

COMMITTEE: GENERAL	DATE: OCTOBER 7, 2021	LOCATION: TELECONFERENCE
<p>PRESENT: Barry, Bortel, Boutilier, Bradley, Brandon, Brilliant, Brinkmann, Buennagel, Dowling, Etemovic, Lamorte, Locks, López, Marchese, Notowich, Nuessle, Saffran, Silverman, Vreeland-Long</p> <p>EXCUSED: Asimos, Gunn</p> <p>ABSENT: Boland, Hanan-Friedman</p> <p>VACANT: None</p>		
<p>RECORDER: <i>Mandy Reyes (Marin County Area Agency on Aging)</i></p>		
<p>NEXT MEETING: Thursday, November 4, 2021, Zoom Teleconference</p>		
<p>MINUTE SUMMARY</p>		
<p>Presentation: Looking back, lessons learned, and looking forward: the impact of the pandemic, fires, and social unrest on California’s older adults</p> <p><u>Speakers:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Richard Figueroa, Deputy Cabinet Secretary, Office of Governor Gavin Newsom • Adriana Rabkin, Director, Marin VOAD • Nancy Geisse, Chief Operating Officer, Vivalon <p>Call to Order Chair López called the meeting to order at 11:15 a.m.</p> <p>Approval of Agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioner Brinkmann made a motion to approve the agenda as written. • It was seconded by Commissioner Silverman. • The motion carried 19-0. <p>Approval of the Minutes – September 2, 2021</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioner Barry made a motion to approve the September minutes as amended. 		

- Commissioner Etemovic seconded.
- Motion carried 19-0.

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

Susan W. spoke on conservatorship.

- In Probate Court, if someone is conserved, the conservator can petition the court to use substituted judgement to change someone's trust, will or both.
- On Sept. 27, 2021, the U.S. Senate Judiciary Subcommittee, Richard Blumenthal joined with Ted Cruz in examining conservatorship.
- On Sept. 26, 2011 the governor of CA amended the Professional Fiduciary's Act.

Announcements:

Commissioner Locks announced the following:

- October is Breast Cancer Awareness month.
- Marin Transit has free transportation throughout the county all this month through March 2022 for people who are 65+ or with disabilities.
- MVFREE is for Mill Valley force for racial equity and empowerment. They are having a communication via Zoom on Oct. 23 from 6:45 – 9:00 PM. The question they are asking is, "How can we create a community of belonging for all people of color?" For information: marintransit.org/farepromotions and MVFREE nancyCarlston@gmail.com.
- Marin Senior Fair scheduled for October 27 has been cancelled and a 2022 fair will be evaluated.

Ageing Action Initiative (AAI) Update: Teri Dowling

- The AAI Convening was held last week. A record number of 200 people registered. About 25% were first timers. 110 people were on Zoom.
- Marin Aging and Disability Institute (MADI) is conducting a search for a Director. MADI will be incorporating the work of AAI's Education and Advocacy.

Ageing and Adult Services Report:

Director Lee Pullen reported on the following:

- A pilot of the Vietnamese Home Delivered Meal program has been completed. After consulting with Marin Aging Advocacy Project, a decision has been made to continue the program.

- Grab n' Go meals are available at Margaret Todd, Albert J. Boro Center, San Geronimo Valley Community Center, and Corte Madera.
- One year ago, Sara Robinson, Age Friendly Coordinator joined us. She will be highlighting her work later this month at the Board Subcommittee meeting.
- The AAI Advocacy Alliance initiated an effort to advocate for a study of aging services across the county in Spring 2021. There will be an RFP going out to evaluate intra-departmental services for older adults to ensure maximum awareness of needs.

