

<p align="center"><b>COMMITTEE: GENERAL</b></p> <p align="center"><b>MARIN COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING (MCCOA)</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>DATE: APRIL 6, 2023</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>LOCATION: MARGARET TODD SENIOR CENTER</b></p>
<p><b>PRESENT:</b> Amlie, Asimos, Bhanushali, Barry, Boutilier, Brandon, Brilliant, Dowling, Gunn, Locks, López, Marchese, Ng, Notowich, Sadowsky, Silverman</p> <p><b>EXCUSED:</b> Binkley      <b>ABSENT:</b> Boland, Gould, Saffran      <b>VACANT:</b> CSL, CSL, District 2</p>		
<p><b>RECORDER:</b> Mandy Reyes, Staff, Area Agency on Aging (AAA)</p>		
<p><b>NEXT MEETING:</b> Thursday, May 4, 2023, 10 a.m.</p>		
<p align="center"><b>MINUTE SUMMARY</b></p>		
<p><b>Approval of Agenda:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commissioner Barry made a motion to approve the agenda as amended.</li> <li>• Commissioner Bhanushali seconded.</li> <li>• The motion carried 12-0.</li> </ul> <p><b>Presentation:</b> Area Plan for Aging, 2020-2024, Fiscal Year Update 2023-24  Speakers: Girija Brilliant, Chair, Planning Committee  Lee Pullen, Director, Area Agency on Aging  Jenay Cottrell, Program Manager, Area Agency on Aging  Mandy Reyes, Senior Program Coordinator, Area Agency on Aging  Amy Dietz, Senior Program Coordinator, Area Agency on Aging</p> <p><b>Public and Commission Comments:</b>  The public and commissioners made comments on the FY 2023-24 Area Plan Update.</p> <p><b>Commissioners Vote on the Area Plan</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commissioner Boutilier made a motion to accept the FY 2023-24 Area Plan.</li> <li>• Commissioner López seconded.</li> <li>• The motion carried 14-0.</li> </ul> <p><b>Call to Order:</b>  Chair López called the meeting to order at 11:27 a.m.</p>		

**Approval of the Minutes:**

- Commissioner Locks made a motion to approve the minutes of Mar. 2, 2023 as written.
- Commissioner Barry seconded.
- The motion carried 16-0.

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

- Linda Jackson, Aging Action Initiative (AAI) – Integrated Aging Services Study copies were handed out. Jackson asked that all stay in touch with their supervisors in support of the recommendations.

**Announcements:**

Commissioner Brandon announced the following:

- A new book has been published that explores the legacy of Marin City and the story of World War II Marinship. The book, authored by Felcia Gaston, a resident of Marin City and founder and director of Performing Stars of Marin, is an important piece of local history that honors and contributes to the legacy and well-being of older adults in the area.
- Her work deserves recognition and appreciation from our Commission on Aging because individuals like Felicia, who use their gifted talent to showcase the extraordinary contributions of older adults in Marin City, should be honored. By representing and celebrating their history, Felicia has made a profound contribution to the entire older adult community.

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

Chair López reported on the following:

- MCCOA Presentation to the Marin County Board of Supervisors – March 14, 2023
- De Young Museum, March 18th – October 15<sup>th</sup>, Kehinde Wiley - An Archeology of Silence
- May Health Forum is titled 'Food for Thought! How nutritional needs change, medications interact, navigating information and advice to find what works for us as we get older.'
- Welcomed new commissioner for the Town of Fairfax, Kristin Amlie
- There are two legislative bills designed to allow hybrid meetings (AB 817 Pacheco and SB 411) in play right now.
- General meeting of the commission in May in conjunction with the Marin County Parks and Open Space.
- Please see outline of last California Commission on Aging meeting sent in supplemental Chair's report.
- Master Plan for Aging (MPA) Stakeholder Advisory Committee and Workgroup Reports

**Vice Chair Report:** None

**Secretary Report:** None

**Proposed Slate of Officers:** Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary from the Nominating Committee for FY 2023-24

