

<b>COMMITTEE: GENERAL</b>	<b>DATE: SEPTEMBER 2, 2021</b>	<b>LOCATION: TELECONFERENCE</b>
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**PRESENT:** Asimos, Barry, Boland, Boutilier, Bradley, Brandon, Brilliant, Brinkmann, Buennagel, Dowling, Etemovic, Gunn, Lamorte, Locks, López, Marchese, Notowich, Nuessle, Silverman, Vreeland-Long

**ABSENT:** Bortel, Hanan-Friedman, Saffran

**VACANT:** None

**RECORDER:** *Kari Bell (Marin County Area Agency on Aging)*

**NEXT MEETING:** Thursday, October 7, 2021, Zoom Teleconference

MINUTE SUMMARY

**Presentation: Connecting the Community – Services for Older Adults  
Provided by the Office of the District Attorney**

**Speakers:**

- Lori Frugoli, Esquire, Marin County District Attorney
- Oak Dowling, Marin County Financial Abuse Specialist Team (FAST TEAM)
- Yolanda Johnson -Victim Witness Advocate

**Call to Order**  
Chair López called the meeting to order at 11:12 a.m.

**Approval of Agenda**

- Commissioner Nuessle made a motion to approve the agenda as written.
- It was seconded by Commissioner Locks.
- The motion carried 19-0.

**Approval of the Minutes**

- Commissioner Silverman made a motion to approve the July minutes.
- Commissioner Brinkmann seconded.

- Motion carried 19-0.

**Open Time for Public Expression on Matters not on the Agenda:**

Susan W.

- Middle class conservatorship issues.

Jennifer Hammond (Resilient Neighborhoods):

- IPCC report 85 percent of carbon footprint is from residents in Marin.
- Free workshop September 15 and 23 to reduce the carbon footprint in Marin.

Jody Timms:

- Stepped down as commissioner and said farewell to the members.

Marilyn McConnell (Marin Medical Equipment Recyclers):

- Free services and anyone can participate.
- Will accept any clean and functional medical equipment,

**Announcements:**

Commissioner Vreeland-Long announced the following:

- City of Novato has seats on commissions and boards open.
- Encouraged inviting people to serve on a board or commission.

Commissioner Boutilier announced the following:

- Age Friendly Sausalito has a presentation online.

**Introductions of New members:**

**Matt Boland (Corte Madera):**

- Lives in an intergenerational household and his interested in Older Adults.

**Josephine Buennagel (Fairfax)**

- Supports Older adults and is interested in the services from helping a parent.
- Has a certificate in patient advocacy.
- Would like to use this certificate to help seniors.

**Lee Notowich (District 2):**

- Impressed with the commission's work and currently works at JFCS.
- Interested in helping the commission with the background from working at JFCS.

### **Aging and Adult Services Report:**

Director Lee Pullen reported on the following:

- Welcomed new members to the commission.
- Thanked the commissioners that have participated in the contract monitoring meetings.
- Released an RFP for LGBTQ support services for Older Adults
- “Grab and Go” meals will continue through December.
  - Corte Madera will start “Grab and Go” this month.
  - Talking with Hilartia Housing in Tiburon about whether we could offer “Grab and Go” there.
  - Pickleweed and San Geronimo Community Center are also locations for “Grab and Go”.
- Thanked Senior Program Coordinator Kari Bell for her work in the department, she will be leaving to work at the City of Los Angeles.

### **Chair Report:**

Chair López reported on the following:

- Chair López appointed Chairs of the following Committees:
  - Health and Nutrition Chair-Commissioner Etemovic.
  - Housing and Transportation Chair-Commissioner Barry
  - Legislative Committee Chair -Commissioner Brinkmann
  - Planning Committee Chair-Commissioner Brilliant
  - Equity, Outreach, and Advocacy Chair-Commissioner Nuessle
- Information on Older Adult resources:
  - **Manatt Health Information:**
    - A new Manatt Health webinar shares a framework for AHCs to drive cross-enterprise alignment and collaboration, which are key to the success of translational research.
    - Key topics of the program are:
      - Models for alignment within the components of AHCs to facilitate cross-mission collaboration and accountability to drive all-mission success.
      - Best practices for fostering a culture of collaboration among scientists and clinicians.
      - Models for optimizing the AHC as a partner with external collaborators.

