

<p align="center">COMMITTEE: GENERAL</p> <p align="center">MARIN COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING (MCCOA)</p>	<p align="center">DATE: JANUARY 8, 2024</p>	<p align="center">LOCATION:</p> <p align="center">Marin Wildfire Protection Authority</p>
<p>PRESENT: Amlie, Barry, Bhanushali, Binkley, Bortel, Brandon, Brown, Denton-Cohen, Dowling, Gould, López, Ng, Notowich, Sadowsky, Safran</p>		
<p>EXCUSED: Asimos, Locks, Rubens</p>		
<p>ABSENT: None</p>		
<p>VACANT: CSL, District 2, District 3, Corte Madera, Sausalito</p>		
<p>RECORDER: Mandy Reyes, Staff, Area Agency on Aging (AAA)</p>		
<p>NEXT MEETING: February 12, 2024, 1:30 pm, Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority Board Room</p>		
<p align="center">MINUTE SUMMARY</p>		
<p>Call to Order: Chair Notowich called the meeting to order at 2:46 p.m.</p>		
<p>Approval of Agenda:</p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion/Seconded/Carried (M/S/C) – Dowling/Barry/14-0 		
<p>Approval of Minutes:</p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioner Ng made a motion to approve the minutes as written. • Commissioner Brown seconded. • Commissioner López amended the minutes to clarify IHSS workers receive an increase of \$1/hr. • Commissioner Locks made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. • The motion carried 14-0. 		
<p>Open Time for Public Expression on Matters not on the agenda:</p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anne Grey, Chief Executive Officer, Vivalon – The new Healthy Aging campus opened Jan. 2. She invited commissioners to come by for a visit or lunch at the Jackson Cafe. 		

Commissioner Announcements:

- Amlie – The Fairfax Council is holding a meeting on Jan. 10 at 6:30 p.m. to vote on whether to allow construction of 40 units. The meeting is open to the public.
- López – The Fair Housing Advocates of Northern California has released a report of an investigation into discriminatory housing policies.
- Notowich – Senior Fair Date has been announced for Sept. 18, 2024.
- Brandon – Event in Marin City on Monday, Jan. 15, 12 – 3 p.m.- there is an annual celebration of Martin Luther King, Jr. at the Marin City Community Services District (MCCSD) recreation center. Please RSVP.

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

- Notowich participated on the panel for the new HHS Director, Dr. Lisa Warhuus. There were many wonderful candidates.
- Recently attended an [Isoji](#) meeting. Isoji is Nigerian for renaissance, revitalization or rebirth. It was a gathering of various committee voices.
- Reminded the commissioners appointed by the Board of Supervisors (BOS) the aide brown bag lunch will be Feb. 1.
- Executive committee highlights –
 - 15 minutes will be added to the meetings.
 - Attendance policy for committee and commission meetings was discussed.
 - The Ad Hoc Communications committee was voted on and passed.
 - The Nominating committee will be moving forward.
 - Rhea Brown will be the new Chair for Health and Nutrition committee.
 - The biannual report of the MCCOA is due to the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) and BOS.

Vice Chair Report: Vice Chair Ng-

- The Ad Hoc committee is encouraging communication as much as possible. Please get on your city or town agenda for council meetings to update them on the work of the MCCOA.

Secretary Report: Secretary Sadowsky –

- Thanked commissioners for their calendar updates.
- The Planning committee is meeting on Friday, Jan. 12.

Aging and Adult Services Report:

Program Manager Jenay Cottrell reported on the following:

- The Needs Assessment survey has been completed by Davis Research. They will deliver their report of the initial findings by Jan. 10. Final report will be delivered by Jan. 30.
- Dr. Lisa Warhuus was most recently Director of Health, Housing and Community Services for the City of Berkeley. Dr. Warhuus will start on Feb. 20 as the new Director of Health and Human Services (HHS).
- Enrollment forms for congregate meals are available today for any commissioners who have not signed up to attend meals. Please fill out so that you can attend congregate meals. It helps the State understand who we are serving.
- Refresher on the procedure for taking minutes – per the Brown Act, AAA staff is only required to record attendance and anything that is voted on. We only want to highlight any additional items that are most relevant to the commission and the community.

