

MARIN COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING
Legislative Task Force Meeting
Friday, October 20, 2017

MEETING SUMMARY

Present: Sybil Boutilier, Teri Dowling, Diana López, Joan Lubamersky, Carole Mills, Judy Dick and staff Michele McCabe.

- Co-chair Boutilier welcomed the members who were there.
- Carole and Joan had no formal reports. They both have been working very hard the last two weeks on follow-up from the fires in Sonoma County. They both visited Marin's HHS shelter and heard nothing but good things about it from evacuees. The Village Shopping Center in Corte Madera gave Senator McGuire's office a lot of help in collecting donations.
- The 2017 Legislative year was discussed. Out of 72 bills tracked, 29 were supported at different levels. Out of those, 14 were signed and chaptered. 1 bill was vetoed by Governor Brown and 14 did not go through the first year. Joan and Carol informed the group that it was up to the author of the bill to decide to bring it back to the second year of the session. The Task Force felt like it had been a pretty good year for senior legislation. The group also discussed the objectives of the California Senior Legislature and this task force and how they can work together.
- Co-chair Boutilier spoke about Age Friendly in her report. In Sausalito, Age Friendly has worked with local government to come up with a pilot project. Permit Fee's will be lowered for seniors making their homes more accessible. The group talked about the difference with Age Friendly (a World Health Committee Designation) and Marin Villages (a membership organization.) In Marin there are 5 towns with the designation: Sausalito, Corte Madera, Fairfax, Novato and San Rafael. There are seven in process or beginning to form. They include: Belvedere, Larkspur, Mill Valley, Ross, San Anselmo, Tiburon, and the unincorporated areas of Marin City and Tam Junction. There is also an effort to make the entire County of Marin. The Area Agency on Aging has received funding to hire a part-time coordinator for that effort. You can find basic information on Age Friendly at: <https://www.aarp.org/livable-communities/network-age-friendly-communities/info-2014/an-introduction>.
- The status of the task force objectives is noted on the pages following these minutes.

- The December presentation at the Commission on Aging meeting will be held on December 7, 2017 at the Redwoods in Mill Valley. Assembly person Marc Levine will speak. Michele will coordinate with Joan. Staff will also be preparing an analysis of the thirty new laws that will affect seniors as a handout in that meeting.
- The meeting schedule for 2017-2018 was postponed until the next meeting when more members were present.
- In the last few minutes of the meeting, the task force started to discuss the process for 2018. Staff reported the suggested changes to the 2018 Marin County Legislative Process were sent to the County Administrator's Office on October 3, 2017. The final will come out sometime before the beginning of the year. The co-chairs will meet with Lee Pullen, AAA Director in November. The group will invite Lee to the December meeting. The group would like any protocols or processes decided upon to be put into writing so they can better understand the process.

Next Meeting: Friday, November 3, 2017

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Goal 1: Enhance quality of life, safety, and security for older adults.

Rationale: Needs assessment findings indicate that older adults, especially those that wish to age in place, require support in maintaining and improving their security and safety, in issues ranging from financial abuse to physical, emotional, and mental well-being.

Objectives	Projected Start and End Dates	Title III B Funded PD or C	Update Status
1k. The MCCOA Legislative Task Force will sponsor a Commission on Aging presentation by Legal Aid Marin regarding important senior legal issues when "Aging in Place." Status: This objective will be postponed until July or September 2018 due to lack of presentation slots.	July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018		New

Goal 2: Support and promote local efforts to create livable communities for all.

Rationale: Community and locally based endeavors are often most effective in meeting the needs of specific communities, defined by geography, language, ethnicity, age, and sexuality. Cohesive and collaborative approaches across sectors are needed to increase livability for all residents of Marin County.

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2e. By October 31, 2017, the MCCOA Legislative Task Force will review the 2018 Draft of the <i>County of Marin 2017 Federal and State Legislative Programs and Legislative Policy Guidelines</i> and suggest changes and modifications to the County Administrator via the AAA Director. Status: This was sent to the County Administrator on October 3, 2017.	July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018		New

Goal 3: Improve visibility and usability of information, services, and resources.

Rationale: Efforts to reach target populations and disseminate information about resources remains a priority as evidenced by needs assessment findings. New and innovative ways to reach the client population must be explored, developed, and implemented.

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3c. The MCCOA Legislative Task Force will sponsor a Commission on Aging presentation regarding key policy and legislative issues. This presentation is calendared for December 7, 2018.	July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017		Completed
	July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018		Continued
3k. By December 31, 2017, the MCCOA Legislative Task Force will have a policy discussion with at least two of the three State and Federal Legislators representing Marin County. One of these will be done on December 7, with Marc Levine. The other discussion will be set up for early 2018.	July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018		New

Goal 4: Encourage innovative approaches to policy and services through community collaboration and advocacy.

Rationale: Innovative and new ideas and projects are required to meet the needs of a growing older adult population in Marin County. Exploring and creating collaborative approaches across a wide network that includes home- and community-based providers,

faith-based entities, families, neighbors and informal groups, philanthropic organizations, the private sector, and public agencies, are necessary to create effective and evidence based strategies.			
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<p>4b. By the May 2017 Commission meeting, the MCCOA Legislative Task Force will recommend a formal position and provide advocacy regarding at least seven assembly or senate bills currently before the California Legislature and/ or US Congress during its 2016-2017 session.</p> <p><i>Revised</i> By the May 2018 Commission meeting, the MCCOA Legislative Task Force will recommend a formal position and provide advocacy regarding at least seven assembly or senate bills currently before the California Legislature and/ or US Congress during its 2017-2018 session. This will be done by the April 30, 2017 for the May or June Commission meeting.</p>	July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017		Completed
	July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018		Revised
<p>4c. 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 currently has one new member and is considering getting someone from the CARA (California Association of Retired Americans Group for the 2nd.</p>	July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017		Completed
	July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018		Continued