- **Link to a report on Sustaining Telehealth Success** <https://store.aamc.org/sustaining-telehealth-success-integration-imperatives-and-best-practices-for-advancing-telehealth-in-academic-health-systems.html>
- **Master Plan for Aging Progress Report**  
<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/?ogbl#search/justice+in+aging/FMfcgzGkZZjdrQnchBsQLxhJKtGvBzdH?projector=1&messagePartId=0.1>
- **Justice in Aging summary of the final budget** is organized around the budget's investments in all five goals of the Master Plan for Aging. This budget is an important first step towards building a state where everyone can age with dignity by ensuring that we can all meet our needs and remain connected to the community.
- **Link to California State Fact Sheet re The Better Care Better Jobs Act:**  
<https://www.aging.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/California%20Fact%20Sheet.pdf>

**Vice Chair Report:**

Vice Chair Silverman reported on the following:

- Did a presentation for Villa Marin.
- Commission needs an updated PowerPoint presentation.
- Commissioner Bortel and Gunn will help with the bylaws sub-committee.

**Secretary Report:**

Secretary Barry reported on the following:

- Shared the commission calendar.
- Starting the Communications ad-hoc committee.
- Next meeting will be next Thursday, Sept. 9.

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

Locks (District 1):

- September is National Preparedness month.
- Signed up people for emergency alerts.
- Marin Transit has free bus rides to 60+ and people with disabilities.

Dowling (Ross):

- There is an Age-Friendly Taskforce working.

- There will be an Age-Friendly Breakfast at the end of September.

Vreeland-Long (Novato):

- Age-Friendly Booth at the Farmer's Market.
- A proposal is out for 1,081 new homes at Novato Fireman's Fund campus.
- Hoping a committee can help draft a letter to ask the City Council in Novato to include senior housing in their plan.

Bradley (Belvedere):

- Portable bathrooms set up for seniors playing tennis.
- Researching for people to speak to seniors on various topics.

Brilliant (Mill Valley):

- In the process of revising housing elements.
- The Neighborhood Response Group is doing active drills.

Boutilier (Sausalito):

- New questionnaire to go out to 3,400 Older Adults.
- AARP walking college participation includes intergenerational walking to schools and bus stops.

**Committee Reports:**

Housing Transportation: Sylvia Barry

- AAI received homeless data.
- Marin Transit will have low-income assistance.
- Project Room key 2.0.
- Advocating for the old Coast Guard housing to have some senior housing units when it opens in 2024.

Legislative: Diana López

- Committee wrote letter and submitted to the California Legislature Portal.
- Commissioner Vreeland-Long as joined the Legislative committee.

Planning: Girija Brilliant

- Finalized speakers for commissioner meetings.

Equity, Outreach and Advocacy: Fred Silverman/Wendy Nuessle

- Samantha Ramirez from the Youth Commission will do a presentation at the next committee meeting.

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

- Manager Cottrell and Director Pullen are currently working on an RFP the County will issue for a consultant to identify options for an integrated and responsive service and delivery system for older adults. .
- Annual Convening 2021 will be remote on September 30.
- AAI has funding through June 2021.

**Age Forward Update: Sara Robinson**

- Thanked Commissioners: Silverman, Brandon, Etemovic and Boutilier for working with her on parts of the Age Forward plan.
- Working on a disaster preparedness plan for Marin City with Commissioner Brandon.
- Completing an Age Forward assessment for West Marin with interns.

**Age-Friendly Update: Lee Pullen**

- Thanked Age Forward Coordinator Sara Robinson and AAI.
- A mental health and suicide prevention program will be joining Older Adults.
  - Met with Marin County Behavioral Health Director Jei Africa regarding this program.
- Age Forward will do the yearly update to the Board of Supervisors.

**New Business:**

None

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 12:27 p.m.

The next meeting will be on October 7, 2021