

COMMITTEE: GENERAL		LOCATION: TELECONFERENCE
MARIN COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING (MCCOA)	DATE: FEBRUARY 2, 2023	

PRESENT: Barry, Binkley, Boutilier, Brandon, Brilliant, Dowling, Gould, Gunn, Locks, López, Marchese, Ng, Notowich, Sadowsky, Silverman

EXCUSED: Asimos **ABSENT:** Bhanushali, Boland, Saffran **VACANT:** CSL, CSL, District 2, Town of Fairfax

RECORDER: Mandy Reyes, Staff, Area Agency on Aging (AAA)

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, March 2, 2023, 10 a.m., Marguerita C. Johnson Senior Center

MINUTE SUMMARY

Presentation: What Older Adults Need to Know about Homeowners & Insurance in High-Risk Areas and Reverse Mortgages
Speakers: Mary Jo Lafaye, Home Equity Retirement Specialist, Mutual of Omaha Mortgage and Adrienne Peixotto, CEO, Insurance Solutions by AP

Call to Order:
Chair López called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

- Approval of Agenda:**
- Commissioner Barry made a motion to approve the agenda as written.
 - Commissioner Boutilier seconded.
 - The motion carried 15-0.

- Approval of the Minutes:**
- Commissioner Gould made a motion to approve the minutes of Jan. 5, 2023 as written.
 - Commissioner Binkley seconded.
 - The motion carried 15-0.

- Open Time for Public Expression on Matters not on the Agenda:**
- Luanne Mullin - Emeritus Students College of Marin (ESCOM) is celebrating its 50th anniversary at College of Marin Indian Valley Campus on Saturday, Oct. 14, 2023. Ken Dychtwald will be the keynote speaker.
 - Linda Jackson, Aging Action Initiative (AAI) – Thanked the Marin County Board of Supervisors (BOS) for adopting a Housing Element.

- Allan Bortel – SMART train field trip will take place on Feb. 13.
- Gerrie Kunin – Please remember Phyllis Faber who was involved with the Marin Agricultural Land Trust and recently passed. Expressed thanks for the Commissions’ work on the Housing Element and asked Commissioners to be present at housing meetings so that your voice is heard.

Announcements:

Chair López announced that Kari Beuerman, Social Services Director, will be joining the MCCOA for future meetings when she is available.

Emeritus Students College of Marin (ESCOM), Leonard Winegarten, Vice-President:

Winegarten gave a short presentation on what ESCOM is about and its focus on lifelong learning clubs.

Chair/Vice Chair/Secretary Report:

Chair Report:

Chair López reported on the following:

- MCCOA presentation to the BOS is scheduled for Feb. 28, 2023. Committee Chairs should send committee highlights to Chair López by Feb. 14.
- Thanked Commissioner Buennagel for her service on the MCCOA.
- The CSL elections are in process. Applications are due March 31, 2023.
- District 2 commissioner appointment is still vacant so please help get the word out.
- In-person meetings for MCCOA and its committees will resume in March, 2023
- LGBT Cultural Awareness training has been approved by the Executive committee and funding has been secured.
- Funding is being sought for a World Trust Educational Services training on systems of equity.
- The Executive committee came up with a theme for the May health forum, s ‘What are we putting in our bodies?’ Commissioners are asked to come forward to help start planning this forum.
- MCCOA needs a representative on the Homeless Policy Steering committee to work with AAI. The election is Feb. 8.
- López attended the California Commission on Aging meeting on Jan. 11.

Vice Chair Report:

Vice Chair Barry reported on the following:

- Barry will send information to the entire committee on the Homeless Policy Steering committee.

Secretary Report: None

Aging and Adult Services Report:

Program Manager Jenay Cottrell reported on the following:

- The demographic survey for the FY 23-24 Area Plan Update will be sent out next week to your email addresses. Please complete this survey by March 1.
- Staff has been working on finding a standing venue, preferably in San Rafael, to hold the in-person MCCOA meetings each month. We have yet to secure a San Rafael venue. The March meeting will be held at Marguerita C. Johnson Senior Center in Marin City.
- Kaitlin Kimmel, Information and Assistance Unit Supervisor, has resigned. Interviews for her replacement are next week.
- An offer has been accepted for a half time bilingual Vietnamese speaking position in Information and Assistance.
- Vivalon is the winner bidder of the Digital Inclusion RFP. The contract will start March 1, 2023.
- Hiliarita in Tiburon wants to restart its congregate meal program.

