COMMITTEE: EXECUTIVE    JANUARY 24, 2022    LOCATION: ZOOM TELECONFERENCE

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS:** Diana López, Fred Silverman, Sylvia Barry, Girija Brilliant, Lisa Brinkmann, Jasmina Etemovic, Wendy Nuessele

**COA APPOINTEES NOT ON THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:** Salamah Locks

**PUBLIC:** Linda Jackson

**STAFF:** Gary Lara, Lee Pullen, Jenay Cottrell

**EXCUSED:** Ralph Marchese

**ABSENT:**

**RECORER:** Gary Lara

Next Meeting: Zoom teleconference – February 28, 2022

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<td><strong>Call to Order:</strong></td>
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<td>• Chair López called the meeting to order at 3:03p.m.</td>
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<td><strong>Agenda:</strong></td>
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<td>• Commissioner Brilliant made a motion to approve the agenda.</td>
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<td>• Commissioner Brinkmann seconded.</td>
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<td>• Motion carried 7-0.</td>
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### MINUTES SUMMARY

#### Minutes:
- Commissioner Nuessle made a motion to approve the November 22, 2021 minutes.
- Commissioner Etemovic seconded.
- Motion carried 7-0.

#### Public Comment:
- None

#### Director and Program Manager’s Report:
Director Pullen reported the following.

- CSL election will commence soon. The two available positions are Assembly and Senator. Interested parties should have their application materials submitted by April 1st, which will be forwarded to the CSL for qualifications approval. The election will be held during the June Commission meeting and voted on by the 21 members.
- Age Forward framework has recently been meeting with County department heads not previously familiar with this initiative. Responses have been very enthusiastic. The next meeting with UC Cooperative Extension Marin will take place tomorrow. These short meetings have been in anticipation of a two hour summit with all department heads sometime this spring.
- Contracts and funding overview was provided by Jenay Cottrell during the recent Commission retreat and the amount which the agency will be producing over the next 12 months was reiterated by Pullen.
- February Commission meeting flyer for February will be bilingual in Spanish and English.
- AAA staff is trying to locate a meeting facility for hybrid Commission meetings.
- Provided an update on the County’s Hubs and Spokes initiative. The California Department of Aging’s next steps will be announced in March.
Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary's Report:

Commissioner López reported the following.

1. The County has published the [2022 Federal and State Legislative Programs and Policy Guidelines](#).
2. New list of Commissioners contact info complete and was distributed this morning
4. CCoA members follow the work of the California Master Plan for Aging Committees and report to the full Commission
5. Report on California Commission on Aging is supporting the following Federal Legislation:
   - i. H.R. 502 (Barragan) – Medicare Dental Benefit Act of 2021
   - ii. H.R. 2812 (Sanchez) – Fairness in Nursing Home Arbitration Act
   - iii. H.R. 5425 (O'Halleran) - Protecting Rural Telehealth Access Act
   - iv. S. 2065 (Sherrod Brown) Supplemental Social Security Restoration Act
   - v. S. 2881 (Collins and Casey) Guardianship Accountability Act
   - vi. H.R. 5531 (Newman) Supporting Older Workers Act
6. Sonoma County AAA Council Meeting report:
   - Population of Sonoma County – 486, 000
   - Council is revising its by-laws
   - Restructuring committees
   - Increasing its advocacy efforts – Boards and local legislators
   - Supervisors attend as guests once or twice a year
   - Service providers who contract with the AAA attend and report at meetings
   - Council members are active in RFP process
     - Review allocations
     - RFPs sent to Planning and Finance Committee
### MINUTES SUMMARY

- Proposals are ranked
- Recommendations sent to and voted on by Council
  - Council members will conduct Annual Contract reviews (in process)
  - Expressed interest in working together on legislation

7. State Budget Process (see attached)

8. Understanding the 2022 – 2023 Budget
   - It is a proposal not a complete response and is constrained by the Gann Limit. California Proposition 4 (1979), also known as the Gann limit, was approved by voters with the goal of keeping state and local government spending, including school spending, capped at 1978–79 levels, adjusted for changes in population and inflation.
   - Housing is considered infrastructure and is not included in the Gann Limit

#### Budget Overview

- Health Policy Issues
  - Eliminate exclusion of undocumented immigrants’ ages 26 – 49 access to MediCal.
  - CalAIM coordinate systems of health for MediCal recipients
  - Children and youth behavioral health initiative - $1.4M
  - Increase Covid-19 testing capacity - $2.7B

- Housing and Homelessness – mostly 1 time funding - $2B
  - Short term solution for homeless people with mental health needs
  - Health care and behavioral health services for formerly incarcerated people
  - Housing – $1.5B – affordable housing in-fill
  - Low-income tax credits - $500M
  - Additional student housing

- Economic Security
  - No increase in pay for childcare workers
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<td>▪ No increase in paid leave benefits – 3 days per year</td>
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Commissioner Silverman reported on the following.

