

COMMITTEE: EXECUTIVE	APRIL 27, 2020	LOCATION: ZOOM TELECONFERENCE
<b>MEMBERS:</b> Ralph Marchese, Salamah Locks, Diana López, Allan Bortel, Sybil Boutilier, Girija Brilliant, Chris Asimos, Sue Kwentus <b>PUBLIC / OTHER:</b> Linda Jackson, Fred Silverman, Woody Weingarten <b>STAFF:</b> Gary Lara, Lee Pullen		
<b>EXCUSED:</b> <b>ABSENT:</b>		
<b>RECORDER:</b> Gary Lara		
Next Meeting: Zoom teleconference - Monday, May 18, 2020		

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<p><b><u>Overview of Brown Act and Teleconference</u></b></p> <p>Director Pullen provided a brief overview of the waivers in place for the Brown Act which allow this teleconference to take place.</p> <p><b><u>Call to Order</u></b></p> <p>Chair Marchese called the meeting to order at 10:39 a.m.</p> <p><b><u>Agenda</u></b></p> <p>The April 27, 2020 agenda was approved.</p>	

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**Minutes**

The March 23, 2020 minutes were approved as amended. Commissioner Brilliant requested the following two remarks be stricken from the New Business section on page 6 as the first comment seems to have been erroneously recorded.

“Commissioner Brilliant noted that Stephanie Moulton-Peters is looking for volunteers to supplement the Mill Valley Village and that residents of The Redwoods are currently on lockdown.”

“Commissioner Brilliant did not want to make any assumption.” (reference to May commission mtg)

**Director's Report**

**Program Operations:**

Director Pullen noted the department is keeping pace with the intensity and the fast-paced environment that has been created due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The staff of Aging and Adult Services has performed some remarkable work and has been able to keep up with the growing demands.

The department has taken on an extra project through grocery bag distribution by utilizing State funds earmarked for nutrition. We have partnered with several community based organizations including Good Earth Natural Foods, Marin Center for Independent Living, Whistlestop and Jewish Family and Children’s Services for additional grocery bag delivery services to older adults. With State baseline funding in this year’s budget we are able to do a second round of grocery bag delivery as well. Home Delivered meals had quite an uptick; not so much in the number of people (about 6% increase) but in regard to having a second meal per day which represents a 36% increase. The budget is okay due to a stateline increase and the first round of Federal funds. This includes the Families First Act of which some of the funding will be used to provide economic assistance grants to people age 60+. The

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vendors the AAA are working with are Community Action Marin, Canal Alliance and Marin Center for Independent Living. The Spahr Center will be providing telephone reassurance to older adults.

Bortel inquired if West Marin Senior Services was included on the list of vendors. Pullen noted they were not but the department will make sure they are aware of the program. The intent was to work with agencies already set up to perform these type of economic payment services.

Pullen noted the department is doing its best to have the age friendly initiative move forward. Things are not looking favorable since there will be budget repercussions and possibly a hiring freeze; however, we are still approved to move forward with bringing on a full-time staff person to coordinate age-friendly activities. The commission will be kept informed of the initiative's activities and there will be oversight through a Board of Supervisors subcommittee with Katie Rice.

**Public Comment:**

Jackon noted the AAI is doing local lobbying in terms of awareness and consideration for low income people that need to get back to work. The Board of Supervisors will be adopting an update to renter rules of the repayment program for rent.

**Chair's Report:**

Marchese provided the following updates.

Marchese continues to follow up on HIPAA. There is a task force of core lawyers working in Sacramento to see how the HIPAA regulations can be relaxed during this pandemic so that older adults in need can be identified.

A member of the commission will not be reapplying for the next three year term. This individual will be disclosed in time.

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Boutilier asked about being informed about term expirations for the commissioners. Lara noted this information is noted on the monthly roster.

Marchese asked the executive members about collaborating more closely with Marin Villages and to think about ways to collaborate. Asimos noted she is very active in the San Rafael Village.

Boutilier noted that Village members should join commission subcommittees which would help bring them into the process. Attending the monthly General Commission meeting is also an option.

Bortel asked if the 457-INFO line was making any referrals to the Villages. Pullen noted referrals to the Villages were being made by staff as appropriate.

Locks inquired about the status of the May health forum; whether the commission was having it and whether or not there will be a business meeting in May.

Marchese stated that notification to the full commission about the annual forum being postponed indefinitely has been communicated. Locks would like to send letters to the speakers advising them of this fact. López acknowledged she has already advised Louise Aaronson. Locks would like to continue the discussion offline with Commissioner López.

**Committee Reports:**

**Planning:**

Commissioner Brilliant noted the committee has not met recently. No report. Next meeting date tbd.

**Health and Nutrition:**

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Commissioner Asimos would like to suggest Lauren Meyers as a potential speaker for either the May or June commission program.

The committee met earlier in the month. Lorraine Wilson gave a PowerPoint presentation explaining Help@Hand, a project funded through the Mental Health Services Act to meet the mental health needs of older adults through the internet.

Next meeting date tbd.

**Housing and Transportation:** Bortel noted the San Rafael City Council unanimously approved the long awaited Whistlestop housing project. Eden Housing will still do the construction.

EAH Housing and Clam are partnering with Eden for the 36 coast guard units. Congressman Huffman moved this along. The County has bought the property. The contract is currently under negotiation with the County.

The County's new staff position for suicide prevention is not oriented towards older adults. MHSA needs to do more with the older adult population in this county. A new staff person (Kara) is due to come on board effective May 1<sup>st</sup>. The Health and Nutrition committee should engage with them.

The Housing and Transportation committee's March meeting was canceled due to the COVID-19 issue. The committee's next meeting is May 20, 2020.

**Legislative:** Boutilier noted the committee decided not to meet in April. The group is keeping in touch with their aides. Members are encouraged to participate in the town halls. May 16<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for bills to move out of their committees.

Senator McGuire is exploring options to honor the memory of the late CSL representative Eleanor

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Bloch. This will be discussed among the aides and committee members. If you have any suggestions, please let Commissioner Boutilier know.

The next meeting is Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Equity, Advocacy and Outreach:** Commissioner Silverman noted this ad hoc last met on the 16<sup>th</sup> of April. Commissioner López compiled a chart of objectives which includes developing a mission statement for the committee. The group will be having a discussion with the current age-friendly project coordinator, Lori Peterson of Collaborative Consulting

**New Business/Other:**

The executives agreed to change the next meeting date to May 18<sup>th</sup> since the original meeting date of May 25<sup>th</sup> is Memorial Day.

A discussion ensued around what the commission should do for meeting structure during the month of May since there will not be an annual health event scheduled for that month. The consensus was to have a business meeting.

Pullen noted the community needs to be made aware of what's transpiring since next week is the meeting date.

Marchese noted he will work with AAA staff to plan the logistics for the meeting of May 7<sup>th</sup>.

Marchese asked Commissioner Asimos to follow-up with a potential speaker for the month of June.

Marchese recently had a conversation with H&HS Director, Benita McLarin who welcomed the opportunity to give a report at a General meeting.

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Bortel noted he has a few ideas for the list of programs for next fiscal year's General meetings including Josh Fryday whom Governor Gavin Newsom appointed as California's Chief Service Officer, leading California Volunteers.

**Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 12:07 p.m. The next meeting is Monday, May 18, 2020 from 10:30 a.m. - noon.