

<b>COMMITTEE: GENERAL</b>	<b>DATE: MAY 6, 2021</b>	<b>LOCATION: TELECONFERENCE</b>
<p><b>PRESENT:</b> Barry, Bortel, Boutilier, Bradley, Brandon, Brilliant, Brinkmann, Dowling, Etemovic, Gunn, Lamorte, Locks, López, Marchese, Nuessle, Silverman, Timms, Vreeland Long</p> <p><b>EXCUSED:</b> Asimos, Hanan, Friedman, Saffran</p> <p><b>VACANT:</b> Town of Corte Madera, District 2</p>		
<p><b>RECORDER:</b> <i>Kari Bell (Marin County Area Agency on Aging)</i></p>		
<p><b>NEXT MEETING:</b> Thursday, June 3, 2021, Zoom Teleconference</p>		
<p>MINUTE SUMMARY</p>		
<p><b>Call to Order</b> Chair Marchese called the meeting to order at 11:16 a.m.</p> <p><b>Approval of Agenda</b> The agenda of May 6, 2021 was approved as written.</p> <p><b>Approval of the Minutes</b> Amendment to the minutes of April 1. Page 5 under Locks (City of San Rafael), the first bullet should read: The University's acceptance into the Age-Friendly University Global Network (AFU) occurred in Nov. 2020.</p> <p><b>Open Time for Public Expression on Matters not on the Agenda:</b> <b>Linda Jackson, Aging Action Initiative (AAI)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Master Plan for Aging: Mobilizing Your County &amp; Community event on May 12<sup>th</sup> with all the people working in the older adult sector. Pass on the registration information to each of your elected officials. This information can be found online in the AAI newsletter.</li> <li>• AAI needs a note taker and a report out person for the Economic Security Breakout session on May 12<sup>th</sup> from 1 - 3:30 p.m.</li> <li>• AAI will be doing advocacy at the County level with attention to ageism and would like the Commission on Aging to join.</li> </ul> <p><b>Gerrie Kunin, Member of the Public:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Offered to volunteer with AAI to provide outreach and has books in Farsi to donate.</li> </ul>		

**Chair/Vice Chair/Secretary Reports:**

Chair Marchese reported on the following:

- The Triple-A Council of California (TAC) meeting is scheduled for next week. It was determined that 90% of people in state-wide poll supported the California Master Plan for Aging.
- The following were also determined as a high priority:
  - Long-term care insurance
  - Food Insecurity
  - Health issues/COVID
- Introduced new staff person Kari Bell, senior program coordinator (extra hire).
- Next meeting will be the election, will consult with County Council.

Vice Chair López reported on the following:

- Senior Rally Day update.
- Attended the California Coming Together Conference, with the session on the Digital Divide that had organizations that work with Older Adults.
- Community Technology Network will have 20 community trainers, who speak 5-6 languages, average age of participant is 73.
- Another organization at the conference was Older Adult Technology Services in Palo Alto, that provides phone support to older adults.
- The Cyber Seniors organization pairs older adults with young adults to learn.
- Attended the Policy Aging Advocacy conference with Lee's assistance which was over three days.
- Lopez will submit a report to all the commissioners on the conferences.

Secretary Gunn reported on the following:

Nothing to report

**Commissioner Updates (Commissioners appointed by the Cities/Towns):**

López (District 1):

- Provided link to a Marin Voice article that Supervisors Connolly and Rice wrote about the need to house the homeless.
- Northgate Mall redesign includes 1,354 apartments, nothing mentioned about senior housing.
- Community forum was held on April 20<sup>th</sup>, which included questions regarding parking, water, transportation and affordable housing.
- Allan Bortel, Chair, MCCoA Housing and Transportation Committee asked about housing for older adults. Community participation in this project it is essential to ensure that the needs of older adults are considered.
- Supervisor Connolly has a survey regarding climate change and sea-level rise and the Northgate Mall.

Nuessle (District 2):

- Continue to attend Town Council Meetings and sit on the Health & Nutrition Committee, the Telehealth Sub-Committee, the Equity, Outreach & Advocacy Committee, the Toolkit Subcommittee.
- Attended the following conferences: “Protecting Asian Americans: Beyond Headlines”, “Unite Us Town Hall”, and “Homekey 2.0 Info Session”, and “Senior Rally Day”. Read and recommended the book, “See No Stranger”, by Valerie Kaur.

Silverman/Brandon (District 3):

- Silverman- Neighborhood Response Groups (NRG) for Mill Valley is growing. Silverman is taking Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training and the Equity, Outreach and Advocacy (EOA) committee met with Supervisor Moulton-Peters that Commissioner Everett Brandon also attended.
- Brandon- Working with Sara Robinson Age-Forward coordinator, submitted an American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) age-friendly grant proposal for services for Older Adults in Marin City.
- Received information from Supervisor Moulton-Peters on historic research.
- Seniors on the Move in Marin City encouraged to get involved with senior committees.
- Seniors on the Move will present a Mother’s Day event.
- Meeting with local groups to get information on the needs of Marin City seniors.

Etemovic (District 4):

- Vaccine pop-up clinics still going.
- Kaiser doing homebound vaccines and through West Marin Clinics.
- Dr. Win Canio from Kaiser has been appointed to work with Governor Newsom’s Master Plan on Aging.
- Possible presentation to Commission by Dr. Win Canio may be beneficial.
- Dr. Canio will present on May 12<sup>th</sup> at North Bay Master Plan webinar.

