

<b>COMMITTEE: GENERAL</b>	<b>DATE: APRIL 7, 2022</b>	<b>LOCATION: TELECONFERENCE</b>
<b>PRESENT:</b> Asimos, Barry, Bortel, Boutilier, Brandon, Brilliant, Brinkmann, Buennagel, Dowling, Gould, Gunn, Locks, López, Marchese, Ng, Notowich, Nuessle, Saffran		
<b>EXCUSED:</b> Etemovic, Silverman, Vreeland Long		
<b>ABSENT:</b> Boland, Bradley		
<b>RECORDER:</b> Mandy Reyes (Staff, AAA)		
<b>NEXT MEETING:</b> Thursday, May 5, 2022, Zoom Teleconference		
<b>MINUTE SUMMARY</b>		
<b>Presentation:</b> Voter’s Choice Act in Marin County & Housing Element, Housing Programs & Policies, Alternative Housing Options for Older Adults		
<b>Speakers:</b> Lynda Robert, Jillian Zeiger and John McCauley		
<b>Call to Order:</b> Chair López called the meeting to order at 11:15 a.m.		
<b>Approval of Agenda:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commissioner Locks made a motion to approve the agenda as amended.</li> <li>• Commissioner Gunn seconded.</li> <li>• The motion carried 18-0.</li> </ul>		
<b>Approval of the Minutes – March 3, 2022</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commissioner Brinkmann made a motion to approve the minutes of March 3, 2022 as amended.</li> <li>• Commissioner Asimos seconded.</li> <li>• The motion carried 17-0.</li> <li>• 1 abstain</li> </ul>		

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

- Luke Barnesmoore, the new Program Director for Home Match Marin, introduced himself.
- Cindy Scarborough, Secretary for the Sonoma County Advisory Council to the Area Agency on Aging introduced herself.

**Announcements:**

- National Volunteers month is the month of April.
- Public Health Week is from April 4-10.
- Today, April 7 is World Health Day, National Beer, No Housework Day and Coffee Cake Day.
- Careers in Aging week is April 17-23.
- Protecting the Environment Day is April 9.
- Marin Clean Energy will be doing a presentation April 23-24 at the Mill Valley Community Center.

**Presentation:** Danielle Niemi, HHS Senior Analyst, Older Adult Expansion

**Aging and Adult Services Report:**

Director Lee Pullen reported on the following:

- Thanked everyone for attending and voting to approve the Area Plan Update.
- Kaitlin Kimmel has been selected as the new Supervisor for Information and Assistance, replacing Chloe Cook.
- A meeting will be scheduled with the Planning Committee to review American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding and determine how to distribute the funds.
- Pullen was in Washington DC last week to participate in USAging's Annual Policy Briefing.

**Aging Action Initiative (AAI) Report:**

Teri Dowling reported on the following:

- The AAI, Marin County Commission on Aging (MCCOA), Marin Center for Independent Living (Marin CIL) and Age-Friendly Marin are collaborating and will be meeting with each member of the Board of Supervisors (BOS) and the county administrator to make three requests during this budget cycle.
- AAI and the League of Women's Voters to hold a candidates' forum for the two open district supervisors on April 28 at 4 p.m.
- AAI, California Association of Retired Americans (CARA) and Marin CIL will hold a candidates' forum for California Assemblymember on May 3 at 4 p.m.
- To schedule a Detect & Connect workshop, contact Linda Jackson.

**Chair/Vice Chair/Secretary Report:****Chair Report:**

Chair López reported on the following:

- Thanked Aging staff and the Planning committee for the Area Plan Update presentation.
- Petaluma has adopted their Age-Friendly Housing Design Ordinance.
- Speakers are booked for the May 26 forum at Homeward Bound from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- Age-Friendly Forum, April 27, 2022, 10:30 -11:45 a.m.

**Vice Chair Report:**

Chair López on behalf of Vice Chair Silverman reported on the following:

- The bylaws draft is complete and will be presented at the next Executive Committee meeting.

