**COMMITTEE: EXECUTIVE** | **FEBRUARY 26, 2024** | **LOCATION: 10 NSP, CONFERENCE RM 1018**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS:** ☒ Lee Notowich, Chair ☒ Gene Ng, Vice-Chair ☒ Suzanne Sadowsky, Secretary ☒ Sylvia Barry, Housing and Transportation Chair ☒ Rhea Brown, Health and Nutrition Chair ☒ Diana López, Legislative Advocacy Chair ☒ Teri Dowling, Planning Chair

**COA APPOINTEES NOT ON THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:** Salamah Locks, Peter Rubens

**PUBLIC:** Lisa Brinkmann

**STAFF:** Lee Pullen, Jenay Cottrell, Gary Lara

**EXCUSED:**

**UNEXCUSED ABSENCE:**

**RECORDER:** Gary Lara

Next Meeting: Monday, March 25, 2024 at 3 p.m., 10 NSP, conference room 1018 In-Person Only

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**MINUTES SUMMARY**

**Call to Order**

- Chair Notowich called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

**Agenda**

- The agenda of February 26, 2024 was approved as written.

**Minutes**

- The minutes of January 22, 2024 were approved as written.
Open Time for Public Expression

Commissioner Locks provided updates on events occurring this month in the community.

Lisa Brinkmann, AAI Program Director announced their administrative assistant will be resigning. A recruitment for a new assistant is expected to take place soon.

Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary Reports

Chair Notowich reported.

- AAA staff are in the process of scheduling a budget discussion with H&HS Fiscal to better understand funding for older adult services.
- Participated in the Triple A Council of California (TACC) meeting via Zoom and provided updates on their activities.
- Distributed hard copies to the Executive Committee of the H&HS Equity report.
- Exploratory groups with members of the Executive Committee are being developed. Chair Notowich will reach out to members regarding participation.
- Commissioner Locks has stepped down from the Legislative Advocacy Committee.
- Bylaws Committee will be activated. Chair Notowich will meet with County Counsel for clarification on items before forming this committee.

Vice Chair Ng reported.

- Encouraged commissioners to attend their city or town council meeting and provide updates during the time allotted for public comment.
- Met with the San Anselmo Ageism and Ableism committee. Distributed a flyer to the executives about a community education event taking place via Zoom.

Secretary Sadowsky reported.

- An updated Commission calendar is forthcoming.
• Debriefed on her attendance at various community sponsored events including the San Geronimo Valley Community Center Congregate lunch.

**Aging and Adult Services Report**

Lee Pullen reported.

• The AAA is preparing to release several Request for Proposals. Commissioners will be asked to participate on the review panels.
• Noted that the agency does not have authority to compel community organizations to present to the Commission and recommends commissioners arrange directly with any such organization that the Commission may wish to present to the full commission or a committee.
• Will attend the USAging Policy Briefing in Washington D.C. March 11-14.
• Had the opportunity to meet the new H&HS Director, Dr. Lisa Warhuis. Encourages commissioners to make contact with her as soon as her schedule will allow.

**Committee Reports**

**Equity, Outreach and Advocacy (EOA): Gene Ng**

• The committee is prepared for the March 11 General Commission meeting presentation. Lisa Brinkmann will be the moderator during the meeting.
• May 24 is the tentative date for the Commission’s Annual Health Forum. Two locations are currently being considered: Homeward Bound of Marin and Vivalon.
• Eli Gelardin from Marin Center for Independent Living spoke at the committee's last meeting.

**Health and Nutrition: Rhea Brown**

• The committee last met on February 20. Community member Zaw Wai Htoo expressed interest in assisting with committee programming.
• Committee Chair Brown met with Vinh Lu, Director of the Marin Asian Advocacy Project about issues among the Vietnamese older adults in Marin.
• The committee had a quarterly meeting with the Ombudsman.
• Preparations are under way for the May presentation to General Commission.
Housing and Transportation: Sylvia Barry

- Debriefed on her experience of Vivalon’s tour of the new Health Aging campus.
- Commissioners Barry and Rubens had lunch with District 5 Supervisor Eric Lucan.
- The committee’s next meeting will be on March 20.

Legislative / CSL: Diana López

- Commissioner López provided an overview of the bills to be reviewed by the CSL.
- The Legislative Committee decided on a methodology for which bills to follow. They will look at the most impactful and what is needed for older adults in Marin County.
- Still looking for a data management system and ways to fund it.
- The next meeting is Monday, March 4.

Planning: Teri Dowling

- The Planning Committee will be reaching out to each Committee Chair to encourage them to get started on their goals and objectives. The goals will be limited to four and should be action oriented.
- Reviewed the process for the April 8 General Commission meeting for the Area Plan.
- Planning Committee will participate in the review process for RFPs submitted to the AAA.

Discussion/Voting Items

- **Whether to Allow Written Commissioner Reports/Recording Thereof**
  Chair Notowich discussed the opportunity for Commissioners to submit written reports of their activities for review by other Commissioners. The Executive Committee discussed what would be the appropriate way to disseminate these reports. Notowich announced an exploratory committee will form to further evaluate.

- **Which Committees to Retain in the new Bylaws**
Due to time constraints this item has been tabled.

- **Move April 8 General Meeting Time**

  This item as noted on the agenda was not correct. The discussion topic should be noted as “Move the April 22 Executive Committee Meeting Time.” There was no formal motion to correct the agenda since this error was not recognized until the final portion of this meeting.

  After clarification of the item, Commissioner Sadowsky made a motion to move the April Executive Committee meeting date from April 22 to April 29. Commissioner Ng seconded.

  AYES: Ng, Sadowsky, Brown and Dowling  
  NOES: None  
  Abstain: Barry, López  
  Absent: None

  Motion passed.

**New Business**

None

**Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 4:47 p.m. The next meeting is on Monday, March 25, 2024 and will take place in person at 10 N. San Pedro Rd., conference room 1018 at 3 p.m.