

COMMITTEE: EXECUTIVE	MAY 21, 2018	LOCATION: 10 NORTH SAN PEDRO ROAD, RM 1018
PRESENT MEMBERS: Chris Asimos, Ellie Bloch, Teri Dowling, Salamah Locks, Jenay Cottrell, Jody Timms, Ralph Marchese PUBLIC: Linda Jackson		
EXCUSED: Marianne York, Sybil Boutilier, Francie Bedinger, Lee Pullen ABSENT:		
RECORDER: Gary Lara		
Next Meeting: 10 N. San Pedro Rd., Conference Room 1018 - Monday, June 25, 2018		

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<p><u>Call to Order</u></p> <p>Chair Locks called the meeting to order at 10:32 a.m.</p> <p><u>Agenda</u></p> <p>The May 21, 2018 agenda was approved as written.</p> <p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p>The April 23, 2018 minutes were approved as written.</p>	

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Public Comment:

None

Chair's Report:

Chair Locks reported the following:

1) *Engage at Every Age!*, May Health Event Debrief:

Locks reviewed the program evaluations and Q&A cards with the planning committee and noted feedback was mostly positive. Overall people enjoyed the day. Locks noted that moving forward, now is the time to start looking at options for speakers, topics and meeting venues for next year.

Commissioner Bloch expressed interest in reaching a more diverse audience for the May 2019 presentation and suggested looking at venues in Marin City. Locks noted that age diversity was well represented by the nursing staff who attended the May health event.

Program Manager Jenay Cottrell also enjoyed the program and noted the information around dementia and reversing the illness was encouraging.

2) Public Comment Period for Mental Health Services Act (MHSA):

Before commencing the discussion on this topic, Locks commented that her "vision" has come to fruition. The four objectives set by the Executive Committee has been accomplished and the 11 cities and towns in Marin have been designated age-friendly or are in the process.

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Locks announced the County of Marin is seeking public comment on the Mental Health Service Act (MHSA) Plans. The 30-day public comment period is from Saturday, May 12, 2018 through Monday, June 11, 2018. The public hearing for the MHSA FY 2018-19 Annual Update and Spending Plan will take place at the Mental Health Board Meeting on Tuesday, June 12, 2018 at 6:00pm at 20 N. San Pedro Rd. in San Rafael in the Point Reyes Conference Room. The public is welcome.

This annual update also includes the Spending Plan in response to AB114 and updated budgets for each affected component to reflect the changes discussed in the Spending Plan.

Also of interest to this group is opposing SB 1004; Prevention and Early Intervention (Wiener) which would amend the Mental Health Services Act by requiring a county to focus the prevention and early intervention portion of its local plan on the priorities established by the MHSA commission.

Commissioner Dowling commented that a focus group is meeting on May 24 to review the MHSA Plan. This meeting is by invitation only and takes place from 8:45am to 10:00am at 20 N. San Pedro Rd. in the Mount Tam conference room.

Program Coordinator Michele McCabe briefly attended this meeting to update the executives on the priorities of the Legislative Committee. McCabe noted there are six bills that should do with MHSA, one that relates to funding for mental health prevention in children and adults; however, it is important that older adults not be left out of the funding. The Legislative Committee will write letters in response to each of the bills. Commissioner Bortel has already written a letter in response to one of these bills but Commissioners Locks and Asimos felt Bortel's letter should be sent by him as an individual; not as a response representing the Commission on Aging.

McCabe noted the Legislative Committee will be meeting on Friday, June 1 to conduct an

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analysis of the six bills. Commissioner Locks would like to draft a response letter to each one of the bills related to MHSA.

Commissioner Dowling noted that “dry” letters don’t get any attention and the importance of “tone” and “heart.” Commissioner Bloch wasn’t sure how many advocacy letters are read but the number of letters received can really make a difference.

Commissioner Bloch invited Linda Jackson to the next Legislative Committee meeting on June 1 to hear Jackson’s feedback on these legislative priorities.

Director’s Report:

Program Manager Jenay Cottrell reported on the following items on behalf of Director Pullen who is currently on vacation.