Chair/Vice Chair/Secretary Report:

Chair Report:

Chair López reported on the following:

- Governor Newsom Appointments - Kimberly McCoy Wade, 50, of Davis, has been appointed Senior Advisor on Aging, Disability and Alzheimer's for the Office of Governor Gavin Newsom. Susan DeMarois, 56, of Sacramento, has been appointed Director of the California Department of Aging.
- Manatt Health - A New Webinar Thursday, October 7, 2021, 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. PDT - AMA and Manatt Shares How Telehealth Policies Changed During COVID-19, What That Means for Substance Use Disorder Treatment—and What's Next.
- Master Plan for Aging - Leadership in Aging Webinar Series:
 - "Promising Practices, Performance Criteria and Excellence, Wednesday, October 6, 10:00 - 11:00 am
 - "Measuring the Success of Aging Networks" (Sept. 15th)
 - "Improved AAA Performance via Partnerships with Health Plans" (Sept. 22nd)
 - Leadership in Aging Webinar recordings can also be accessed via [CDA's YouTube channel](#)
- Upcoming Aging & Disability Stakeholder Committee Meetings:
 - [Implementing the Master Plan for Aging in CA Together \(IMPACT\) Stakeholder Committee](#)
Tuesday, October 19, 2021 from 9:00 am-12:00 pm
 - [Disability & Aging Community Living Advisory Committee](#)
Tuesday, November 16, 2021 from 2:00-5:00 pm
 - [Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Advisory Committee Equity in Aging Advisory Committee](#)
Thursday, December 16, 2021 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm
- Justice in Aging – The Better Care Better Jobs Act (S. 2210) would make a historic investment in Medicaid home and community-based services. This bill would expand access to cost-effective care, enhance quality of life for families and help create middle-class jobs.

Vice Chair Report:

Vice Chair Silverman reported on the following:

- The By-Laws Committee will be on hiatus until Jean Gunn returns from her trip in November.
- Silverman will be reaching out to all of the committee chairs, asking for input on what you would like to see in the By-Laws for each committee.

Secretary Report:

Secretary Barry reported on the following:

- Barry will be sending out a meeting calendar to all commissioners.
- The Communications Ad-hoc Committee has put together a program proposal which was sent out in the meeting packet. Please review and send any input to Commissioner Barry by Oct. 20.
- During the Housing & Transportation meeting on Sept. 15:
- Marin Transit announced a new eligibility database to support the Marin Access programs.
- On Monday September 13th the Marin Transit Board of Directors unanimously concurred with staff recommendation to award the Marin Access contract to Transdev based out of Chicago rather than Vivalon who has operated this program for the last 50 years. The Commission on Aging held a Special Meeting regarding this decision and voted to write a letter to ask Marin Transit to reconsider. The Commission on Aging asked to reconvene on this matter to determine next steps.
- Andrew Hening, Project Director, Opening Doors Marin, gave a presentation on “Homekey 2.0: Creating New Housing in Marin County”

Commissioner Updates (Commissioners appointed by the Board of Supervisors):

Asimos/ López (District 1):

- Damon Connolly announced that he is running for the California State Assembly.
- The Great Redwood Trail - multi-use rail-to-trail project connecting San Francisco with Humboldt County. Senator McGuire authored and Governor Newsom signed SB 69 which establishes the framework for the project. The North Coast Railroad Company, LLC is trying to stop the project and, instead, rebuild the rail line possibly to transport coal. On September 28, The Board of Supervisors passed a resolution opposing this effort. You can learn more at www.thegreatredwoodtrail.org.
- Project Homekey - Additional state funds have been made available to acquire another building. The site, a former skilled nursing facility at 1251 S. Eliseo Drive, would be operated by Episcopal Community Services and would be a 43-unit permanent supportive housing facility for homeless single adults. For more information go to the Project Homekey website at marinhhs.org/homekey or email homekey@marincounty.org.

