

COMMITTEE: GENERAL MARIN COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING (MCCOA)	DATE: FEBRUARY 12, 2024	LOCATION: Marin Wildfire Protection Authority
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PRESENT: Amlie, Barry, Bhanushali, Binkley, Bortel, Brandon, Brown, Denton-Cohen, Dowling, Gould, Locks, López, Ng, Notowich, Sadowsky, Saffran

EXCUSED: Asimos, Rubens

ABSENT: None

VACANT: CSL, District 2, Corte Madera, Sausalito

RECORDER: Amy Dietz, Staff, Area Agency on Aging (AAA)

NEXT MEETING: March 11, 2024, 1:30 pm, Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority Board Room

MINUTE SUMMARY

Call to Order: Chair Notowich called the meeting to order at 2:39 p.m.

Approval of Agenda:

- Commissioner Bortel made a motion to approve the agenda as written.
- Commissioner Locks seconded.
- The motion carried 16-0.

Approval of Minutes:

- Commissioner Sadowsky made a motion to approve the minutes as written.
- Commissioner Brown seconded.
- The motion carried 15-0, with one abstention by Commissioner Locks.

Open Time for Public Expression on Matters not on the agenda:

- Kellen Dammann, Marin County Community Development Agency, reported the Bay Area Regional Energy Network is changing from a rebate program for single family homeowners to an equity-centered program. This may be beneficial for older adults.
- Anne Grey, CEO Vivalon, reported that the Vivalon Healthy Aging Campus is open. There will be an Active Learning program starting in March.

Commissioner Announcements:

- Commissioner Locks reported the San Rafael Oversight Committee will receive a training about police policy procedures over the next four months. Matthew Hymel will have his art on display at the Civic Center gallery. The theme for the next Senior Fair is Flower Power.
- Commissioner Brown announced that Marin Organizing Committee will have an accountability meeting on Feb. 26. from 7-8 pm at St. John's Episcopal Church in Ross. The Mill Valley City Council voted to move forward with One Hamilton Housing Project.
- Commissioner Lopez announced the Marin Center for Independent Living has a toolkit for organizing to increase wages for IHSS caregivers.
- Nominating committee meeting briefly after this meeting.

Chair and Officers' Reports:**Chair Report: Chair Notowich-**

- Thanked Commissioner Ng for leading the January Executive Board meeting.
- Executive Committee considering strategic and programming matters.
- Brown bag lunch with Supervisor aides has been rescheduled to March 7.
- Thanked Commissioner Lopez for organizing the World Trust training.
- Encouraged commissioners to set up quarterly meeting with their appointing body.
- Thanked former Commissioner Boutilier for her help with Legislative Committee.
- There will be a presentation from County officials about the budgeting process in late Feb/ March.

Vice Chair Report: Vice Chair Ng-

- The attendance policy of the MCCOA was discussed at the last Executive Committee. This will again be discussed at the upcoming Executive Committee meeting. County Counsel has advised that if attendance policy is changed it will need to go through the approval process for bylaws.
- The dates of the World Trust training will be Mar. 12, Mar. 19, Apr. 2, Apr. 16, and Apr 22. It will be held at the Marin Clean Energy building in San Rafael.
- The Education, Outreach, and Advocacy Committee is planning next month's MCCOA presentation.

Secretary Report: Secretary Sadowsky –

- Will send out the World Trust Training invite soon.
- Request that committees let her know if there are any changes to the calendar.

- There will be a fair housing conference on Feb. 28 from 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. at Unity in Marin

Aging and Adult Services Report:

Director Pullen reported on the following:

- The needs assessment will inform the Area Plan. The four-year Area Plan will be presented in April.
- A new edition of *Choices for Living* has come out and is available in print and online.
- Reyes distributed a demographic survey for commissioners.
- Cottrell distributed Brown Act regulations re: hybrid meetings.
 - Public comment: Jonathon Friedman emphasized the importance of the availability of Zoom access.

AAI report

- Commissioner Dowling: the next Steering Committee meeting is Feb.14 from 2:30-4 p.m.
- Lisa Brinkmann, the new director of the Aging Action Initiative, stated that they will be creating a new strategic plan.

Commissioner Updates (Commissioners appointed by the Board of Supervisors):

District 1 (López):

- Supervisor Sackett is on Legislative Advocacy Committee of the Board of Supervisors. She is interested in short-term rental regulations in coastal communities.
- SMART is doing its strategic plan update and they are soliciting input.
- Applications for the Marin Civil Grand Jury are currently available.

District 2: (Notowich):

- The election for District 2 Supervisor will be March 5.
- Encouraged residents to use the County's emergency portal and to sign up for Alert Marin.

District 3 (Brandon)

- Attended a Mardi Gras Gala in Marin City and was crowned king.
- Recently met with Supervisor Moulton-Peters.
- Attended a meeting at the Marin City Clinic regarding the development of a comprehensive older adult program.
- Marin City is investigating the possibility of becoming Age Friendly.

District 4 (Sadowsky and Brown)

- Met with Supervisor Rodoni, who introduced the multi-year strategic plan for Race Equity Action Plan (REAP).
- Brown: Met with Vinh Luu, Project Director of the Marin Asian Advocacy Alliance.
- Sadowsky: There was limited accessibility to power this week, which seriously impacted the community in the San Geronimo Valley. The Elders Advisory Committee is forming an action plan.

District 5 (Barry)

- County has allocated \$2.5 million in a participatory budget process to support racial equity objectives.

Committee/Reports and Chairs:

Equity, Outreach and Advocacy (Ng):

- March MCCOA meeting will have the theme of Racism as a Public Health Crisis.
- Health Forum will tentatively be May 24.
- The digital inclusion committee has been folded into EOA.
- The committee is looking to add an amendment to the “Racism as Public Health Crisis” proclamation to be more inclusive.

Health/Nutrition (Brown):

- The last meeting had a presentation on Cal Fresh from a community member of the UC Cooperative Extension.
- The congregate meal program going well, encouraged commissioners to attend.
- West Marin is looking to start a congregate meal program.
- Committee planning a presentation from California Association of Nursing Home Reform (CANHR) AND Ombudsman.

Housing/Transportation (Barry):

- Thanked Allan Bortel for arranging a Vivalon visit.
- Marin Paratransit is planning to buy 10 electric vans.
- Hoping to arrange a SMART train field trip.

Legislative (Bortel):

- CSL: Hoping to recruit a commissioner for the vacant seat.
- One of 10 CSL proposals for this year is championing end-of-life advanced directives for people developing dementia.
 - Luke Barnesmoore: Individuals should champion one or more bills themselves.

Planning (Dowling)

- Meeting this Fri, Feb. 16, to review AAA proposed goals.

New Business: None

Adjournment: 4:07 p.m.

- Commissioner Locks made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
- Commissioner Binkley seconded.
- Motion carried 15-0.

Next meeting: Monday, March 11, 2024, 1:30 pm, Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority Board Room