

COMMITTEE: EXECUTIVE	JANUARY 27, 2020	LOCATION: 10 NORTH SAN PEDRO ROAD, RM 1018
PRESENT MEMBERS: Ralph Marchese, Salamah Locks, Girija Brilliant, Chris Asimos, Diana López, Allan Bortel, Sybil Boutilier, Sue Kwentus PUBLIC: Linda Jackson, Fred Silverman STAFF: Gary Lara, Lee Pullen		
EXCUSED: ABSENT:		
RECORDER: Gary Lara		
Next Meeting: 10 N. San Pedro Rd., Conference Room 1018 - Monday, February 24, 2020		

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<p><u>Call to Order</u></p> <p>Chair Marchese called the meeting to order at 10:36 a.m.</p> <p><u>Agenda</u></p> <p>The January 27, 2020 agenda was approved.</p> <p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p>The November 25, 2019 minutes were approved after noting Commissioner Dowling should be recorded as a member of the public.</p> <p>Revisions were made to the director's report on page 3 in regard to the section that pertains to the</p>	

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attendance count for the May 2019 Annual Health event; “attendance was very underwhelming dropping from 142 the previous year to just over 69 persons.”

Public Comment:

Linda Jackson noted the Aging Action Initiative (AAI) is hosting a candidate forum in conjunction with the League of Women Voters on Wednesday, February 5th at 3:30p.m. at Whistlestop. There are three prospective candidates from the Town of Ross and three from the City of Mill Valley.

The AAI is hosting its annual convening on Tuesday, April 28th at the Embassy Suites in San Rafael. This is an all day event.

On behalf of Commissioner Timms, López announced Heritage Day at the Bon Aire Center in Greenbrae on Saturday, May 2nd.

An [Age-friendly Birthday Celebration](#) will be held at the San Rafael Community Center on Sunday, February 9th from 3:00 to 4:30p.m.

Chair’s Report:

Marchese is working on the second half of the changes discussed during the debrief that took place after the commissioner retreat last fall.

Marchese would like to resume having a check in meeting with the H&HS director. These meetings will include López and Pullen.

Commissioner Bloch’s passing leaves a large void. A replacement will be discussed.

Boutilier noted the commission needs to schedule the opening in the California Senior Legislature

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(CSL). This needs to take place by May 31st. The Chair of the commission is allowed to make the appointment. Pullen has additional information from the CSL pertaining to the process.

Bortel has informed the executive director of the CSL of Commissioner Bloch's passing. John Pointer of the Joint Rules Committee will make a comment.

At the next General commission meeting, Marchese would like to set up the commissioner name cards based on their appointment roles; e.g., by District and city/town.

The Ad Hoc Committee met recently to address formalization of community outreach and development. The committee needs to look at how to disseminate information and how to get more people to participate.

Director's Report:

Director Pullen reported on the following.

Age-Friendly County of Marin:

The presentation will take place at the Board of Supervisors' chambers on Tuesday, January 28th. The updated plan was emailed to the commission last week.

Pullen had meetings recently with Supervisors Rodoni, Rice and the Board aides to discuss the plan and its implementation, in particular three recommendations included in the plan:

- 1) The county plan have a staff point person to coordinate action.
- 2) Formation of a Board subcommittee for oversight.
- 3) Ongoing involvement from the commission in order to keep up with the progress and provide advice as needed.

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Jackson noted it will take some time to hire a staff person but nevertheless it is fabulous to have the support from government on this level.

Budgets:

Advocacy efforts have finally increased funding for nutrition programs. The budget for congregate sites is around \$700,000. Funding is being increased by \$229,000 and will continue through 2023.

We would like to see more congregate sites. Pullen noted the department is going to have five day emergency meal kits distributed to home delivered meal clients and congregate diners.

Locks would like to raise awareness about West Marin. Boutilier asked if a second vendor could be employed if Good Earth cannot expand capacity. Bortel noted West Marin Point Reyes has a congregate site with a huge turnout.

Discussion Items:

In Memorium: Commissioner Ellie Bloch:

Marchese requested a moment of silence in honor of Commissioner Bloch's passing. Afterwards, commissioners expressed personal sentiments.

Annual Health Forum:

Marchese noted the planning committee for the annual health forum met last week in order to frame a discussion around its purpose and to see if there was energy and interest in continuing the tradition. After a lengthy conversation, the executives made a motion to bring the discussion of whether or not to have an annual health forum to the full commission. Commissioners Brilliant and Locks made a

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motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

Final thoughts on this topic.

- 1. Kwentus noted the importance of committing to a budget.
- 2. Pullen said the event needs full engagement from the commission with minimal staff support.
- 3. Marchese wants the full commission to be engaged with the event and have full buy-in from the members. The \$5,000 allotted in the budget will be earmarked for food.
- 4. Boutilier would like to explore the topic of climate change since that was identified as a key issue in the needs assessment.
- 5. Locks noted potential keynote speakers: Louise Aaronson and Carroll Estes. The forum could be connected to this year’s Administration for Community Living (ACL) theme which is “Make Your Mark.”

Committee Reports:

Due to time constraints, no report outs were given other than the next meeting date.

Legislative: The next meeting is Friday, January 31st at 9:30a.m. at 10 N.S.P.

Health and Nutrition: Commissioner Asimos noted the committee will meet this afternoon at 1p.m. in room 1018.

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Housing and Transportation: The next meeting is Wednesday, March 18th at 20 N.S.P. at 1p.m.

Planning: The next meeting is on Wednesday, February 12th at 10 N.S.P. at 11:30a.m.

New Business/Other:

Office Space for the Commission:

López met with Supervisor Connolly to discuss the idea of having office space for the commission. The supervisor informed López the county has office space at 20 NSP and at Los Gamos. López was advised to channel this request thru the director.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 12:18 p.m. The next meeting is Monday, February 24, 2020 from 10:30 a.m. - noon.