- Rental Assistance Update - The County has provided 751 households with rental assistance and has an additional 2,100 applications, has allocated \$33M toward rental assistance, approximately \$20M has reached landlords and tenants.
- Drought Webinar – October 11, 2021, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. To register go to the MWD website.
- Drawdown: Marin - is becoming a non-profit organization and will partner with the County of Marin to implement the Strategic Plan and is recruiting community members to serve on its board. To nominate yourself or someone else go to the Nonprofit Working Group webpage.
- Small Business Development Workgroups - the Marin Small Business Development Center is offering a series of free online workshops to help businesses with digital marketing and management.
 - Social Media Strategy: Optimizing Your Efforts, October 14, 2021, 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.
 - Using Instagram to Attract Clients, October 27, 2021, 12:00- 1:30 p.m.
 - Facebook Tips and Strategies, November 4, 2021, 12:00 – 1:30 p.m.
 - Story Telling Through Video and Image, November 10, 2021, 12:00 – 1:30 p.m.

Notowich/Nuessle (District 2):

- Nuessle reported the housing element has been important across all the towns and districts. The Building Bridges Beyond Bias series at has been wonderful. There are two more.
- Nuessle contacted San Anselmo Mayor Brian Colbert with regards to Marin Transit’s recent decision to express how there was incorrect information. Mayor Colbert is a voting member of Marin Transit.

Brandon/Silverman (District 3):

- Brandon reached out to new staff member for District 3, Doreen Gounard and will be setting up a meeting with her and Commissioner Silverman and Supervisor Moulton-Peters.
- Brandon brought the Marin Transit decision to the attention of some community people and sent out the editorial from the Marin Independent Journal and would like to keep this on the forefront.

Etemovic/Marchese (District 4):

- Etemovic has been reaching out to community organizations to see if there is any interest in participating as community members on the Health & Nutrition Committee and in General Meetings.
- Etemovic spoke to Michael Bergman who runs San Geronimo Valley Emergency Readiness Group. He ran a pilot program where they issued older adults Family Radio Service (FRS) radios.
- Etemovic sent in a letter regarding new parking fees that were free at Golden Gate recreational areas that will mostly affect older adults and adults with disabilities.

- Marchese stated that he would like the commission to meet with Supervisor Rodoni on the Marin Transit/ Vivalon issue in order to support Vivalon.

Barry/Gunn (District 5):

- See Secretary's report.

Committee/Reports & Chairs:

Executive Committee: Diana López

- There is a disconnect between the work the executive committee does that links to the work in the General meeting so López is trying to make the link.

Health /Nutrition: Jasmina Etemovic

- The committee reviewed their objectives to determine any further presentations.

Housing Transportation: Sylvia Barry

- See Secretary's report.

Legislative: Lisa Brinkmann

- The committee submitted their edits and recommendations for the Marin County 2022 Federal and State legislative programs and policy guidelines.
- Brinkmann is researching a contact to replace CA Assemblymember Marc Levine since he will no longer be in this position going forward.
- Brinkmann is now beginning her role as Chair.

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

- Commissioner Bortel noted that the elections for CSL Senior Senator and Senior Assemblyperson, which take place every four years, are coming up in May 2022. Those voted in will take office in October 2022.
- The annual conference this year at the end of October will be virtual.

Planning: Girija Brilliant

- None

Equity, Outreach and Advocacy: Wendy Nuessle

- The committee had a presentation from the Youth Commission at the last meeting.
- Next meeting is Oct. 21, 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. and the presentation will be an ally update and advocacy collaboration.
- The committee talked about starting their meetings with a land acknowledgement to the Coast Miwok of Marin and reaching out to the tribal council for help in phrasing the acknowledgement.

Age-Friendly Update: Jody Timms

- The next forum, Diana Lopez will be speaking on Medicare options.
- AARP sent out a link to a new publication on how you can use [ARPA \(American Rescue Plan Act\) funds](#) for older adult projects.
- The next Age-Friendly forum in November will be on end-of-life planning.
- No meeting in December

New Business:

None

Adjournment:

- Chair López made a motion to end the meeting at 12:32.
- It was seconded by Commissioner Bortel.
- The motion carried 19-0.

The next meeting will be on November 4, 2021