

<b>COMMITTEE: GENERAL</b>	<b>DATE: MARCH 7, 2019</b>	<b>LOCATION: SAUSALITO CITY HALL</b>
<p><b>PRESENT:</b> Bloch, Boutilier, Bradley, Brilliant, Dowling, Gunn, Hagerty, Kwentus, Lamorte, Livoti, Locks, López, Marchese, Monson, Overberger, Silverman, Turner, Timms, Weingarten, Zeller</p> <p><b>EXCUSED:</b> Asimos, Bortel, Saffran</p> <p><b>VACANT:</b> None</p>		
<b>RECORDER:</b> Amy Dietz		
<b>NEXT MEETING:</b> San Rafael Community Center		

MINUTE SUMMARY	ACTION TAKEN/RESPONSIBLE PARTY
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<p><b>Call to Order:</b> Chair Locks called the meeting to order at 11:20 a.m.</p> <p><b>Approval of Agenda</b> The agenda of March 7, 2019 was approved as written.</p> <p><b>Approval of the Minutes</b> The minutes of February 7, 2019 were approved as written.</p>	
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**Open Time for Public Expression:**

- Joshua Bongawil, Project Manager 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. His position is to vet and evaluate software on mobile devices that might be helpful for older adults. From the end of this month through April, there will be focus groups to look at the technology at venues including WMSS and JFCS.
- Kathryn Filly, Volunteer Driver Program Coordinator at Whistlestop, introduced herself. The program provides rides for disabled people or those over 65. They are actively seeking volunteer drivers; there are currently 20 active drivers. She asked that commissioners promote the program and placed flyers at the back of the room.

**Chair's Report:** Chair Locks reported on the following:

- March is Women's History Month and National Nutrition Month.
- Ashton Applewhite, author of "This Chair Rocks: How Ageism Warps Our View of Long Life" will have a Q and A at the Marin Champions of the Movement celebration to be held at Whistlestop on March 16 at 1:30 p.m.
- May Health Forum: Paul Glassman will speak on oral health and Jesse Johnson will speak on hearing loss. It will take place on May 2, 2019 from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the Four Points Sheraton in Terra Linda. Lunch will be served.

**Vice Chair's Report:** Vice Chair Marchese reported the following:

- Had a meeting with Supervisor Kate Sears to discuss housing efforts, including the possibility of collaborating with a group from Harvard's Executive Leadership Program to ascertain whether Marin can be a focus of one of their projects.
- He and Commissioner Monson will meet with Supervisor Rodoni for a report on the activities of the Year of the Older Adult.
- Commissioner Bloch is arranging for him to meet with Senator Maguire re: housing.

- Paul Glassman is a scheduled speaker for the May Health Forum, and would also like to become more involved with the work of the MCCOA.

**Action Items:**

- Approve request for Commission table at Kentfield/ Greenbrae Heritage Day on 5/4/19
  - Discussion: Commissioner Timms mentioned that there will also be a table for Age-Friendly.
  - Commissioner Bloch made a motion to approve. Commissioner Lamorte seconded. Passed with unanimous approval.
- Approve recommendations for Commission's response to the H&HS Strategic Plan
  - Commissioner Boutilier made a motion to approve. Commissioner Lamorte seconded. Passed with unanimous approval.
  - Commissioner Dowling recognized the work of the ad hoc committee that drafted the letter.
  - Next steps: Chair Locks will read the letter during the public comment section of the next Board of Supervisors meeting and will then distribute the letter on behalf of the MCCOA. Each commissioner appointed by a Supervisor should schedule a meeting with them in the next couple of weeks to discuss the letter; a script with talking points will be provided. Commissioners are then asked to write up a summary of the meeting and send to the ad hoc committee.
  - Director Pullen stated that AAA staff would send the letter tomorrow morning.
- Approval of AAI/AAA/COA/Age-Friendly Collaboration
  - Commissioner Dowling stated that there was a feeling that the MCCOA would do well to partner more strongly with other organizations focusing on older adults and decide what all wanted to work/ focus on.
  - Commissioner Kwentus stated that this would likely be the focus of the commissioner retreat.
  - Commissioner Dowling made a motion to approve. Commissioner Bloch seconded. Passed with unanimous approval.