- 1) The contract for dementia care and coordination with Jewish Family and Children’s Services has been executed. Thanks to Commissioner Asimos for serving on the RFP review panel.
- 2) Registered dietician Natalie Krelle-Zeponi is on contract through June 30. Her contract work will be extended with the county through July. Six candidates will be scheduled to interview for the registered dietician position on the mornings of June 1 and 4.
- 3) Dan Steckline has been offered the new program coordinator position for the ombudsman. Thanks to Commissioner Silverman for participating as a panel member on the oral board.
- 4) More information regarding legislation will be forthcoming around the State budget regarding nutrition.
- 5) Health and Human Services will be offering a “Learning Lab” featuring Dr. Brooke Hollister on

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Monday, June 4 from 2:00 to 4:00pm at the Health and Wellness campus. Gary will resend the information to the Commission. This forum is the first installment of a three-part series.

- 6) There will be a new group photo taken of the Commission on Aging at the next meeting at the San Geronimo Valley Community Center on June 7 around 11:00 a.m. A reminder will be sent with the agenda.
- 7) Age-friendly will hold its first advisory convening on Wednesday, June 20. Cottrell, Pullen and program coordinator Cynthia Seymour will participate. This meeting is by invitation only. Staff have already met individually with representatives from five county departments.
- 8) Discussion is currently ongoing regarding the topic, speaker and location for the July 5 Commission meeting. Coordinator Dietz will need the summer and fall meeting information for the next issue of Great Age by July.

Action Items:

None

Discussion Items:

July 5th Commission meeting (topic and location):

Commissioner Locks noted this needs high priority including determining meeting venues for next fiscal year. Commissioner Marchese provided an update since Secretary Bedinger was unable to be present at today's meeting. Marchese noted that the Marin Coalition, <https://marincoalition.org/> and the Marin Civil Grand Jury were two topics of interest to the Commission. Marchese would like to engage with the Marin Civil Grand Jury to learn more about the "evolution" of their report and to have an ongoing relationship with them.

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Locks reported that Chandrika Zager, Senior Program Coordinator of the MHSA Prevention and Early Intervention team would like to speak to the Commission about their plans to spend MHSA innovation dollars on the needs of older adults. Locks noted since this topic is reflective of the Commission’s goals, this should be a priority for the July meeting calendar. Commissioner Bloch made a motion to invite Ms. Zager to the July 5 meeting. Motion passed.

Commissioner Dowling noted the county has a new Director of Mental Health Services, Dr. Jei Africa, and that it would be a good idea to have him speak at the July meeting as a second presenter providing an update on addressing the needs of older adults, since Chandrika’s presentation is expected to be around 20 minutes.

The executives agreed to invite Dr. Africa to be the second presenter at the meeting of July 5. Locks will follow-up. Commissioner Bloch suggested Temple Rodef Shalom in San Rafael for the venue. Bloch will follow-up.

Locks noted the next Executive Committee meeting will need to focus on finalizing the Commission meeting calendar for FY 2018-19. Currently, September will be scheduled in Marin City with “intergenerational” activities as the topic. A legislative update will be scheduled in December. The months of October and November still need further discussion. This item is tabled for the meeting of June 25.

Committee Reports:

Planning: Commissioner Timms was present but had no report. Their next meeting is Wednesday, May 23.

Health and Nutrition: Commissioner Asimos noted their next meeting will be scheduled in June and

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they will discuss the intergenerational program. The committee also plans to distribute the Institute on Aging materials recently obtained by Chair Locks.

Housing and Transportation: Commissioner Marchese made note of Regional Ballot Measure (RM3) which would alter the transportation budget if approved since it would increase tolls across all bay area bridges.

Marchese noted Commissioner Bortel wishes to remain as the Commission representative on the Transportation Authority Committee.

The committee will work on the housing report to identify numbers of actual housing units occupied by older adults that are available for adaptive reuse.

Legislative: Co-Chair Bloch noted over 600 people attended Senior Legislative Day but was disappointed by the lack of riders on the bus chartered to take people to Sacramento for the event.

New Business/Other:

None

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

The next meeting is Monday, June 25, 2018 from 10:30 a.m. - noon.