**Secretary Report:**

Secretary Barry reported on the following:

- The Communications ad-hoc committee has proposed a mission statement.
- A MCCOA logo is being created.

**Action Items:****Approval of Resolution to Continue Online Meetings**

- Discussion: this month, many councils and agencies are beginning to hold their meetings in person. Chair López made a motion to approve the resolution to continue online meetings.
- Votes in favor: 17
- Vote opposed: 1

**New Aging Mission Statement**

- Discussion and feedback was given on the new mission statement.

**Proposed Slate of Officers: Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary from the Nominating Committee for FY 2022-23**

- Diana López and Salamah Locks for Chair
- Wendy Nuessle for Vice Chair
- Sylvia Barry for Secretary

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

### District 1

- Asimos: Will be attending BOS meetings again now that medical issues have been dealt with.
- López: Update on the County Housing Element – On March 1, two Housing Element alternatives were presented to the BOS and Planning Commission. Next meeting is April 12.
- The Federal Government is giving free N95 masks. You can get them at community health centers and pharmacies.
- The County's work on homelessness and preparation for wildfires continues.
- Drawdown: Marin is now MarinCAN for climate action.

### District 2

- Nuessle: Has been attending Housing Element workshops and AAI Advocacy meetings with the BOS.
- The towns and cities in District 2 held a meeting to talk about how to coordinate and organize District 2 responsibilities.
- Notowich: Ross Age-Friendly had a task force meeting and they have an event on April 12.

### District 3

- Brandon: Report to be sent

### District 4

- Marchese: Report to be sent

### District 5

- Gunn: Housing Element work is moving forward.
- Event was held to benefit Novato Village which made over \$5,000.

### Locks (City of San Rafael)

- Dr. Jai Africa with Behavioral Health will be presenting a resolution on April 26 that the County declare racism as a Public Health crisis.
- City Council meeting will begin hybrid meetings next month.
- Whole Foods will have its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary on April 9 and will talk about their reusable take-out program.
- On April 23, 10-2:00 p.m. Pickleweed Park will have a cleanup day.

**Committee/Reports & Chairs:**

Executive Committee: Diana López

- Streamlining the process for preparing for general and committee meeting presentations was discussed.
- Triple A Council of California (TACC) meeting had three presentations on March 28.
- The California Commission on Aging's goals and priorities are to raise the visibility of the COA.

Health and Nutrition: Jasmina Etemovic:

- None

Housing and Transportation: Sylvia Barry

- The committee met the new manager for Marin Transit paratransit.

Legislative: Lisa Brinkmann

- The committee has been working to determine what bills to support.
- Senator McGuire will be speaking at the next meeting.

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

- Brinkman: CSL members had their mandatory training. They were walked through the legislative process.
- Bortel: The Senior Rally is May 3.
- Made a request for all commissioners to announce the day of the week in addition to the date when announcing meetings.
- Sonoma has two candidates for CSL for the first time in many years.

Planning: Girija Brilliant

- Thanked staff for preparing for the Public Hearing.

Equity, Outreach and Advocacy: Wendy Nuessle

- At last meeting, Age Forward update was given to the committee by Sara Robinson.
- Land Acknowledgment was discussed.
- The advocacy subcommittee reviewed the work of the last nine months and decided the work of the subcommittee will be reabsorbed into the full committee.
- At the next meeting on April 21, the Indigenous Healing Center will give a presentation.

**Age Forward (Cottrell):**

- On March 7, Pullen, Cottrell and Sara Robinson were part of Matthew Hymel's Management Council meeting attended by County department directors and assistant directors encouraging all departments to weave in age-friendly practices, policies and programs into their work.

**New Business:**

None

**Adjournment:**

- Commissioner Brilliant made a motion to end the meeting at 12:32 p.m.
- Commissioner Brinkman seconded.
- The motion carried 18-0.

The next meeting will be on May 5, 2022, 11:15 a.m.