Chair Marchese:

- Corte Madera affordable housing.
- Discussion on retreat with Mayor and City Council.
- Carol Zeller’s replacement for District 4 will go to the Mayor for consideration.

Barry/Gunn (District 5):

- Project Home Key back on the agenda in Novato, and residents will have virtual focus groups with the organization Opening Doors Marin.
- \$8.6 million funding for Project Home Key.
- Feedback is being solicited from residents and business owners for properties available for homeless.\$
- Novato Age Friendly delivered plants to members, decorated by local artists.

**Ageing and Adult Services Report:**

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

- Thanked commissioners that attended the National Association of Area Agency on Aging virtual conference in April.
- Impressed with the work being done in EOA with Age Forward.
- Kari Bell is a new staff person is on a 6-month assignment, will be working with Mandy and Amy with the back log, and contract renewals.
- Racial equity measurements put in place for registered contractors to foster serving more older adults of color.
- Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funds will end in September but looking to use for The Spahr Center for Friendly Visiting contract.
- Pullen also will look for a LGBTQ specific Request for Proposal (RFP) for next fiscal year, outside of CARES Act funding.
- Mandy is working with West Marin Community Services to develop a contract for outreach to Latinx seniors.
- Multiple candidates for Commission secretary position, Pullen will contact County Council regarding whether the vote should be private or public.
- Pullen hopes to set up a training for all on the Brown Act and Robert Rules of Order. Pullen explained the budget is looking positive for all programs.

**Annual Health Forum Update:**

Commissioner Gunn reported on the following:

- The forum to be held on Thursday, May 27<sup>th</sup>.
- The theme for the forum is “Is there a doctor in the house? – Bridging the Health Divide in Marin”.
- Thanked staff for helping to get speakers.
- Will meet with Marin Community Clinics about presentation.
- The tech person will be Alan Chavez and he will record the meeting. It will be on public television.
- Lee helped with funding the Zoom hardware.
- Goal for presentation is to be professional and includes antidotal information.
- Commission has an opportunity to inform their constituents.
- Registration reminder will have Zoom instructions included.

Commissioner Vreeland-Long reported on the following:

- Contacted local papers, Vivalon, AAI, County leaders, supervisors, Novato City Council/City Manager to do an email blast, local radio stations, senior housing to promote May 27 event.
- Advertising went out to League of Women Voters, Marin Village, and assisted living.

**Retreat Planning Update:**

Chair Marchese reported:

- Middle of June is the target date.
- Will prepare a list of a resource group opportunities in the Gerontology field.

- Board of Supervisors may be interested in sending staff to retreat.
- Possible two sessions- first session on looking back (improvements), second session on priorities of new officers.

**Committee/Reports & Chairs:**

Health/Nutrition: Jasmina Etemovic/Salamah Locks

- The committee discussed goals and possible presentations.
- Next meeting May 24<sup>th</sup> from 3 -4:30 p.m.
- Researching and discussing Telehealth.

Housing Transportation: Allan Bortel/Sylvia Barry

- Marin Transit will be a presenter at the next commission meeting on June 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Information regarding Marin Transit on mobile devices for checking bus details would be helpful.
- Shared housing presentation will be on May 19<sup>th</sup> by Covia.
- Will collaborate with the Equity Committee.

Legislative: Diana López/Sybil Boutilier

- Will meet with Senator Mike McGuire on May 21<sup>st</sup>, the top topic for the discussion will be housing.
- Fair Housing Advocates of Northern California held a conference on April 29<sup>th</sup> called Riding the Wave of Change- Advancing Fair Housing and Equity in a New Era.
- Working with Mandy on a document with bills affecting seniors.

Planning: Girija Brilliant

- The Planning Committee will meet before the end of fiscal year.

Equity, Outreach and Advocacy: Fred Silverman/Wendy Nuessle.

- Continue to work with Sara Robinson from Age Forward.
- Toolkit subcommittee has submitted their first article to the commission.
- Working on outreach.
- Discussions about advocacy and housing are being held.
- Commissioner Silverman will meet with the Board Sub-Committee of Age-Forward.
- Next meeting Thursday May 20<sup>th</sup>. At 10:00am. June meeting will be a working meeting on 6/17.

California Senior Legislature (CSL): Allan Bortel/Lisa Brinkmann

- Senior Rally had 450 attendees.
- The SCAN Foundation and dignitaries spoke about the Master Plan on Aging.
- Senior Rally presented the Master Plan on Aging database.

- Can provide a copy of the information if needed.

**Aging Action Initiative (AAI) Update: Teri Dowling**

- Advocacy Alliance met on April 22<sup>nd</sup> with San Rafael Mayor Colin.
- Did a written proposal on the importance of an integrated service system for older adults.
- Including homeless and mental health support.
- Would encourage commission members to join the working group when it is approved.

**New Business:**

- Commissioner Locks noted the Financial Abuse Specialist Team (FAST) will be presenting information to the League of Women's Voters on May 13th at 10:00 a.m. She will send a link to those interested. Commissioner López asked that if you gave dates and times for any meetings or presentations to please put them in the Chat.
- Commissioner Timms asked that you send staff your notes from your reports to help them with the minutes.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

The next meeting will be on June 3, 2021