

MARIN COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING
Legislative Task Force Meeting
Friday, January 5, 2018

MEETING SUMMARY

Present: Ellie Bloch, Allan Bortel, Sybil Boutilier, Teri Dowling, Diana López, Noreen McKeon; staff Jenay Cottrell and Michele McCabe

- Co-chair Bloch welcomed the members present at the meeting.
- No Legislative Aides were present. No reports were given.
- The Co-chairs did not give a report.
- The Legislative Process proposal was reviewed, discussed and voted on. The vote was 5 in favor with 1 abstention. The Proposal is passed and will be used for 2018. After the Legislative Session is over, the process will be evaluated by members. The Proposal is attached to these meeting notes.
- Objectives were discussed for FY 2018-2019. The Task Force reviewed the work completed in December and finalized the objectives. The objectives are attached to these meeting notes. They will now be sent to the Planning Commission for review at their meeting on January 11, 2018.
- The CSL top 10 were passed until the February meeting. Staff will send the top 10 to all members for review. (Done 1/8/2018)
- The Fair COLA for Senior Act HR2896 was discussed but problematic to understand. Boutilier will do some research and report back at the next meeting.

Next Meeting: Friday, February 2, 2018

Proposal to Redirect the Focus of the COA – Legislative Task Force (LTF)

December 1, 2017

Passed 1-5-2018 by the Legislative Task Force

The Legislative Task Force has been reviewing all proposed legislation that pertains exclusively to Older Adults. This requires reviewing, tracking and prioritizing some 70-100 bills each legislative session. (2 years)

This proposal for 2018 would ask that the LTF pick a few major areas that it wishes to focus on and advocate for in the calendar year. The goal would be to give the LTF the opportunity to work more in depth on bills that would have the potential to have the greatest impact in Marin. This approach would also streamline the process, lessening the amount of bills Commissioners would need to read and follow and decreasing the amount of staff time required to print out, circulate and track developments on 70 – 100 bills. Staff would share with the LTF information published by CWDA, N4A and C4A on the bills these organizations support. Additionally, the Commission would support bills brought forth by CSL members.

Before choosing the subject areas, the LTF aligns with the latest AAA Area Plan to help determine what is of concern to the older adults of Marin County. The top six concerns as identified by the latest needs assessment are:

- Falls
- Memory/Cognition
- Isolation/Depression
- Financial Security
- Financial Abuse and Crime
- End of Life Planning

The LTF may also discuss policy areas with other older adult groups in the county including the California Senior Legislature, the Marin Commission on Aging (COA), Age-Friendly communities and the Aging Action Initiative. The policy areas should line up with the current year objectives and those objectives proposed for the next fiscal year. The LTF will be able to study the issues in depth and advocate more successfully. The year's activities may include the following:

- Identifying, studying and tracking state bills that pertain to the subject area
- Advocating at the local level
- Writing letters of support
- Attending and testifying at hearings in Sacramento

- Engaging the assistance of the other COA committees or the entire Commission on Aging when appropriate.
- Aligning with the County of Marin's Legislative Platform and Plan
- Aligning with the Health and Human Services External Strategic Plan

This approach should be more effective, efficient, and more aligned with the concerns of the constituents that the COA represents.

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 Service Providers regarding important senior legal issues when "Aging in Place."	July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018 Postpone Until FY 2018-19		New
The MCCOA Legislative Task Force will sponsor a Commission on Aging presentation by Legal Service Providers regarding important senior legal issues.	July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019		Revise

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. Completed and Renew for 2018-2019	July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018		New

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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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<p>3c. The MCCOA Legislative Task Force will sponsor a Commission on Aging presentation regarding key policy and legislative issues. Completed and Renew for 2018-2019</p> <p>The MCCOA Legislative Task Force will sponsor a Commission on Aging presentation regarding key policy and legislative issues.</p>	<p>July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017</p>		<p>Completed</p>
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	<p>July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019</p>		<p>Continued</p>
<p>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. Completed and Renew for 2018-2019</p> <p>By December 31, 2018, the MCCOA Legislative Task Force will have a policy discussion with at least two of the three State and Federal Legislators representing Marin County.</p>	<p>July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018</p>		<p>New</p>
	<p>July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019</p>		<p>Continued</p>

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. Completed and Renew for 2018-2019</p> <p>By the May 2019 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.</p>	July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017		Completed
	July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018		Revised
	July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019		Continued
<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. Completed and Revised for 2018-2019</p> <p>The MCCOA Legislative Task Force will recruit and retain at least one new members from the public to advocate for legislation affecting older adults and the disabled. Completed and Revised for 2018-2019</p>	July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017		Completed
	July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018		Completed Revised