

<b>COMMITTEE: GENERAL</b>	<b>DATE: MAR. 5, 2020</b>	<b>LOCATION: SAN GERONIMO VALLEY COMMUNITY CENTER</b>
<p><b>PRESENT:</b> Asimos, Barry, Bortel, Boutilier, Bradley, Brilliant, Dowling, Etemovic, Gunn, Kwentus, Lamorte, Locks, López, Marchese, Nuessle, Silverman, Timms, Turner, Vreeland Long, Zeller</p> <p><b>EXCUSED:</b> Kwentus, Saffran, Weingarten</p> <p><b>VACANT:</b> CSL</p>		
<p><b>RECORDER:</b> Amy Dietz</p>		
<p><b>NEXT MEETING:</b> Thurs., April 2, 2020, <b>by Zoom teleconference only</b></p>		

MINUTE SUMMARY	ACTION TAKEN/RESPONSIBLE PARTY
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<p><b>Call to Order</b> Chair Marchese called the meeting to order at 11:31 a.m.</p> <p><b>Approval of Agenda</b> The agenda of Mar. 5, 2020 was approved as written.</p> <p><b>Approval of the Minutes</b> The minutes of Feb. 6, 2020 were approved as amended: pg. 5: “committee voted to hold forum” changed to the “commission voted to hold forum.”</p> <p><b>Open Time for Public Expression:</b></p>	
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- *Ellen Baxter, AAI, Community Outreach Coordinator, Detect & Connect.* [ellen@agingactioniniative.org](mailto:ellen@agingactioniniative.org). Detect & Connect is a workshop that teaches recognition of dementia and mental health issues in older adults. They have been receiving great feedback on this workshop. Announced AAI annual convening.
- *Dave Cort, Director of SGVCC:* Introduced himself and thanked commission for being here. Stated that he had attended a Detect & Connect workshop and said it was helpful.
- *Lorraine Wilson, HHS Project Coordinator Helping Hand.* [Lowilson@marincounty.org](mailto:Lowilson@marincounty.org). Described Helping Hand project, funded by Mental Health Services Act funds, to assess where digital mental health services fit into behavioral health, specifically for isolated older adults. She is looking to recruit older adults to serve as members of the advisory committee. Will discuss project in more depth at Health and Nutrition Committee meeting on Mar. 23 at 1 pm.
- *Salamah Locks:* Thanked those commissioners who responded re: health concerns with voting booths. They were able to get Clorox wipes to 36 of 92 voting sites.

**Aging and Adult Services Report:**

Lee Pullen, Director, Area Agency on Aging reported on the following:

- Legislative updates: The Older Americans Act (OAA) must be reauthorized every five years. The reauthorization of the Older Americans Act has gone through the House of Representatives and is now in the Senate. There is a proposed seven percent funding increase over the next year and a six percent funding increase through 2024. There will be a research and evaluation center to show value of OAA services and supports to the healthcare system.
- The AAA will be issuing Request for Proposal (RFPs) for all contracts in mid-March.
- AAAs across the state received additional funding for nutrition programs. The AAA plans to open more congregate meal sites, including a site that would serve Vietnamese food.
  - Question, Commissioner López: Where will RFPs be posted? Pullen response: On HHS website and will be well publicized.
- The election for a new CSL representative will occur in April. The position is posted until Mar. 27.

**Chairman’s Report:**

Chair Marchese reported on the following:

- Asked commission to review the annual list of meetings, May 7 and June 4 are currently open. The annual forum is scheduled for May 7. Pending guidance from Matt Willis, County Public Health Officer, it may be postponed. The date will be subject to speaker availability.
- He and Commissioners López, Silverman and Timms met with the Spahr Center last month. Commissioners Timms and Silverman will provide an update.
- As part of AAI, attended a meeting yesterday with Ashley McIntyre, HHS Homeless Policy Analyst about the growing number of homeless older adults.
- On Mar. 9, he, Commissioner López and Director Pullen will meet with HHS Director Benita McLarin. Topics of discussion will include COVID 19 and grand jury topics.
- The commission has formed a subgroup to recruit and engage people of color.

