goal 4: **(Continue)** By May 1, 2018, the Legislative Task Force will Recommend a formal position and provide advocacy regarding at least seven federal or state 2017 pending bills.

7. Goal 4: **(Continue)** The MCCOA Legislative Task Force will recruit and retain at least two new members from the public to advocate for legislation affecting older adults and the disabled.

- The Task Force had a discussion regarding the difference between the Board of Supervisors sending a letter supporting or objecting to a policy or bill (for absolute priorities) and the Commission on Aging sending a letter supporting or objecting to a policy or bill. Members were reminded that an increase in the number of letters sent may lessen the effect of those letters.
- Staff distributed the 2017 Tentative Legislative Calendar. The last day to submit bill requests to the Legislative Counsel is January 20, 2017. The last day for bills to be introduced is February 17, 2017.
- Support of Fairfax Victory Village Senior Housing was discussed. Teri will write a support letter and send it to the Task Force to review and make comments. Teri will attempt to address parking concerns in the letter. It will be sent to the Town Council for the 1/18 meeting and to the Fairfax Planning Committee who will meet on 1/19.
- The Legislative Task Force meeting schedule from January thru June 2017 was discussed. The group decided to meet on the first Friday of all six months.

LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE 2016-2017

| MONTH | DAY | CHAIR | TASK/FOCUS |
|-----------|------|-----------|--|
| July | 1st | | NO MEETING |
| August | 5th | | NO MEETING |
| September | 2nd | | Input on Marin County Plan/Priorities Identify policy areas of interest |
| October | 21st | | What's on the Governor's desk? |
| November | 4th | | Presentations in December and March New Laws for 2017 and CSL prop. |
| December | 2nd | | NO MEETING |
| January | 6th | EB | Objectives for 2017-2018 |
| February | 3rd | SB | CSL proposal follow-up, New bills |
| March | 3rd | EB | Pending Legislation Review |
| April | 7th | SB | Picking our top 10 bills for advocacy |
| May | 5th | SB | Strategies for Advocacy |
| June | 2nd | EB | How are our bills doing? |