COMMITTEE: GENERAL
DATE: JUNE 3, 2021
LOCATION: TELECONFERENCE


ABSENT: Girija Brilliant, Julie Hanan Friedman, Judith Saffran

VACANT: Town of Corte Madera, District 2

RECORDED: Kari Bell (Marin County Area Agency on Aging)

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, July 1, 2021, Zoom Teleconference

MINUTE SUMMARY

Call to Order
Chair Marchese called the meeting to order at 11:15 a.m.

Approval of Agenda
- The agenda of June 3, 2021 was approved and amended to move AAI to an earlier section of the agenda.
  - Commissioner Boutilier made a motion to amend the agenda to allow AAI to report in an earlier section of the agenda.
  - It was seconded by Commissioner Lopez.
  - The motion carried 18-0.
- Commissioner Locks requested the names of the nominees for commission officers be read, since it was not in the agenda.

Approval of the Minutes
- Commissioner Boutilier made a motion to approve the minutes.
- Commissioner Lamorte seconded.
- Motion carried 18-0.

Open Time for Public Expression on Matters not on the Agenda:
Gerrie Kunin
• Interested in having a presentation for seniors on housing vouchers.

**Aging and Adult Services Report:**
Lee Pullen, Director, Area Agency on Aging reported on the following:
- The California Senate and Assembly agreed on a budget that is going to the governor and will increase the budget for the senior nutrition program, home-delivered meals, and congregate meals.
  - There is $50 million in funding, which an amount will go to counties to receive a one-time grant for access to technology for older adults.
- Senior Cal Fresh expansion will continue.
- AAA baseline funding will increase.
- Adult Protective Services age requirement will change from 65 to 60.
- New Adult Protective Service Home Safe Program will start in Marin due to increase of funding.
- Nutrition Program Monitoring will begin with Amy and new registered dietician Jenna Ray.
- Pullen thanked Commissioner Etemovic for helping with West Marin Senior Services and Commissioner Lopez for helping with Vivalon monitoring.
  - Commissioners invited to participate in the monitoring process to observe the service work, and programs under the Older American’s Act.
- Contractor logo sheet included in the agenda packet; new contractor YWCA added which is providing employment services.
- Pullen thanked Chairman Marchese for his two years as chair.
- Pullen will schedule a Brown Act and Robert’s Rules of Order training with Legal Counsel and will work with incoming chairperson.

**Chair/Vice Chair/Secretary Reports:**
Chair Marchese reported on the following:
- Thanked the Housing and Transportation Committee for the informative presentation.
Vice Chair López reported on the following:
- Webinar- Ten Health Care Imperatives for the Decade Ahead - "How Integrating SDOH Can Improve Health Outcomes and Advance Health Equity took place on May 12. The recording of this webinar is available on the website.
• The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) published guidance to state Medicaid directors on using the enhanced funding for Medicaid home and community-based services (HCBS) provided through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

• UN Global Campaign to Combat Ageism - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1fKD7aHFpZw.

• Old School.info Movement Builders Convening Upcoming meetings June 29, 2021 02:00 PM PT: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMufuiorj0uGtFGnWbS6QcnJyELCuL9xx7 and June 24, 2021 08:00 AM PT https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMldeqpqjIjGNF_wZ7r6_ohnjEl5Q_kQnGx

Secretary Gunn reported on the following:

**Summary on the Webinar “Is there a doctor in the house? – Bridging the Health Divide in Marin.”**

- The content and technology went well.
- The group focused on the mission of the webinar.
- Director Lee Pullen helped get a diverse group of speakers.
- The speakers worked well with the commissioners to plan.
- The webinar was audience friendly.
- The commissioners put a lot of hours into the webinar.
- Webinar planning and lessons learned have been documented and can be used in the future.
- Telehealth with Marin Clinics is a good resource for Older Adults, and for future collaboration with the Health and Nutrition Committee.

Commissioner Vreeland-Long reported on the following:

**Summary on the Webinar “Is there a doctor in the house? – Bridging the Health Divide in Marin.”**

- The webinar went smoothly.
- Notes are available for future organizers.
- The publicity data has been collated.
- Publicity was sent to many organizations and a PSA went to radio stations.
- Thanked commissioners for helping with advertising the webinar.
- Email is where most attendees received the information regarding the webinar.

