

COMMITTEE: GENERAL	DATE: FEBRUARY 7, 2019	LOCATION: WHISTLESTOP
<p>PRESENT: Bradley, Bloch, Bortel, Boutilier, Brilliant, Dowling, Gunn, Hagerty, Lamorte, Locks, López, Marchese, Monson, Silverman, Turner, Timms, Weingarten</p> <p>EXCUSED: Asimos, Kwentus, Livoti, Saffran, Zeller</p> <p>VACANT: District 2</p>		
RECORDER: Amy Dietz		
NEXT MEETING: Sausalito City Hall		

MINUTE SUMMARY	ACTION TAKEN/RESPONSIBLE PARTY
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<p>Call to Order: Chair Locks called the meeting to order at 11:13 a.m.</p> <p>Approval of Agenda The agenda of February 7, 2019 was approved as written.</p> <p>Approval of the Minutes The minutes of January 3, 2019 were amended to include Commissioner Lamorte as part of the committee for the COA May event.</p>	
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Open Time for Public Expression:

- Joshua Bongawil, Project Manger of RAMS, introduced himself as the lead for the contract with Marin Behavioral Health Recovery Services (MHRS) to oversee the Mental Health Services Act Innovation grant focused on the needs of older adults. He will be working closely with Galen and Chandrika at BHRS. He plans to provide additional updates at the March 7 MCCOA meeting, including plans for focus groups to test proposed software.

Chair’s Report: Chair Locks reported on the following:

- Thanked Linda Jackson and Commissioner Hagerty for their work on the well attended and successful JADU Expo. It was attended by 130 people with 30 exhibitors. There are two additional expos being planned in the coming months, March 30 in Novato and another TBD in southern Marin.
- She attended the BOS meeting on 2/6/19 regarding whether communities should have a voice in the FCC placing 5g antennas and energy lines within their areas. She was there until 10 p.m. She passed around related materials for commissioners to review.
- She alerted commissioners that there is a new telephone scam in which the caller id is listed as Social Security ID and asks for people’s social security numbers.
- The BOS will be reviewing the new HHS Strategic Plan on February 12. Chair Locks and Commissioner Dowling will be present. She encouraged commissioners to read the document and come to give public comments as individuals, not as members of the commission. She emphasized that the commission has not taken an official stance on the plan. Director Pullen interjected that staff would send the plan to all commissioners later in the day
- The May Health Event committee, including herself and Commissioners Marchese, Lamorte, Lopez, and Silverman, met. Vice Chair Marchese will report on the meeting.

Vice Chair’s Report: Vice Chair Marchese reported the following:

- The May Health Event will take place on May 2 from 9:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the Four Points Sheraton in a room that can accommodate 200 people. The decision was made to not have the event at the Marin Art and Garden Center again as the room was crowded and

parking was difficult. The event will focus on: 1. The impact of hearing loss on older adults and 2. Oral health. Lunch will be served. Last year the cost to attend the event was \$20. The committee is considering raising it to \$25. Marchese petitioned each member of the commission to be involved as there is a great amount of work to be done. Further, he asked for input from each of the committees. There will be a sign-up sheet for day-of responsibilities including greeting, set-up, etc.

Action Items:

- Implementation of State Bill AB 2132
 - Commissioner Boutilier, Co -Chair of the Legislative Committee, provided background on AB 2132, which was inspired by Sausalito's Age-Friendly Building Permit Waiver and was signed by Governor Brown on September 14, 2018. It states that cities and counties are authorized to waive or reduce building permit fees for accessible changes to their dwellings for persons 60 years of age or older with a disability. She stated that the term “disability” in this case encompassed nearly any functional limitation. Cities and counties must implement their own ordinances to implement it. Speaking on behalf of the Legislative Committee, she proposed that the Marin County Commission on Aging continue their engagement in support of this bill and make a formal recommendation to the Board of Supervisors that they adopt an ordinance to implement AB 2132 in Marin County. This would only affect the unincorporated areas of Marin.
 - Commissioner Lamorte seconded.
 - Discussion:
 - Commissioner Weingarten asked if there was opposition to implementation. Boutilier stated that there had been none, and that builders and stakeholders were in support. It passed unanimously in the Assembly and the Senate.
 - Director Pullen asked if it was the plan of the MCCOA to work with the BOS office to put on the BOS agenda should this pass. Answer: yes.
 - Passed unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Ad-Hoc Bylaws (Brilliant):

- Will report on their progress to the Executive Committee.

Health and Nutrition (Locks):

- Chair Locks reported that the committee created new objectives for FY 19/20.
- The committee is working on plans for the June MCCOA meeting.

Housing and Transportation (Marchese):

- The next meeting's agenda will include discussion on making recommendations for plans and innovations given that funding is secured for such measures following the last election.
- He complimented the work and the success of today's JADU Expo and stated that the committee would continue to work with Commissioner Hagerty to broaden its reach.
- The committee created new objectives for FY 19/20. There may be additional objectives added pending conversations with Commissioners Bloch and Bortel, who were not at the last meeting.

