

COMMITTEE: EXECUTIVE	MAY 18, 2020	LOCATION: ZOOM TELECONFERENCE
MEMBERS: Ralph Marchese, Salamah Locks, Diana López, Allan Bortel, Sybil Boutilier, Girija Brilliant, Chris Asimos PUBLIC / OTHER: Linda Jackson, Fred Silverman, Woody Weingarten, Teri Dowling STAFF: Gary Lara, Lee Pullen		
EXCUSED: Sue Kwentus ABSENT:		
RECORDER: Gary Lara		
Next Meeting: Zoom teleconference - Monday, June 22, 2020		

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<p><u>Call to Order</u></p> <p>Chair Marchese called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m.</p> <p><u>Agenda</u></p> <p>The May 18, 2020 agenda was approved as amended.</p> <p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p>The April 27, 2020 minutes were approved as amended.</p> <p>Director's Report, page 2: sentence should read, "The budget is okay due to a state baseline increase."</p>	

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Equity, Advocacy and Outreach update, page 6: Commissioner López would like to correct the statement on her activities. López has not completed a chart of objectives. She has conducted research regarding organizations the task force would like to reach out to first.

Director's Report

Program Operations:

Director Pullen reported on the April data received for Information & Assistance. There was a 68% increase in calls year over year. Home Delivered Meals has gone up 36% in number of meals.

The department has launched two rounds of grocery delivery programs for older adults through community based organizations including Whistlestop, Jewish Family and Children's Services, Good Earth and San Geronimo Valley Community Center. This program runs through June 4th.

The County has also launched the pilot program [Great Plates](#) for older adults. Interested persons should contact Whistlestop to complete a brief assessment.

The overall budget from the State May Revise contains fairly grim news. A lot of items are up in the air. The State budget has some reductions in Long-Term Care Ombudsman, Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC) and nutrition. The Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES) is expected to provide funds to fill in the gaps for the nutrition budget.

There is no reduction to Adult Protective Services. IHSS has a 7% reduction.

Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC):

Regarding ADRC we will see if things change in the budget. This program is a formalized connection

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with MCIL to be a one stop shop for clients to get the resources they need such as transitioning out of skilled nursing and short term service coordination. MCIL acts as the fiscal agent.

Public Comment:

None

Chair's Report:

Marchese provided the following updates.

June 4th Commission Meeting:

Marchese noted the speaker suggested by the Health and Nutrition Committee (Alicia Myers) has been reassigned from June 4th to July 2nd. Marchese would like the June presentation to have a presentation from Dr. Larry Brilliant. Girija can request Larry to talk about work related to the commission instead of a general update. Commissioners can put their questions in writing and submit them ahead of time to Dr. Brilliant. Please send them to Gary.

Marchese noted Supervisor Rodoni would like input from the AAI and the commission on keeping older adults safe and how best to do it. Marchese would like to see a vulnerables list established.

Commissioner López would like to include some information on COVID-19: Remapping the Healthcare Privacy Landscape. Please refer to the end of these minutes for this information.

Review of Office Election Process:

Commissioner Weingarten provided an update on the slate of officers for next fiscal year. This information was emailed to the full commission. The proposed slate for FY 2020-21 is the following.

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- Chair: Ralph Marchese
- Vice Chair: Diana López
- Secretary: Jean Gunn

Gunn replaces the nomination of Commissioner Kwentus who has elected not to reapply for another term on the commission. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor during the June meeting. Locks noted Weingarten will direct the nominating process during the meeting.

Committee Reports:

Planning:

Commissioner Brilliant noted there is nothing to report. Their meeting schedule is on hold for the time being.

Health and Nutrition:

Commissioner Asimos noted Amy Dietz will survey the group before the end of the month to determine the next meeting date.

The committee would like to try and partner with other community agencies. Locks, López and Asimos would like to find the means of partnering with the San Rafael Village with interest and intent on learning what they are doing. They have been in contact with Sparky Spaeth.

Housing and Transportation:

Bortel noted the committee meets this Wednesday May 20th. Their guest speaker is from the Fair Housing Advocates of Northern California.

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The Senior Fair has been put off until October of 2021.

Bortel participated on the Health in Hand advisory committee run by Lorraine Wilson.

Legislative:

Boutilier noted the committee did not meet last Friday as originally intended since the May revise had just come out. There are a lot of things to consider. Since call in testimony is permitted, the committee will do so later in the month.

CSL funding was maintained in the Governor’s revised budget.

Pullen suggested the committee might consider a meeting at the end of the month to review budget items for advocacy.

Equity, Advocacy and Outreach:

Commissioner Silverman provided an update on the current status of the revisions for the commission bylaws and establishing this task force as a standing committee.

At their last meeting, Commissioner Weingarten distributed summaries to the group on how to write effectively.

The group recently had a discussion with Age-friendly project manager, Lori Peterson of Collaborative Consulting to explore implementation of the Age-Forward plan. The group would like to be kept up to date on the county’s recruitment process for the Senior Program Analyst position.

The process of moving forward the final markup of the Commission’s bylaws was discussed. The

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Bylaws committee will make updates which will be reviewed by the Executive Committee. County Counsel will also need to review the document before it is submitted to the full commission and the Board of Supervisors for approval.

New Business/Other:

2020 Census:

Locks noted the Bay Area Census committee met on the 11th of this month. The group reviewed the next steps on how to conduct door to door outreach. Overall, Marin is doing well as a county as far as percentage of participants (67.1%).

National Student Network Response:

The mission of this organization is to build a network of health professions students across the US for mobilization by their respective state and local public health departments and hospitals to support them in their COVID-19 response efforts and beyond. Please visit them on their website for more information at <https://nsrnhealth.org/>. There is interest in starting a California chapter to include Marin.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 12:01 p.m. The next meeting is Monday, June 22, 2020 from 10:30 a.m. - noon.

The following information is included at the request of Commissioner López.

[Now on Demand—COVID-19: Remapping the Healthcare Privacy Landscape](#)

Discover How COVID-19 Is Re-Shaping Healthcare Privacy Today—and for the Future.

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Click [here](#) to View Manatt’s Recent Webinar Free on Demand, Download a Free Copy of the Presentation—and Earn CLE.

Privacy is among the many areas of our lives that COVID-19 is radically changing. While some new developments are short-term solutions to help us navigate the immediate impacts of this unprecedented crisis, others will bring lasting change that will affect us long after the pandemic recedes.

In our recent CLE-eligible webinar, Manatt Health explored the range of legal changes to healthcare privacy that the COVID-19 pandemic is driving, including both immediate impacts and long-term consequences. We examined how COVID-19 is re-shaping our privacy laws, standards and obligations, today and tomorrow. We want to be sure you don’t miss the valuable information shared during the session. If you or anyone on your team could not attend the webinar—or want to view it again—click [here](#) to view the program free, on demand, and download a free copy of the presentation. Key topics include:

- The new Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) waivers, including their scope, their impact and their duration
- The short-term HIPAA changes in response to COVID-19, including new flexibilities around telehealth, community testing sites and business-associate disclosures of protected health information
- The aspects of the new HIPAA flexibilities that may bring lasting change extending far beyond the pandemic
- Important long-term changes in the privacy landscape, including revisions to the federal substance use disorder confidentiality statute and state policies regarding health information exchanges

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- The impact of the privacy changes on the new information blocking requirements

If you have any questions or issues you would like to discuss after viewing the program, please reach out to our presenters:

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