

COMMITTEE: Legislative Advocacy	DATE: February 17, 2023	LOCATION: Zoom Video Conference
MEMBERS: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Diana López, Chair <input type="checkbox"/> Vacant, Vice-Chair <input type="checkbox"/> Matt Boland <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sylvia Barry <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Salamah Locks <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sybil Boutilier		
PUBLIC/ OTHER: Mandy Reyes (Area Agency on Aging), Luke Barnsemoore (Home Match), Kris Organ, CARA (CA Alliance for Retired Americans), Linda Jackson (Aging Action Initiative), Summer Cassel, Legislative Aide (Senator McGuire), Kevin Hogan, (Marin Health Council), Allan Bortel (Community Member)		
EXCUSED: Boland ABSENT: None		
STAFF/RECORDER: Mandy Reyes (Sr. Program Coordinator, Area Agency on Aging)		
NEXT MEETING: Friday, March 17, 2023, 9:30 – 11 a.m.		

MINUTE SUMMARY	ACTION TAKEN/ RESPONSIBLE PARTY
<p>Call to Order: Chair López called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m.</p> <p>Agenda Approval:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioner Barry made a motion to approve the agenda for Feb. 17, 2023 as written. • Seconded by Commissioner Locks. • Motion carried 3-0. <p>Minutes Approval:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioner Locks made a motion to approve the minutes for Jan. 20, 2023 as amended. • Seconded by Commissioner Barry. • Motion carried 3-0. <p>Introductions: None</p> <p>Announcements: Kris Organ, CARA, announced the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A caregiver and care receiver information session will be held on March 3 at 12 p.m. via Zoom. 	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There will be a protest of the debt ceiling debate in front of Kevin McCarthy’s office in Bakersfield on March 17 via a bus that picks up at Smith Ranch Park n’ Ride leaving at 7:30 a.m. <p>Open Time for Public Expression: None</p> <p>Legislative Aide’s Reports: Summer Cassel, Legislative Aide (Senator McGuire): The Senator has recently decided to champion the following bills:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SB 370 – ensures that once payments are finally awarded in connection with the 2019 Kincade Fire, wildfire victims will be exempt from paying state personal income and corporation taxes on their settlement claim. • SB 307 - College for Foster Youth Act, will make debt-free college a reality for foster students in California. SB 307 builds upon Governor Newsom’s vision for debt-free college for all students by establishing the Fostering Futures program, within the Middle Class Scholarship (MCS Program.) This bill will allow foster youth enrolled in an associate’s degree or certificate program at a community college or a four-year program at a CSU or UC to have 100% of their unmet needs covered after other aid is applied. Introduced by Senator Angelique V. Ashby (D-Sacramento) and Senate Majority Leader Mike McGuire (D-North Coast). • SB 281 - extends California's law that throws the book at individuals who are convicted of aggravated arson. This is an issue that McGuire has championed for years. There are three possible ways to be convicted of aggravated arson: Any prior arson convictions within the last 10 years; damage or destruction of five or more inhabited structures; or damage and other losses and fire suppression costs in excess of \$8.3 million. <p>Chair Report: Chair López reported on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewed focus areas that committee members are individually following. <p>California Senior Legislature (CSL) Report: Allan Bortel reported on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The CSL Election applications need to be in by March 31. Bortel intends to apply. <p>Mandy Reyes reported on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The CSL Election announcement is going out on all Marin County HHS social media sites on Saturday, Feb. 18. 	

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<p>Legislation: The following bills were reviewed and have been proposed as bills the committee should be watching.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Federal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. H.R. 9327 Older Workers Bureau Act • State <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. SB 225 – Community Anti-Displacement and Preservation Program ii. SB 17 - Senior Housing iii. SB 37 – Tenancy "(b) In order to protect older adults who are especially vulnerable to experiencing homelessness, it is the intent of the Legislature to subsequently amend this measure to include provisions that would enact meaningful tenancy reform to ensure that aging adults can remain safely housed." iv. AB 49 - Affordable Housing v. ACA – 1 Local government financing: affordable housing and public infrastructure vi. SB 4 – Reduce barriers that religious and non-profit organizations face when planning multifamily housing projects. vii. SB 35 – streamlined, ministerial review process for qualifying multifamily residential projects.(2017) viii. SB 9 - Aims to alleviate the housing crisis facing cities across California by providing new ways to increase housing supply and diversify the types of housing available. ix. AB 478 – Connolly: prohibit home insurance providers from dropping coverage for seniors living in high fire-risk areas and would cap premium hikes. • Additional bills to watch were suggested and discussed. <p>New Business: The next meeting will be in-person at 20 N. San Pedro Rd. in the Pt. Reyes room.</p> <p>Adjourned:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioner Boutilier made a motion to adjourn. • Seconded by Commissioner Locks. • Motion carried 4-0. • The meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m. 	