- The Bylaws Committee has finished reviewing the first draft of the bylaws and received a number of feedback remarks. The committee will be meeting tomorrow. They anticipate the Commission voting to approve the final version in April or May.

Commissioner Barry reported on the following.

- The current Commission calendar has been distributed. Please send updates to Commissioner Barry.
- The Ad-Hoc Communications Committee will meet this week to discuss next steps.

Committee Reports:

**Equity, Outreach and Advocacy (EOA): Wendy Nuessle**

- The committee’s meeting last week featured Linda Jackson who discussed housing advocacy for older adults in Marin.
- Advocacy Subcommittee reviewed their focus points and action plan.
- Would like to compare advocacy efforts with the AAI Steering Committee to see where there is overlap.
- Nuessle will meet with Jenay Cottrell and Sara Robinson this week to discuss the second year of Age Forward.
- The Youth Commission, Women’s Commission and Commission on Aging will have a collaborative event on January 25th.
- Will meet with the new Community Engagement Manager for Canal Alliance, Rose Costello.
The Marin County Board of Supervisors will discuss the housing project at 1251 S. Eliseo during their February 1st meeting.
- The EOA committee is sponsoring the February 3rd Commission meeting “Voces del Canal” and features members that will be introduced by Omar Carrera from Canal Alliance.
- Second Ally Update and Advocacy Collaboration will take place on February 17th with EOA community partners.

**Health and Nutrition: Jasmina Etemovic**
- Last meeting featured Jenna Ray, registered dietician who gave a great presentation about supplements.
- The committee reviewed their goals and objectives for the following fiscal year.
- Would like to make nutrition a stronger focus on the committee.
- Met with Supervisor Rodoni to discuss her work on the Commission.
- Committee’s next meeting will have a presentation called, “Living with Alzheimer’s and Dementia: Managing the challenges of patients, families and our health care system” on February 21st from 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

**Housing and Transportation: Sylvia Barry**
- Was unable to attend the last meeting of the committee. Commissioner Bortel Chaired on her behalf.
- The committee updated their goals and objectives for the year.
- Marin Transit introduced their new General manager, Eddy Cumins.
- The committee will sponsor the April 7th Commission meeting.

**Legislative / CSL: Lisa Brinkmann**
- CSL Caucus is meeting in January.
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<td>CSL spent three full days reaching out to the legislators in Sacramento to create awareness about the top 10 priorities.</td>
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<td>Thanked Joan Lubamersky for her assistance with scheduling appointments with the legislators.</td>
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<td>Legislative Committee met at the beginning of January and reviewed the bill watch sheet.</td>
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<td>Kevin Prindiville spoke at their January meeting. Commissioner López gave a presentation on how to understand bill status as well as how the whole process works.</td>
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<td>Lining up speakers for future Legislative Committee meetings.</td>
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<td>Working on the bill watch and determining where the committee can have the most impact.</td>
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Commissioner López thanked Commissioner Brinkmann for her work on the Legislative spreadsheet.

**Planning: Girija Brilliant**

- The committee’s last meeting was in December.
- There will be some schedule restructuring in terms of when goals and objectives for the Area Plan will be collected. There will also be some discussion about the role of the committee as a whole.
- The next meeting is January 26th.

**Discussion Items:**

**Land Acknowledgement:**

- Commissioner López provided the background on Land Acknowledgment and shared examples which will be distributed for review.
- Pullen read an article which provided background on Land Acknowledgments from the perspective of indigenous persons.
After further input from other Commissioners, Chair López asked Commissioner Nuessle to send her the land acknowledgment prepared by the Coastal Miwok Tribe for her to review.

**Retreat Debrief:**

- Rod Githens sent Commissioner López a report which will be distributed to the Commission. 36 people attended virtually.
- Technology was a bit challenging during various portions of the discussion.
- López noted the committee will talk more about the final retreat report once it is distributed.

**May Forum:**

- Chair López asked the committee for their thoughts about the formation of a subcommittee for planning the May Forum. The topic is “Affording Aging.”
- Locks is looking at possible venues in Marin City for a hybrid meeting.

Locks has additional ideas for topics for the forum. Locks will write a proposal and submit to Chair López.

Chair López asked the members if they should solicit assistance from the full Commission to participate on the May Forum subcommittee. Due to time constraints, this question did not receive a response.

**Develop General Meeting Agenda:** **Items to add for the General meeting agenda.**

- Nancy Geisse, Chief Operating Officer at Vivalon will be given 5-10 minutes on the agenda of February 3rd to discuss transportation.
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<td>Commissioners López, Brilliant and Etemovic will talk offline about ways to acknowledge former Commissioners Bloch and Monson.</td>
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**New Business/Updates:**

None

**Announcements:**

None

**Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned at 4:30p.m. The next meeting is on Monday, February 28, 2022.