

COMMITTEE: GENERAL	DATE: JUNE 6, 2019	LOCATION: MARGARET TODD SENIOR CENTER
<p>PRESENT: Asimos, Bloch, Bortel, Bradley, Brilliant, Kwentus, Lamorte, Livoti, Locks, López, Marchese, Monson, Saffran, Silverman, Timms, Weingarten, Zeller</p> <p>EXCUSED: Boutilier, Dowling, Gunn, Hagerty, Turner</p> <p>VACANT: District 2</p>		
RECORDER: Mandy Reyes		
NEXT MEETING: Thursday, July 11, 2019 - Tiburon Town Hall		

MINUTE SUMMARY	ACTION TAKEN/RESPONSIBLE PARTY
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<p>Call to Order: Chair Locks called the meeting to order at 11:21 a.m.</p> <p>Approval of Agenda The agenda of June 6, 2019 was approved as written.</p> <p>Approval of the Minutes The minutes of April 4, 2019 were approved as written.</p>	
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Open Time for Public Expression:

None

Chair's Report:

Chair Locks reported on the following:

Announcements:

- June 11, 9 a.m.-11:00 p.m. at Whistlestop, KQED's Michael Krasny will be there.
- June 14, 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at Embassy Suites, World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEEAD) event.
- June 19 – first panel for interviewing for the HHS Director will begin.
- October 23, 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at Marin Center Exhibit Hall, Marin Senior Fair - theme is Viva Marin. The commission table theme will be 'Viva Las Vegas.' Please donate old decks of cards and other items for the booth that might go with this theme. Plan to dress to the theme if you are working the booth.

Locks thanked two retiring commissioners for their mentorship and service on the COA, Jim Monson and Beth Livoti. Both will stay on committees.

Locks attended a Triple-A Council of California (TACC) meeting on June 6. TACC is organizing and presenting a letter of advocacy priorities from individual communities. Next TACC meeting is Sept. 24-25 in Sacramento.

CA COA will be traveling around the state. June 18-19 they will be in Ventura, Aug (date TBD) they will be in San Jose, November (date TBD) they will be in Los Angeles County.

The HHS Executive Director search is on.

Carol Swell presented the budget report and the May Revise. COA might be interested in the following revisions:

- Master Plan on Aging – CSL Funding Request has been approved. The request will now be voted on by both floors and require approval of the Governor in the June 15th budget.
- HHS two-year restoration – permanently restored

- Whole Person Care pilot, \$20 million has been approved for Mental Health Services Act to expand Coordinated Care model to new counties.
- Restoration of Medi-Cal optical lab services
- Long-Term Care Ombudsman increase of general fund. Governor is expected to sign in the next couple of weeks.
- Nutrition funding for \$21 million was a one-time authorization for next two years
- CSL – \$300,000 approved per year for administrative activities and operations

Concerns are:

- the Older Adults Act needs its reauthorization. The funding can be continued but they don't have the wording for it yet.
- Department of Health and Human Services notified its staff that as of August 4 all staff must move to Washington DC. Request is to notify your respective legislatures and oppose.
- AARP provided a map of Age Friendly communities. There is encouragement from remaining PSAs who have not joined Age-Friendly to do so.

Vice Chair's Report:

None

Action Items:

Election of the officers for the fiscal year 2019-20 submitted by the Nominating Committee.

Bortel announced the nominees from the committee:

- President – Ralph Marchese
- Vice President - Diana López
- Secretary – Sue Kwentus

Bortel asked for nominations from the floor: None

Locks closed nomination and calls for the vote.

Nominees go forth as the new officers and their term begins July 1.

Committee Reports:

Health and Nutrition (Asimos):

- On May 14, Asimos and Bortel attended the Mental Health Services Act meeting. They got a report of the 2018-19 program and asked questions around the budget because the costs per person for services to older adults was very high compared to the cost per person for other programs. They are waiting to hear back. Bortel added that Victory Village was a recipient of funds from the Mental Health Services Act.
- On July 15, Health & Nutrition Committee is meeting to plan their next program focusing on ageism and self-image and how our it impacts the community and others.

Housing and Transportation (Marchese):

- Marchese noted that he will have to step down from chair because of the results of the election that just took place. He will confirm with Michael Hagerty that he would like to have his name in the hat for this open position.
- Bortel elaborated on a Housing meeting taking place on June 27th. It will be a gathering of all people supportive of affordable housing from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. at the Board of Education in Terra Linda.
- Linda Jackson from A.A.I. noted the Marin Environmental Housing Collaborative and the Housing Crisis Action Group are sponsoring a summit for organizations that want to work in this field. The summit will be on June 27 and they are inviting organizations to send up to three people.
- Bloch said that on June 2 there was an article in NY Times called 'Are We Fighting a War on Homelessness or a War on the Homeless?'. The article states that homelessness is a major problem and we need to do more advocacy here and across the nation.

Legislative: (Co-Chair Bloch):

- There is a Legislative meeting tomorrow to go over legislation. One bill Bloch wanted to share was AB 1481 (Protect renters from unfair evictions). Per Carole Mills, the author had to make concessions to appease the real estate industry, so rents can be hiked 7% of inflation and the bill is only good for three years, so the bill is not a perfect bill.
- The committee will be going over the bills to confirm their status.

