

COMMITTEE: EXECUTIVE	SEPTEMBER 23, 2019	LOCATION: 10 NORTH SAN PEDRO ROAD, RM 1018
PRESENT MEMBERS: Ralph Marchese, Salamah Locks, Ellie Bloch, Girija Brilliant, Chris Asimos, Diana López, Sue Kwentus PUBLIC: Linda Jackson, Teri Dowling, Woody Weingarten, Allan Bortel STAFF: Gary Lara, Jenay Cottrell		
EXCUSED: Sybil Boutilier ABSENT:		
RECORDER: Gary Lara		
Next Meeting: 10 N. San Pedro Rd., Conference Room 1018 - Monday, October 21, 2019		

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<p><u>Call to Order</u></p> <p>Chair Marchese called the meeting to order at 10:33 a.m.</p> <p><u>Agenda</u></p> <p>The September 23, 2019 agenda was approved.</p> <p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p>The July 22, 2019 minutes were approved as written.</p>	

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Public Comment:

None

Chair's Report:

Nominating Committee: The Executive Committee nominated the following commissioners to act as the Nominating Committee for this fiscal year. Commissioners Asimos, Gunn and Weingarten will comprise the committee. Motion made. All in favor. Motion passed. The group will discuss amongst themselves who will act as chair.

New Commissioner Packet: Cottrell provided a brief background on the materials disseminated to new commissioners. Marchese would like to develop a more robust process in addition to developing additional support avenues for new commissioners. Commissioner Bloch would like to revisit the "buddy system," however, Commissioner Dowling didn't favor this nor did she see the value. Dowling noted overall it takes a full year for a new commissioner to be oriented.

Commissioner Brilliant felt a district map noting the areas governed by the five Board of Supervisors would be helpful.

Committee Quorums: A lengthy discussion ensued about committee attendance and participation. Some thoughts expressed were the following.

- The subcommittee chair could annually determine the meeting dates for the fiscal year in advance.
- Reminders for upcoming meetings sent at least a week in advance.
- When quorums are not met, have a discussion on agenda items without voting.
- Members should RSVP to the respective committee chair and Aging staff when they are unable

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to attend.

Commissioner López asked how can we move forward? What is the correct process? It was agreed the committee chairs will absorb this conversation and go from there. The overarching goal is to increase visibility and communication.

Medicare Seminars: Marchese would like to see the HICAP seminars better publicized. Commissioner Bortel noted that libraries hold these all year long. In light of this fact, it was agreed the Great Age newsletter would be a good avenue to disseminate this information. In addition, Linda Jackson noted the AAI email network has over 1,000 people signed up to receive information.

Senate Bill 5: Affordable Housing and Community Development Investment Program: Marchese noted this bill is a big topic of conversation. Commissioner Bloch asked to bring it forward and will invite legislative cosponsors.

Annual Health Forum: Marchese noted the commission would like to sponsor this event in May 2020. Locks noted she already has a speaker in mind by the name of Louise Aronson MD, MFA, Professor of Geriatrics at UCSF. Dr. Aronson’s interests include optimizing healthcare for older adults, medical education, reflective learning, integrative geriatrics, and public medical writing.

Some additional items brought up regarding the Annual Health Event were the following.

- Dr. Aronson is not available on May 7 but could present on May 14. The commission meeting date in May would need to be changed.
- Commissioner López would like to explore additional themes other than the one established by the ACLU for Older Americans Month.
- Commissioner Brilliant noted the importance of keeping overall expenses for this event in

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perspective.

- Bortel noted the San Rafael Community Center has a low price food selection.

Locks noted she will set up an ad-hoc committee to further develop the program.

Director’s Report:

Aging Program Manager Jenay Cottrell reported on behalf of Director Pullen who is away on vacation.

There are plans in the works to take a photo of the full commission after the October 3rd meeting at Marguerita C. Johnson Senior Center in Marin City. A reminder will be sent with the agenda.

Director Pullen had a great introductory meeting with new H&HS Director Benita McLarin.

Jenny Chacon, former Chief Strategy Officer is no longer with H&HS.

Cottrell attended the C4A Allied Annual Conference last week which included great discussions on the Master Plan for Aging, disaster preparedness and recovery and homelessness.

Discussion Items:

General Meeting Topics for February, March and June: Bortel noted that Joanna Huitt of Marin Transit is quite eager to present at an upcoming commission meeting. Any of the available months are suitable for her schedule.

Commissioner Asimos will query the Health and Nutrition Committee as to which month, February or March, is suitable for their next presentation.

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Commissioner Marchese would like to keep the month of June open on the calendar until further notice.

Retreat Action Items: Marchese noted there is a large list of items that will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Marin Civil Grand Jury: The executive team agreed to wait a year since there are no pressing topics to bring forward to the grand jury.

Committee Reports:

Legislative: Co-Chair Bloch provided an update on the following bills.

[SB 50](#) - Planning and Zoning: housing development: incentives: a letter of support has been written and is on the governor’s desk. This is a two-year bill.

[SB 5](#) - Affordable Housing and Community Development Investment Program: this bill is active and is enrolled.

[SB 309](#) - Personal Income Tax California Senior Citizen Advocacy Voluntary Tax Contribution Fund – this bill was presented to the governor and has passed.

Health and Nutrition: Commissioner Asimos noted the committee is meeting this afternoon. Their next commission presentation will either be on ageism or fall prevention.

The Mental Health Services Board is asking for more participation from the commission.

Housing and Transportation: Commissioner Bortel mentioned that LeeLee Thomas from the Marin County Community Development Agency spoke about the Coast Guard Housing project in Point Reyes

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Bortel also reminded everyone that the senior fair is next month. Locks took the opportunity to pass around the sign up sheet for booth duty.

The Aging Action Initiative (AAI) will have a booth at the Senior Fair representing Jr. Accessory Dwelling Units (JADU). Commissioners can volunteer to staff the table and speak to people about JADU's.

Planning: Commissioner Brilliant recently attended a disaster readiness conference on September 17th at the Osher Marin JCC. Brilliant is a member of the [Marin VOAD](#) which stands for voluntary organizations active in disaster.

Their next meeting is Friday, September 27th. The committee will be reviewing the results of the older adult telephone survey.

New Business/Other:

Gary noted the City of Novato has four prospective candidates in consideration for the commission seat vacancy. The city will conduct interviews in early October.

The vacancy in District 2 is still under recruitment.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 12:07 p.m. The next meeting is Monday, October 21, 2019 from 10:30 a.m. - noon.