Nominating Committee Members: Matt Boland, Teri Dowling, Jean Gunn, Lee Notowich

The Nominating Committee has nominated the following:

Chair: Lee Notowich, Vice Chair: Gene Ng, Secretary: Suzanne Sadowsky

Nominations from the floor: Commissioner Barry who declined

**Aging and Adult Services Report:** None

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

Teri Dowling reported on the following:

- Please make a commitment to send an email to your district supervisor and let them know you want them to support the recommendations on page 8 of the Marin Integrated Aging Services Study.
- Thanked Commissioner Brandon who presented at Inform and Connect on racism as a public health issue.
- Thanked Commissioner Brilliant for talking 'Springing Out' at the next Inform and Connect on Monday.
- Thanked Commissioner López who spoke about healthcare.

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

Asimos (District 1):

- Fire risk promotion through San Rafael Fire Department.
- Autodesk has left Marin County after 40 years. This has affected surrounding businesses. Please support business in Northgate.

Amlie (Fairfax): None

Bhanushali (Novato):

- Introduced himself and is happy to be a commissioner.

Binkley (Belvedere): None

Boutilier (Sausalito):

- Senator Mike McGuire had lunch with the Sausalito Chamber of Commerce.
- Boutilier has been working with McGuire on the Senior Housing Project.

Brilliant (Mill Valley): Mill valley City Council approved a \$30,000 contract extension for Front Porch Home Share.

Dowling (Ross):

- The town is going to give \$8K for Age Friendly.

- Celebration lunch for the Age Friendly task force will be taking place.

Gould (Tiburon): None

Locks (San Rafael):

- The first Marin Intertribal Pow Wow will be held at Miller Creek Middle School on March 19.
- LGBTQ training was excellent.
- The Terra Linda Neighborhood Association had Mary Sackett from District 1 and City Councilmember Rachel Kertz speak at the last meeting on March 30.
- On March 31 there were two marches that converged at San Rafael City Hall in the Canal and Civic Center as residents seek to draw attention to issues such as over policing of the city's immigrants and communities of color.
- The SAFE (Specialized Assistance for Everyone) Team partnership was launched. This team will go out on calls that don't require police involvement. It will be a 3-year pilot program partnering with Petaluma who already has this program.

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 still being renovated.

### **Committee/Reports and Chairs:**

Equity, Outreach and Advocacy: Sybil Boutilier

- The county equity officer spoke to the committee at the last meeting.
- The committee will be doing a presentation with the Marin County Parks and Open Space at the next MCCOA meeting. Please invite community members. They will be speaking about their plans to make parks more accessible to people with mobility issues and would like input and ideas on how to do this.

Health/Nutrition: Jean Gunn

- Michael Hagerty gave a presentation on how to use California's Death with Dignity law.
- Next meeting is Monday, April 17.

Housing/Transportation: Sylvia Barry

- Gary Naja-Riese, Director, Homelessness and Whole Person Care gave a presentation on Marin County's homelessness.

Legislative: Diana López

- The committee met twice to work on a list of legislature bills to begin watching and possibly supporting.

Planning: Girija Brilliant

- Next meeting is April 10 at 2 p.m. and will begin working on the Needs Assessment.

**Ad Hoc Committee Reports:**

Communications: Sylvia Barry

- The committee completed the MCCOA website (page/content) flow and presented to Marin County Health and Human Services media team for review.
- County template webpages are being designed and the media team asked to see MCCOA content and page flow to possibly incorporate it into county template.
- Once the committee knows how many pages can be developed, they will dive into content development.

Digital Inclusion: Fred Silverman

- Introduced Luanne Mullins from ESCOM who was in the audience
- There are no updates on the data gathering for digital resources.
- 4 members of the committee completed the training for OATS/Senior Planet from AARP. They will start giving lectures and then trainings, possibly as early as the end of May.

**Age-Friendly Update:** None

**New Business:**

Chair López reported on the following:

- 45% of people experiencing homelessness
- Advocacy for SB 37

**Adjournment:**

- Commissioner Brilliant made a motion to end the meeting at 12:46 p.m.
- Commissioner Locks seconded.
- The motion carried 16-0.