## MINUTE SUMMARY

**Presentation:** Voter’s Choice Act in Marin County & Housing Element, Housing Programs & Policies, Alternative Housing Options for Older Adults

**Speakers:**
Lynda Robert, Jillian Zeiger and John McCauley

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

**Approval of Agenda:**
- Commissioner Locks made a motion to approve the agenda as amended.
- Commissioner Gunn seconded.
- The motion carried 18-0.

**Approval of the Minutes – March 3, 2022**
- Commissioner Brinkmann made a motion to approve the minutes of March 3, 2022 as amended.
- Commissioner Asimos seconded.
- The motion carried 17-0.
- 1 abstain
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 25th 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.