Aging Action Initiative (AAI) Report:

Teri Dowling reported on the following:

- Inform and Connect has resumed. These information sessions are offered two Mondays per month on Zoom.
- Thanked Commissioner Brilliant for agreeing to be a speaker at an upcoming session about the Spring Out campaign.
- Thanked Commissioner Brandon for being part of an upcoming session on County's resolution on racism as a public health crisis.
- Most of the recent work has been following up on the Integrated Aging Services study.

Action Items:

- Approval of Resolution to Continue Online Meetings through the month of February:
 - Chair Locks made a motion to approve the resolution to continue online meetings through the month of Feb.
 - Commissioner Boutilier seconded.
 - Votes in favor: 16, opposed: 0, abstain: 0
- Approval of adoption of Land Acknowledgement:
 - Chair López made a motion that MCCOA approves the Land Acknowledgement and at the next meeting presents a document that shows how MCCOA will use the Land Acknowledgement.
 - Commissioner Boutilier seconded.
 - Votes in favor: 16, opposed: 0, abstain: 0

Discussion Items:

- Brown Act Update re: In-Person, Hybrid, Virtual Meetings – Discussed in Jenay’s report earlier
- Integrated Aging Services Report (Commissioner Dowling) – This important study is the work of a year with excellent consultants and an advisory committee. This report will be presented to the BOS on Feb. 7. Please attend in person. You will find the recommendations on page 8.

Commissioner Updates (Commissioners appointed by the Cities and Towns):

Barry (Novato):

- The Novato Housing Element has passed.

Binkley (Belvedere): None

Boutilier (Sausalito):

- The Sausalito Housing Element has passed.
- Working with state officials on a housing project in Sausalito.

Brilliant (Mill Valley): None

Buennagel (Fairfax): None

Dowling (Ross):

- A budget from the town has been given to Age Friendly Ross. They now have \$10,000.
- Sold out event on May 15 celebrating older Ross residents.
- Working with Commissioner Notowich to do a FAST training for the Ross Valley Age-Friendly towns and cities.

Gould (Tiburon):

- The Tiburon ARC newspaper had an announcement about today’s MCCOA meeting.

Locks (San Rafael):

- The City Council met last Monday to discuss interim housing in San Rafael.
- A consultant, Chris Hess, has been assigned as the Assistant Director of Community Development.
- Moms Against Gun Violence will have a meeting on Friday, Feb. 3 from 8:45 – 10 a.m. at the 240 Tiburon Ave.

Ng (San Anselmo):

- A county housing project has begun at the end of Commissioner Ng’s street. There has been debate about the traffic it may cause.
- Memorial Park is being renovated.

Committee/Reports and Chairs:

Equity, Outreach and Advocacy: Sybil Boutilier

- The March 16 meeting will be joined by Jamilah Jordan, the County Equity Officer.
- April 20 will be a special meeting of the whole MCCOA with a presentation by the Marin County Parks Department. They need input on access to parks for older adults and adults with disabilities.

Health/Nutrition: None

Housing/Transportation: Sylvia Barry

- A flyer has been created for the SMART train field trip on Feb. 13. Let Allan Bortel know if you would like him to buy you a ticket.

Legislative: Diana López

- The committee is beginning work on legislation and committee members will be bringing legislation that they would like to follow and support to the next meeting.

Planning: Girija Brilliant

- The committee was asked to support Senior Day at the Marin County Fair. The Executive Committee has been asked to endorse this without providing financial support.

Ad Hoc Committee Reports:

Communications: Sylvia Barry

- None

Digital Inclusion: Fred Silverman

- They had a meeting with Vivalon who has been awarded the Access to Technology grant.
- A program with ESCOM is being worked on to develop a training under AARP.
- Three committee members have volunteered to be trainers to older adults on how to use devices.
- A handout is being prepared which will list many of the organizations in the county who are providing training, devices or access to the internet.
- Silverman spoke with Front Porch who has a connection program that will be followed up on.
- A meeting with Digital Marin is on Feb. 23.
- Committee is involved with the Bay Area Digital Inclusion Coalition.

Age-Friendly Update:

Jenay Cottrell, Aging and Adult Services Program Manager reported on the following:

- Sara Robinson will be mapping out the report that is due to the WHO and the AARP in the Fall. The Advisory committee will be reconvened to help assess the work of the initiative for this report.

New Business:

Chair Boutilier reported on the following:

Agenda item for March meeting: Discuss how Land Acknowledgement will be used.

Adjournment:

- Commissioner Brilliant made a motion to end the meeting at 12:46 p.m.
- Commissioner Sadowsky seconded.
- The motion carried 15-0.