## Committee Reports:

### Health and Nutrition (Locks):

- 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 transportation plans and innovations, given that funding is secured following the last election.
- The Housing and Transportation Committee will prioritize consolidating different initiatives.
- Commissioner Hagerty stated that there would be another JADU Expo on Saturday, March 30 at Novato City Hall.

### Legislative:

Co-Chair Bloch reported on the following:

- CSL has eight bills moving forward, six of which are housing bills. These are: SB50, SB330, AB725, AB1279, AB68 and SB4.
- Governor Newsom appointed Maria Shriver as the head of an Alzheimer's task force.
- CSL is requesting \$420,000 for staffing. She asked that commissioners send letters or faxes by tomorrow in support. AAA staff will send a template. She recommended that they do not call.
- Commissioner López stated that she came away from Capital Day with a good impression of the future with a new governor.
- Sacramento is working on a master plan re: person centered care, housing and transportation, and brain health. Other priorities include prescription drug prices, paid family leave and changes in CalFresh.

Co-Chair Boutilier reported on the following:

- Senate Bill 512 is a budget bill re: long-term care insurance that has been put forward at the Senate and the Assembly. It is moving through the budget process.
- Since the February 2019 minutes were approved, commissioners can now go to the BOS to make recommendations for the County of Marin to adopt AB 2132. She will follow-up with Supervisor Sears.

Planning (Brilliant): Chair Brilliant reported the following:

- Met last week, next meeting is March 26 to finalize the presentation of the Area Plan.

**Age-Friendly Update:**

- Commissioner Timms stated that 15 people attended the last Age-Friendly Exchange meeting. Ten people attended today's meeting.
- Director Pullen stated that the assessment process for County of Marin Age-Friendly is currently taking place. The advisory committee will be meeting on March 20 to review preliminary results. Focus groups will take place in the unincorporated areas during the next three months.

**Director's Report (Pullen):**

- Thanked Florence deLosada for her assistance at the MCCOA meetings over the past few months.
- Introduced Mandy Reyes, the new AAA Senior Program Coordinator.
- Stated that the Aging Action Initiative convening is scheduled to take place on April 30.
- The April MCCOA meeting will be the Public Hearing for the Area Plan FY 19/20 Update.
- C4A has two big asks this year: 1. Increase budget for nutrition across the state; 2. Adopt and implement the implementation of the Community Living Act.

**Commissioner Updates:**

Bloch (CSL): Commissioner Bortel is doing well following his surgery.

Boutilier (City of Sausalito): Sausalito is working on age-friendly park features in Martin Luther King Jr. Park, including a walking path, pickleball courts and an age-friendly fitness zone. Also working with the business community to promote age-friendly commerce (lighting, seating, etc.)

Dowling (City of Ross): April 30 is the Aging Action Initiative convening.

Hagerty (District 5): Provided an update on the Novato Age-Friendly mural. Stated that they would be working with the student artists of Novato Unified to restore the mural to their original intentions.

Lamorte (City of San Anselmo): San Anselmo submitted its age-friendly application. She thanked Commissioner Timms for all her support. As a result of promoting age-friendly practices, San Anselmo's recruiting process for a new hire in its Recreation Department includes looking at the needs of older adults.

Livoti (City of Novato): Carol Anne Moore has retired from Covia and was replaced by Karen Strolia. Karen Strolia plans to bring more volunteers, educational opportunities, workshops and expanded services to Margaret Todd.

Locks (City of San Rafael): Attended the last San Rafael City Council meeting.

Monson (District 4) Attended a community forum in West Marin with Senator McGuire and Supervisor Rodoni re: the impacts of increased tourism. She recommended that older adults be involved in the planning process and proposed solutions.

Overberger (District 2): Introduced herself to the commission.

Timms (City of Fairfax): A just cause eviction ordinance was passed in Fairfax last night. The parkade is also being rebuilt.

Weingarten (District 2): Stated that he was glad to be a part of the age-friendly work happening in San Anselmo.

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

The next meeting will be on April 4, 2019 at the San Rafael Community Center.

