

COMMITTEE: EXECUTIVE	JUNE 22, 2020	LOCATION: ZOOM TELECONFERENCE
MEMBERS: Ralph Marchese, Salamah Locks, Diana López, Allan Bortel, Sybil Boutilier, Girija Brilliant PUBLIC / OTHER: Linda Jackson, Fred Silverman, Teri Dowling STAFF: Gary Lara, Lee Pullen		
EXCUSED: Sue Kwentus, Chris Asimos ABSENT:		
RECORDER: Gary Lara		
Next Meeting: Zoom teleconference - Monday, July 27, 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 June 22, 2020 agenda was approved.</p> <p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p>The May 18, 2020 minutes were approved.</p>	

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Public Comment:

Linda Jackson noted advocacy has been successful with having H&HS COVID-19 data broken down for the age cohort of 65+ by 15 year segments: 65-79, 80-94 and 95+.

Advocacy also took place at the city level with non-profits in order to assist older adults who are healthy being allowed to volunteer and work.

The Inform and Connect teleconference takes place later today. There is also a networking session scheduled for next week.

Director's Report

Director Pullen noted Aging and Adult Services' office staff have been quite strained in the current environment but remain committed. The Requests for Proposal (RFPs) for contracted services went out last week. There is a new program with a \$40K grant to assist older adults with employment.

Amy Dietz is currently working ¾ of her time as a County Disaster Services Worker assisting the public in the Canal district. Amy is currently allotted 10 hours per week with the Area Agency on Aging.

Call volume remains strong in the Information and Assistance unit. A lot of calls focus on food resources and how to obtain them. Other requests are related to medication, general COVID-related questions, rental assistance and economic relief.

The Age-friendly coordinator position will have its first round of interviews on Wednesday, July 1st.

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Chair's Report:

Marchese provided the following updates.

He referenced Dr. Larry Brilliant's presentation and his suggestion for the commission to focus on nursing homes. Marchese followed-up on this recommendation by speaking with individuals from Harvard University. Harvard's executive leadership program has been working nationally with a group of students from the National Student Response Network. The commission is encouraged to learn more about the organization's work by visiting their website at <https://nsrnhealth.org/>.

An opportunity currently exists for medical students in Marin to render service as volunteers. Marchese has had discussions with Lee Pullen, Chloe Cook and Dan Steckline to review student resumes to vet potential volunteers. An opportunity exists to tap into trained health care professionals to have one-on-one assistance through the mechanism of telehealth and telemedicine.

Commissioners Marchese, López and Gunn are initiating an effort to write informal job descriptions for the Vice Chair and Secretary of the commission.

Marchese would like to have a vice chair established for each subcommittee of the commission. This would allow for these individuals to have an administrative focus supporting the chairs of the subcommittees and to address succession planning.

Marchese would like efforts to move forward making the current ad hoc committee, Equity, Advocacy and Outreach into a standing committee. The text has been established. The next step is to establish a bylaws committee to conduct a formal review. Pullen offered to have County Counsel review the new text. After that time, the bylaws will be brought back to the Executive Committee for final review.

Commissioner López will send her Vice Chair's report to the Executive committee.

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Committee Reports:

Planning:

Commissioner Brilliant will be reviewing two of the RFP proposals with Amy. The committee has not been active at the present time.

Health and Nutrition:

Commissioner Asimos was not present at today's meeting.

Commissioner Locks noted the committee is meeting later this afternoon to discuss the July 2nd commission meeting on telehealth.

Housing and Transportation:

Bortel opted to save his report for the full commission meeting next week. There is nothing to report on housing.

Changes are taking place July 1st in both paratransit and the regular fixed route transportation system in Marin.

The Golden Gate Ferry ridership is down 97%. Currently, there are 200 riders a day. Paratransit is way down as well. The numbers will be available next week.

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Legislative:

Commissioner Boutilier worked with the Legislative Committee to produce a letter of advocacy to mitigate the cuts proposed by the Governor’s revised budget across all older adult programs. The letter discussed sensible solutions to backfill if the \$14 billion in revenue is not received from the Federal government. Pullen assisted by having the letter approved by the appropriate county channel before the committee sent the letter to the Governor and legislators. Boutilier noted an agreement has been reached between the Governor and legislators.

There is development of a resolution about COVID testing in nursing homes and living facilities (SNFS and RCFES). All congregate living sites are required to test staff and residents.

Dowling expressed her concerns about coping with depression and loneliness among older adults and creative ways to deal with it. There is a breaking point where complete isolation is not effective in maintaining the health of people.

Boutilier suggested video visits as a way to overcome isolation among residents.

Boutilier briefly discussed a request from the committee to have the bylaws revised in order to remove the requirement stating one of the CSL representatives be a co-chair of the Legislative committee.

Equity, Advocacy and Outreach:

Commissioner Silverman noted the group met earlier this month. Silverman screen shared the verbiage that will be included in the bylaws under Article XII – 3E. The committees objectives were also screen shared. Silverman noted the group has completed their work on this addition to the bylaws.

There is nothing to report on the age-friendly board subcommittee at the present time.

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Various commissioners are involved on the interview panel to select the new Senior Departmental Analyst for age-friendly.

Locks has community constituents that are interested in supporting and contributing to the equity movement. She would like recommendations to take back to her constituents.

New Business/Other:

Locks discussed the 2020 Citizens Redistricting Commission. They are having a livestream on July 2nd at 10:30a.m. This meeting conflicts with the COA meeting.

Locks encouraged the executives to learn more about this group by visiting their website at <http://shapecaliforniasfuture.auditor.ca.gov/>.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m. The next meeting is Monday, July 27 , 2020 from 10:30 a.m. - noon.