**COMMITTEE: EXECUTIVE** | **MARCH 22, 2021** | **LOCATION: ZOOM TELECONFERENCE**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS:** Ralph Marchese, Diana López, Girija Brilliant, Jean Gunn, Fred Silverman, Allan Bortel, Salamah Locks, Chris Asimos  
**COA APPOINTEES NOT ON THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:** Sylvia Barry, Sybil Boutilier

**PUBLIC / OTHER:** Linda Jackson  
**STAFF:** Gary Lara, Lee Pullen

**EXCUSED:**  
**ABSENT:**

**RECORER:** Gary Lara

Next Meeting: Zoom teleconference – April 26, 2021

### MINUTES SUMMARY

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**Call to Order:**

Chair Marchese called the meeting to order at 10:33a.m.

**Agenda:**

The March 22, 2021 agenda was approved.

**Minutes:**

The February 22, 2021 minutes were approved.
**Public Comment:**

Linda Jackson noted the Board of Supervisors will be having a budget workshop to discuss the allocation of $50M from the American Rescue Act Plan. This represents an opportunity for advocacy efforts for older adult programs.

**Committee Reports:**

**Planning:**

Commissioner Brilliant noted the committee met to finalize the Area Plan Update. Each committee had good suggestions. The Planning Committee is very happy with the end result.

Brilliant noted that Amy Dietz has returned to the office.

**Health and Nutrition:**

Commissioner Asimos noted the committee will be meeting this afternoon at 3p.m. The committee will review their goals and objectives for FY 21-22. Their meeting this afternoon will feature guest speaker Kara Connors from the County of Marin Suicide Prevention Collaborative.

**Housing and Transportation:**

Allan Bortel noted the committee reviewed their objectives at their last meeting.

Vivalon has a new director, Anne Grey.
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The committee reviewed the final Housing and Transportation objectives that will be presented at the April 1st Commission on Aging meeting.

The 2021 Senior Rally Day is scheduled for Tuesday, May 4th from 9a.m. to 2p.m. Registration information is available at this link. [https://4csl.org/senior-rally-day/registration.php](https://4csl.org/senior-rally-day/registration.php)

Bortel is working on legislative changes pertaining to the Brown Act which would allow or require remote access be available.

**Legislative:**

Commissioner López noted the committee met last Friday. A debrief discussion was held with Huffman’s aide. The committee’s follow-up items have been completed. Their goal is to meet twice a year with Huffman’s office.

López noted the committee has placed a hold on the Commission meeting calendar for the month of December 2021.

The committee plans to support AB 6 (Levine) and will start to look at legislation related to older adults.

The committee’s next meeting is Friday, April 16th.

**Equity, Outreach and Advocacy:**

Commissioner Silverman noted the committee met last week. Their guest speaker was Nisha Anand, who provided an update on the County in terms of equity.

Silverman was happy the committee had participation from District 4 Board Aide Lorenzo Cordova and MCIL Executive Director, Eli Gelardin.
Silverman noted the committee will have guest speaker at their next meeting from the Marin Asian American Alliance.

The next meeting date is Thursday, April 15th.

**Director’s Report:**

Lee Pullen reported on the following.

Thanked Commissioner Brilliant and AAA staff Jenay Cottrell and Mandy Reyes for their work on the Area Plan Update. The presentation is on April 1st.

Vivalon currently has a call center staffed with eight people to assist individuals with COVID-19 vaccination scheduling and transportation.

The Access Assistance and Functional Needs team continues to meet on a weekly basis. A flyer with ADA messaging has been widely distributed with a hotline number. A mobile vaccination unit has also been set up.

There are zero COVID outbreaks in Long-Term Care facilities.

**Chair’s Report:**

Marchese provided the following updates.

New commission terms begin on July 1st.
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<td>The Nominating Committee will meet on April 1st to discuss the proposed slate of new officers: Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary for the next fiscal year. The members of the Nominating Committee are Allan Bortel, Teri Dowling and Chris Asimos.</td>
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<td>Marchese met with Director Pullen and the Town Clerk of Corte Madera recently to discuss the Commission vacancy for that position.</td>
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<td>Marchese will be meeting with Board Supervisor Stephanie Moulton-Peters to discuss telehealth.</td>
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<td>López made reference to the following article about the Global UN campaign to combat ageism. <a href="https://www.who.int/news/item/18-03-2021-ageism-is-a-global-challenge-un">https://www.who.int/news/item/18-03-2021-ageism-is-a-global-challenge-un</a>. She would like to do an overview at the next meeting.</td>
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<td><strong>Annual Forum Planning Update:</strong></td>
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<td>Commissioner Gunn noted a save the date was distributed for May 27th from 10a.m. to 12:30p.m.</td>
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<td>Pullen has authorized a Zoom Webinar package to host the May forum. Gunn and Commissioner Brinkmann are working with an IT person for assistance.</td>
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<td>Guest speakers for the May event will be Supervisor Dennis Rodoni, Liza Massey, Dr. Anna Omalley from Bolinas. H&amp;HS Director Benita McLarin may also participate.</td>
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<td><strong>New Business/Updates:</strong></td>
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<td>Commissioner Barry would like to discuss the idea of the Community Media Center broadcasting previously recorded Commission on Aging meetings. Central Marin Television has also expressed interest.</td>
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<td>Linda Jackson noted the next Inform and Connect is scheduled for Monday, March 29th.</td>
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<td>Detect and Connect grant money is being sought; there is one last forum scheduled for June 30th.</td>
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<td><strong>Adjourn:</strong> The meeting adjourned at 11:27a.m. The next meeting is on Monday, April 26, 2021 from 10:30a.m. to Noon.</td>
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