

COMMITTEE: EXECUTIVE	FEBRUARY 27, 2017	LOCATION: 10 NORTH SAN PEDRO ROAD, RM 1018
PRESENT: Ralph Marchese, Teri Dowling, Sybil Boutilier, Lee Pullen, Ellie Bloch, Jim Monson, Marianne Gontarz-York, Chris Asimos, Salamah Locks, Linda Jackson		
EXCUSED: Jody Timms ABSENT:		
RECORDER: Gary Lara		
Next Meeting: 10 N. San Pedro Rd., Conference Room 1018 - Monday, March 27, 2017		

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<p><u>Agenda</u></p> <p>Chair Dowling called the meeting to order at 10:33 a.m. after the quorum was met. The agenda was approved as written.</p> <p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p>The January 23, 2017 minutes were approved as written.</p> <p><u>Public Comment</u></p> <p>Linda Jackson, Program Director for the Aging Action Initiative (AAI) introduced herself and noted the</p>	

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4th Aging Action Initiative (AAI) convening will take place on Wednesday, March 29th from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Embassy Suites in San Rafael.

Chair’s Report

Chair Dowling reported the following:

Ellie Bloch, Lee Pullen and Teri Dowling attended C4A Capitol Day. Senator McGuire and Assemblyman Levine were gracious hosts. Both groups are supportive of C4A priorities which include funding support for the Aging and Disability Resource Center and an Alzheimer’s Specialist for every Information and Assistance (I&A) unit. Senior nutrition services continue to be an ongoing budget matter.

Ash Kalra is a new member of the California State Assembly. Kalra was recently named Chair of the California Assembly Aging and Long-Term Care Committee.

The Governor’s Budget Director was present at Capitol Day. The Director stated there may be less money available this year. Commissioner Bloch stated they are attributing this to a down-turn in the economy.

Pullen noted that overall, Capitol Day was productive. The Republican caucus reported that the mindset of the caucus is on the future and that programs are in place to sustain safety net needs.

Dowling noted that starting next month, committee reports at the Executive Committee will be limited to “two” minutes max. If you have material that requires more in depth discussion, please let Chair Dowling know in advance so the matter can be considered for a discussion item on the agenda.

Commissioner Bloch suggested additional time would be needed in order to disseminate information related to pending legislation. Gary reminded the executives to check their Legislative Task Force

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notes that are being distributed today for an update on pending bills and their status. The updates are provided by Aging Program Coordinator, Michele McCabe.

Dowling announced that after conferring with Aging Program Coordinator, Amy Dietz, it was agreed the task of reviewing all of the subcommittee objectives and their progress would be shifted from the Executive Committee to the Planning Committee. This review will take place twice a year.

Dowling provided an update on Commissioner York’s pending application to sit on the County’s Mental Health Advisory Board. York applied a few months back and after meeting with Gail Theller, Board member from Community Action Marin, Theller agreed to be a strong advocate on behalf of Commissioner York to become an active MHSA Board member. Theller will speak to MHSA Director, Suzanne Tavano. Chair Dowling noted that she will send a letter to Kristen Gardner, Mental Health Sr. Program Coordinator, reminding her of the request.

Commissioner Locks would like to see the Board of Supervisors updated with regard to MHSA funding and the programs currently funded.

Commissioner York noted it’s important to get some MHSA programs funded for older adults and will provide Supervisor Arnold with an update.

Commissioner Monson felt updating the Board of Supervisors was a really good idea by making them aware of Commissioner York’s pending application to the MHSA Board.

Commissioner York further stated that Gail Theller may apply to be the District 2 Commissioner for Supervisor Katie Rice’s District.

Dowling noted it was time to review the program slated for presentation at the June 1st General commission meeting which will focus on aging and mental health issues. Commissioner Marchese noted that representation is important and that consideration should be made to create an “ad hoc” of

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the subcommittee in order to have our own forum.

Commissioner Bloch noted that Elder Abuse Awareness month is in June.

Dowling noted advocacy for Victory Village has received a lot of good support. Commissioner Timms and Dowling have sent letters of recommendation. A discussion will take place on Wednesday, March 1st at 7:00 p.m. at the Town of Fairfax council meeting.

Boutilier would like to see some basic information sent out to the Housing and Transportation Committee with regard to the Town of Fairfax council meeting and how it relates to their discussion about Victory Village.

Commissioner Marchese noted Commissioner Timms wanted to have a discreet number of supporters for the Victory Village housing project present at the Town of Fairfax council meeting.

Marchese reminded the executives that on Saturdays at 1:00 p.m., Community Media Center of Marin (CMCM) is broadcasting the monthly General meeting.

Boutilier noted the program is currently billed as the San Rafael Council meeting to which Commissioner York noted she will speak to Scott Calhoun at CMCM about making the correction.