Planning (Brilliant):

- There is a Planning meeting tomorrow at 11:00 a.m. They will be finalizing the details for the next Commission on Aging meeting on July 11 on Disaster Preparedness. Please invite as many people to attend the meeting as possible.
- The next Disaster Commission meeting is June 12, 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. at the Red Cross. The topic will be 'Anticipating Power Cuts in the County'.

Aging Action Initiative (AAI) Update:

- Commissioner Dowling announced that on July 31 the AAI Steering Committee will be having its annual retreat. They will be looking at recommending priority areas to focus advocacy on over the next year plus.
- The advocacy group that includes AAI, Commission on Aging, The Area Agency on Aging, Age-Friendly, and the new healthy partnership group now has a name. The name is AAI Advocacy Alliance_ Act and Connect.
- Linda Jackson added information about the Act and Connect program. Applications are out to apply to be a trainer. First workshop happened with San Francisco Food Bank. Great Age has an article on this program.

Age-Friendly Update:

- Commissioner Timms stated that COA, Age-Friendly and Marin Villages had a table at Bon Air on May 4. Age-Friendly will have a table at the Senior Fair on Oct. 23.
- Advocacy Alliance wants to know what you are advocating for and what would you like this group to advocate for.

Director's Report (Pullen):

- The Area Plan Update has moved forward. It's been approved by the Board of Supervisors and is waiting for final approval from the State. This may take 60-90 days.
- Mark Vanderscoff, the Program Manager over Adult Social Services programs has been promoted to Public Guardian; Pullen is in the recruitment process to replace him.
- World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEEAD) Event is Friday, June 14 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- It is looking hopeful that the assembly will vote to increase the budget for congregate meals.

- Pullen thanked all those departing and the current chair members for all their work in their roles on the Commission of Aging.

Director's Report (Cottrell):

- Novato Community Television recorded the presentation 'Mosaic of Family Caregiving' given this morning by Commissioners Sue Kwentus and Fred Silverman. It will be aired on the Novato Community Access Television channel 6.
- Pt. Reyes Light is working on a story about Jim Monson departing the commission. There is a quote from Salamah and Lee in the article.
- National n4a conference is happening the end of July. The Financial Abuse Specialist Team (FAST) will be receiving an award. Amy will propose to the Editorial Board that an article on this team and award be written in the next issue of the Great Age.

New Business: none

Commissioner Updates:

Lopez (District 1): Would like all the events sent out in their own list after the COA meetings. Thanked everyone for their votes.

Monson (District 4): Thanked everyone for allowing him the opportunity to serve on the committee.

Lavoti (City of Novato): Expressed gratitude for everything she has learned and noted how rewarding it has been to be on the committee.

Lamorte (City of San Anselmo): None

Saffran (City of Larkspur): None

Weingarten (District 2): A good response at the Bon Air event. Of questions, housing issues were primary. The task force is San Anselmo is moving along. Kay Cullman will be moving out of town

but her will successor will hopefully join the task force. There has been a lot of support from the town including budget support.

Marchese (District 4): Gave a statement of thanks for the support and for the vote as the new Chair of the Commission on Aging. For the upcoming year, he would like to do innovations with the commission that address opportunities that are beginning to emerge. He would like to combine efforts and make the COAs voices heard on behalf of the people counting on the COA. MGH has contacted him about Dementia and Alzheimer's care. They are looking for help to improve this area.

Locks (City of San Rafael): San Rafael had housing meeting regarding the increase for renters and if it should be 7% vs 5%. Locks encouraged the committee to go to their own city/town meetings because you learn about the issues that affect large portions of your community. She told the commission they have been stellar and that the state knows it.

Bortel (CSL): Stated that he brought it to the attention of the Senior Fair committee that a JADU be done in connection with the Senior Fair. Gave thanks to the chairs and congratulated the retiring commissioners.

Bloch (CSL): Thanked Salamah, Jim, Beth and welcomed new chairs.

Dowling (City of Ross): Stated the commission and the work they do is more and more recognized. She was asked by Health and Human Services to represent the COA on strategic plan meetings for suicide prevention.

Silverman (District 3): Stated that things are quieting down, and he is looking forward to trips to see family and friends.

Asimos (District 1): Thanked Salamah for her lively energy and ideas. Thanked Jim and Beth.

Timms (City of Fairfax): Added her voice and appreciation for all stepping down and those stepping up.

Fairfax has annual parade is this weekend. The last forum at the library in Fairfax was on emergency preparedness. She made a flyer on emergency tips and can send you if you want. The forum this month will be on transportation options; Marin Access will be there.

Brilliant (City of Mill Valley): Mentioned that her highlight last week was watching Amy Dietz perform in Ragtime. She is personally converting her basement into a JADU. Thanked Salamah and James and Beth for their work.

Zeller (City of Corte Madera): Extended appreciation for all those who are stepping down and what they brought to the table and those stepping up. Corte Madera had an event for the Intergenerational Community Program that has been going one year and has been very successful in terms of participation.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 12:31 p.m.

The next meeting will be on July 11, 2019 at Tiburon Town Hall.