**Vice-Chairman’s Report:**

Vice-chair López reported on the following:

- The commission subcommittee planning the Health Forum is finalizing speakers, location and date.
- Is working on a joint calendar for commissioners to put events from their individual towns/ cities.
- *College of Marin Scholarships for Lifelong Learners:* Scholarships make Community Education classes more accessible to adults ages 55 and older. Scholarships for the spring term are now available and are awarded on a first come, first served basis. All applications must be received by Wednesday, Mar. 25, 2020. Register in-person, by phone or by mail. Applications are available at [www.marincommunityed.com](http://www.marincommunityed.com) under Scholarships/Grants to Community Education.
- *National Center on Law & Elder Rights Webinar: Legal Basics of Subsidized Housing Rents: Income, Formula-Based and Tax Credit Properties.* Tuesday, Mar. 10, 2020, 11:00 a.m. Register at [www.ncler.acl.gov](http://www.ncler.acl.gov)
- *Justice in Aging:* Justice in Aging is releasing a series of papers containing specific policy recommendations that California’s Master Plan for Aging must include to meet its goals. The fourth in this series of papers, [Prevent and End Elder Abuse in California](#), offers specific policy recommendations, including improved data collection and sharing, increased cooperation among government entities, simpler advance planning, and establishing robust consumer protections—all of which work together to prevent elder abuse.

- *Aging 2020 Aging in America Conference: Examining the Needs of Today's Diverse Older Adults*

March 24 – 27, Atlanta, GA

- *California Budget and Policy Center Revenues, Spending & Opportunities to Share in Our State's Prosperity*. Leaves room for additional investments to improve the lives of Californians still struggling to make ends meet. [https://calbudgetcenter.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/CA\\_Budget\\_Center\\_Budget-Perspective-2020-21-Chartbook.pdf](https://calbudgetcenter.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/CA_Budget_Center_Budget-Perspective-2020-21-Chartbook.pdf)
- *Marin Economic Forum Marin County Business Retention and Expansion Report*  
<http://www.marineconomicforum.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/Marin-County-Business-Retention-Expansion-Project-Report-Production-02.25.20.pdf>
- Recommends the book: Elderhood, Redefining Aging, Transforming Medicine, Reimagining Life by Louise Aronson, specifically pgs. 234-244.
  - Chair Marchese comment: Highly recommend.

Marin County Business Retention & Expansion Project-Report-FINAL

Committee Reports:

- Planning (Brilliant).
  - Planning Committee reviewed and approved objectives. Next meeting will be on Mar. 18 to approve Area Plan.
- Health and Nutrition (Asimos):
  - Last meeting was Jan. 27. Developed objectives for Area Plan. The next meeting is Mar. 23. Lorraine Wilson, who introduced herself at beginning of meeting, will attend to speak more in-depth about County mental health funds being used for older adults. Chair Asimos said that they would like to invite more speakers to the committee meetings.
- Housing and Transportation (Bortel):
  - On Mar. 16 at 7 pm, San Rafael City Council should approve the new Active Aging Center with Eden Housing. Can then apply for funds for 66 units.

- Chair Marchese comment: Allan Bortel has served as chair of this committee a long time. Petitioned members of the commission to step up and become chair.
- Legislative (Boutilier)
  - Sylvia Barry has agreed to join the committee. Commissioners Barry, Boutilier, Lopez and AAA staff member Reyes went to Sacramento for C4A Capitol Day. They met with staff in Senator Levine's office and with other representatives. Met with Senator McGuire and discussed how to honor late Commissioner Bloch on a countywide and/ or statewide level. The California Senior Legislature meeting was cancelled because of COVID-19.
- Ad hoc (Silverman)
  - Met on Feb. 13 and decided that this will be a standing committee. They will be pulling together a list of agencies with which to do outreach. Met with Spahr, this meeting will be discussed later. Next meeting will be on Mar. 12 at 10 N San Pedro.

Chair Marchese made a motion to table remaining items until next meeting. Motion was approved.

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

The next meeting will be on April 2, 2020.