Dowling noted that Commissioner Brilliant requested the commission to pass a resolution affirming its mission to assist all seniors regardless of their national origin and/ or immigration status.

Boutilier noted the Federal mandate is to serve all seniors over the age of 60.

Bloch would like to reaffirm what the law already states and to not have political overtones.

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After further discussion around this request, Pullen agreed to make this a part of the Area Plan presentation to inform the public about the Older Americans Act and its inclusivity during the opening of the commission’s Area Plan presentation on April 6th.

Director’s Report:

Lee Pullen reported the following:

The Governor’s plan for the IHSS budget shortfall is to shift costs back to the County which is pretty significant. The County’s Fiscal team will take a second look to determine the impact to such programs as behavioral and child welfare with the objective to mitigate reductions. More information should be available within the next few days around any advocacy avenues.

Pullen invited the executives to join him and Commissioner York next week on Tuesday, March 7th to recognize the City of Novato’s designation as an Age-Friendly community. The goal of age-friendly is to support and promote livable communities for older adults.

Action Item:

None

Discussion Items:

a. June 2017 Meeting Location:

Health and Nutrition Committee Chair Asimos will be meeting with MHSA Director Suzanne Tavano to discuss the use of the County’s Health and Wellness campus as the venue for the June 1st General commision meeting. Possible speakers for the program include a psychologist who taught at Duke University and Shelley Dombroski from the Alzheimer’s

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b. Speakers/ Locations FY 17-18:

Dowling confirmed with Aging Program Coordinator Amy Dietz that the month of July would be too soon for the Planning Commission to provide a presentation given their current work with putting the Area Plan together.

Dowling will continue to work on the meeting calendar for July thru December 2017. Dowling noted that the month of July is open and asked if it would make sense for Congressman Huffman to provide an update about what's going on with legislation.

Pullen proposed Huffman would be better slated to present at the meeting of December 7th.

Linda Jackson offered to provide an overview of the final draft of the AAI Plan for the next three years in the event Huffman is unable to commit.

Pullen noted it would be good timing to hear from the AAI and it was agreed that Linda Jackson's suggestion would serve as the contingency plan in the event that Congressman Jared Huffmann is not available for the July 6th meeting.

c. Ad-hoc Communications Committee Report:

Pullen informed Commissioner York the six month meeting schedule for the ad-hoc communications group commenced in February and will end after the meeting in July.

York is currently reviewing the committee's objectives which are to have one more spokesperson training for the commissioners. Half of the commissioners have participated so far. York asked the commissioners to please inform Gary when you conduct an outreach to key

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influencers in your city or town so he can keep a record of it.

York noted a relaunch of the “1 in 4” bus shelter ads featuring older adults is possible but not definite due to budgetary constraints.

A follow-up email was sent to the key influencers (committee of mayors, rotaries and elected officials) in the County to gauge the impact of the Live Long, Live Well Marin campaign efforts.

Pullen noted the results are being tracked by the media team. Pullen will ask for an update.

York noted the ad-hoc committee will select two areas for public awareness and solicited ideas from the executive team. Falls was the number one area of concern. The second area of focus should be something physical such as cognitive issues, e.g. brain health (losing memory).

Dowling asked the executives to take this information back to their committees and propose to their members how they are going to work it out.

Committee Reports

- **Health and Nutrition:** Commissioner Asimos reiterated the items from discussion point “A” of these minutes. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 17th.
- **Housing and Transportation:** Commissioner Marchese noted he plans to extend an invitation to Jon Gaffney to rejoin the committee. The committee members will convene to develop what will become their talking points. An action plan needs to be developed. The next meeting is Wednesday, March 15th.

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- **Legislative Task Force:** Commissioner Bloch noted the task force is currently working on legislation. The commission will be updated soon. It will be tough to pick the top seven bills. The next meeting is Friday, March 3rd.
- **Planning Committee:** Commissioner Boutilier invited Supervisor Sears to the March 2nd General meeting but Sears' aide is not certain if Sears is able to attend. Boutilier would like to setup a meeting with Sears in the near future.

Boutilier noted she will have to redo her PowerPoint presentation for Thursday's meeting since her computer was having issues.

Aging Program Coordinator Amy Dietz is going to get the Planning Committee the basic draft of the Area Plan Update by March 15th. The Planning Committee will then edit and proof read the document. The next meeting is Tuesday, March 21st.

New Business/Other:

Commissioner Locks inquired if the County has statistical information available to develop talking points. Pullen noted it depends on the subject matter. An example of available data would be homeless elders.

Pullen received no suggestions or revisions to the agenda for the General meeting of March 2nd. It was approved for distribution to the commission.

The meeting adjourned at 11:51 a.m. The next meeting is Monday, March 27, 2017 from 10:30 a.m. - noon.