Commissioner Brinkmann Reported on the Following:

**Summary on the Webinar “Is there a doctor in the house? – Bridging the Health Divide in Marin.”**

- Completed the back end of the event including the technical side.
- Thanked staff for their help with putting information of the website and Closed Captioning.
• 152 people registered for the webinar and 86 attended.
• Average log in time for webinar was two hours.
• Sent reminder email the week and day before the event to people that registered and an email at end.

**Aging Action Initiative (AAI) Update: Teri Dowling/Linda Jackson**

- Call to action proposal points:
  - Create a structure to address the needs of Older Adults.
  - Include older adults as a priority in homeless services.
  - Fund Detect & Connect another year.
  - Hold a County Forum on the Master Plan on Aging.
- Linda Jackson reported on the next Inform and Connect meeting Monday, June 7.

**Election of Officers:**
Commissioner Bortel announced nominees for office:
- Commissioner Bortel asked for any nominees from the floor.
- Commissioner Locks requested that her name be withdrawn for consideration of secretary.

**Director Lee Pullen Reported on the Election Process:**
- Voting must be done in public and recorded.
- Roll call will be done so commissioners can select their vote of yes, no or abstain.

**Senior Coordinator Mandy Reyes Tabulated and Reported on the Voting Results:**
- 18 votes for Commissioner Lopez for Chair.
- 18 votes for Commissioner Silverman for Vice-Chair.
- 10 votes for Commissioner Barry for secretary.
- 6 votes for Commissioner Nuessle for secretary.

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

**Vreeland Long (City of Novato):**
- Attended the May Novato City Council Meeting and announced the Telehealth webinar.
- New assisted living facility in Novato.
- The City of Novato will have pride flags up at city buildings.
- There will be presentations for Pride Month in Novato.

**Locks (City of San Rafael):**
Locks was sworn in for reappointment for the next three years.

SURJ (Showing Up for Justice Marin) June 29 7 - 9 p.m. online presentation partnership with SURJ Bay Area.

Boutilier (City of Sausalito):
- City of Sausalito selected for “Walk on College” with three fellows.
  - The result of this will be a walking plan that will include a joint program with Marin City or two different projects.
- Driving program should start more rides on June 15.
- Housing Advocacy Zoom meeting on June 28 for more information visit, [www.sausalitovillage.org](http://www.sausalitovillage.org).
- Tai Chi had the last class for this cycle.
- Walk-in COVID vaccine clinic June 4 from 12:30.- 4 p.m. at the Martin Luther King Jr. gym at MLK Park.

Lamorte (City of San Anselmo):
- Covia Home Match has an improved program and staff.
  - Website has the information, many people working in Marin participate in this program.

Timms (Town of Fairfax):
- Pride flag will be displayed at town hall.
- Task force will hold a retreat in July to write 2021-2022 goals for next year.
- Six yoga classes on Zoom will continue.
- The Fairfax Library will be holding outdoor chair yoga twice monthly.

Marchese (City of Corte Madera):
- Waiting for Carol Zeller’s replacement and application.
- Contacted the Mayor regarding the replacement.

Committee/Reports & Chairs:

Health/Nutrition: Chrisula Asimos
- The committee discussed possible presentations.
- Possible collaboration with Legislative Committee on Mental Health.
- Researching nursing homes.

Housing Transportation: Allan Bortel/Sylvia Barry
- Covia was a presenter at last Committee Meeting, copy of contact information is in the minutes.
- Barry reported that the goals for this year have been met.
Legislative: Diana López
- Met with Senator Mike McGuire on May 21.
- There is a legislation sheet available to view.

Planning: Girija Brilliant
Absent

Equity, Outreach and Advocacy: Fred Silverman/Wendy Nuessle.
- Next meeting will be a business meeting with Sara Robinson from Age Forward.
- Possible meeting with representatives from Canal Alliance.
- Marin County Commission on the Status of Women (MWC) did a presentation.
- Nuessle reported that Samantha Ramirez from Marin County Youth Commission is interested in doing intergenerational work with the committee.

California Senior Legislature (CSL): Allan Bortel
- Proposal for new legislation due June 15.
- CSL may meet in person in October.
- Bortel's CSL term will be ending soon

New Business:
Sara Robinson from Age Forward Reported:
- Possible presentation at the next Commission meeting.
- Age Forward held its second Board of Supervisors subcommittee meeting.
- State of California joined the AgeFriendly network.

Jenay Cottrell, Manager of Area Agency on Aging:
- Inquired about presentation plans for the July meeting.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 12:48 p.m.
The next meeting will be on July 1, 2021.