Legislative Committee: Co-Chair Bloch reported on the following:

- There has not been any response from Holden's office as to whether he will again support her accessible toilet bill. She will be working locally to add accessible toilets to the Civic Center.
- The bills that were picked up this year affecting older adults (do not have associated number yet), include: Transportation services for seniors and the disabled to get to medical appointments; Fall safe housing; Labeling of prescription drugs; Medical assisted living programs; Veterans affordable rental housing.
- The March MCCOA meeting, "Legal Services for Older Adults," will take place in Sausalito and speakers will include David from Legal Aid of Marin and someone from the Bar Association.

Planning (Brilliant): Chair Brilliant reported the following:

- Asked if all committees had turned in their objectives for FY 19/20. Legislative committee has yet to do so.
- Announced that all commissioners need to take a brief anonymous demographic survey for the Area Plan. She passed out paper versions and asked that commissioners write their names on the envelop to indicate that they had completed it. All other commissioners will be sent a link to the survey.
- The next meeting will take place on February 26 from 12 – 1:30 p.m.

Aging Action Initiative (AAI) Update (Linda Jackson):

- Thanked Commissioner Hagerty, the commission and AAA staff for their assistance in publicizing, staffing, and making copies for the JADU Expo. The next one is scheduled to take place on March 30 in Novato from 10:00 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- The Detect and Connect program had 7 applications for the outreach coordinator position.
- On March 16, author Ashton Applewhite will be having a book signing at 4 p.m. at Book Passage in Corte Madera. Whistlestop will be hosting a party for her to take place before or after the signing.
- AAI is looking to add more members to its steering committee.
- At the last steering committee, members discussed the new HHS Strategic Plan and expressed disappointment that there was little mention of older adults. The AAI steering committee discussed exploring more formal collaboration/ partnership with the AAA and MCCOA.
- The AAI annual convening will take place on April 30 in Tiburon.

Age-Friendly Update:

- Commissioner Timms noted the Age-Friendly Task Force met earlier today from 9 – 10 a.m. Ten people attended. The next meeting is scheduled for February 19.
- Director Pullen stated that the assessment process would take place over the next 2-3 months. Surveys are currently being distributed. Focus groups will take place soon under the guidance of Collaborative Consulting. The Advisory Committee will meet on March 20. The goal is to have a plan by mid-summer.

Director's Report (Pullen):

- The Older Economic Security Summit was very successful.
- The AAA is in the final stages of recruiting and hiring a Senior Program Coordinator.
- He thanked the commissioners for attending program monitoring's with AAA staff.
- Capitol Day will take place on February 28 from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. All AAAs send representatives to hear from various people in the legislature and speak to what they hope to have happen in the coming year. He encouraged commissioners to attend.

Commissioner Updates:

Bloch (CSL): The CSL is trying to put together another rally day in Sacramento. The CSL is asking the legislature to fund the one staff person's salary.

Boutilier (City of Sausalito): Age-friendly Sausalito is working to make age-friendly fitness zones and walking paths at Martin Luther King Park. They are working with the business community and Chamber of Commerce to be more age-friendly.

Bradley (City of Belvedere): She is working on the AARP application for becoming age-friendly and asked for support from those who have completed it.

Brilliant (City of Mill Valley): Mill Valley is planning an Age-friendly fair and would like support from the MCCOA. The Parks and Recreation Department is offering programs and classes for seniors.

Gunn (District 5): She discussed the controversy surrounding the intergenerational mural in Novato that was commissioned by Age-friendly Novato. It is currently covered at Margaret Todd Senior Center following widespread criticism. She and Commissioner Hagerty are working on it and proposing next steps.

Hagerty (District 5): None.

Lamorte (City of San Anselmo): The first age-friendly meeting was very successful.

Locks (City of San Rafael): There will be a city council meeting on February 11 with information on wildfire prevention and planning.

López (District 1): Persons with Medicare Advantage plans will have an opportunity to change their plans through March 31. The Age-friendly San Rafael Task Force will be distributing surveys from late February – March 15 and will be moving forward with conducting focus groups.

Marchese (District 4): The Corte Madera Town Council has a majority that are supportive of age-friendly activities. Because of the maturation of programs there will be some resistance. He stated that it was incumbent on commissioners to reach out to their appointing representatives.

Monson (District 4): He stated that the MCCOA should have representation on the steering committee to select a new director of HHS.

Silverman (District 3): He is excited to work with more age-friendly activities in his area.

Timms: Age-friendly Fairfax has a large demand for yoga classes funded by the town and a grant from MCF. She asked that there be an opportunity to apply for additional funding. She, staff member Dietz, AAA RD Katherine Kielich, and representatives from the SGVCC Congregate lunch met with residents at the Bennet House in Fairfax this week to discuss the possibility of starting a congregare lunch. Approximately 15 people attended and were willing to pilot the program. Dietz will set a meeting in late February to schedule a volunteer orientation.

Turner (District 3): There will be an older adult committee in the Community Services District.

Weingarten (District 2): He underscored what Commissioner Lamorte said re: Age-friendly San Anselmo. He also praised the Older Adult Economic Security Summit.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

The next meeting will be on March 7, 2019 at Sausalito City Hall.