Aging Action Initiative (AAI) Report:

Teri Dowling reported on the following:

- AAI is working with HHS and the CAO to finalize funding allocated by the county this fiscal year for additional services resulting from the Integrated Aging Services study.
- This includes funding for a new staff person in the Strategy office who will focus on aging.
- Also funded is aging and disability training for all county employees.

Action Item/Discussion/Vote:

Marin County Board of Supervisors Legislative Platform Update:

- Commissioner López opened the discussion by thanking those who worked on this platform and gave the background of the platform. The platform will go before the BOS on Jan. 9.
- Former commissioner Boutilier spoke about the content and how the Marin County Board of Supervisors Legislative Platform is used by the commission.

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

Amlie (Fairfax):

- The homeowner's insurance crisis is impacting residents who are facing cancellations and non-renewals into wildfire risk.
- Residents are concerned about barriers when providing public comment at government meetings when time is reduced to one minute.
- The Friends of the Fairfax Library is sponsoring a mini senior fair. They would like to have help to advertise the event.
- Fairfax is looking into options for a shuttle for older adults between Bennett House and the Fairfax library.

Bhanushali (Novato):

- Attended a workshop at the Margaret Todd Senior Center. 30 older adults came and enjoyed the event. Also attended a workshop at a senior living center.

Binkley (Belvedere):

- A key objective for Binkley as a commissioner is to connect with older adults in Belvedere and to work with Tiburon on shared services between Belvedere and Tiburon.
- Commissioner Gould and Binkley set up a meeting with two people who operate the Belvedere and Tiburon recreational programs and facilities. It was productive and focused on the over 60 population.

Gould (Tiburon):

- There are a lot of services in Tiburon and Belvedere for older adults that people are not aware of. The library and The Ranch recreational facility came up with the idea of having a senior information fair.

Denton Cohen (Mill Valley):

- Has continued to work with City Council to make Age-Friendly Mill Valley happen.
- Mill Valley Village has a caregiver's group. The report they gave gives insight into the Mill Valley community.

Dowling (Ross):

- Age-Friendly Ross task force is continuing to meet regularly. 40 people attended the latest breakfast.
- Feb. 15 is a lunch celebration for older people in Ross.

Bortel (San Rafael):

- The commission is invited to go on a tour of the new senior center at Vivalon on Feb. 6.

Ng (San Anselmo):

- The City Council will be to considering a residential policy - rent stabilization ordinance at their meeting tomorrow.
- Flood control and the removal of the Creekside bridge is still controversial.
- Ng is on the San Anselmo Age-Friendly advisory committee.

Saffran (Larkspur):

- Larkspur is talking about building a lot of apartments and housing and knocking down current buildings. The housing will not necessarily be affordable.

Committee/Reports and Chairs:

Equity, Outreach and Advocacy (Ng):

- The subcommittee has completed finalizing the March presentation.

Health/Nutrition (Brown):

- The committee met on Dec. 8. Dan Steckline, Marin County Ombudsman, gave a report on fiscal year 2022-23.
- Commissioner López is following through with the California Advocates for Nursing Home Reform, and they may be part of the next presentation, either for the committee or the commission.

Housing/Transportation (Barry):

- Next meeting will be Jan. 17.
- North Marin Community Center is involved and came to today's MCCOA presentation.

Legislative Advocacy (LAC) (López):

- The committee had a working meeting and gave input into the County Legislative Platform.
- Next meeting is Feb. 5.
- The last two meetings have been hybrid.
- Will be looking at a long-term legislative advocacy plan and assigning the requisite tasks and timelines for accomplishing those tasks.
- The LAC includes community members including AAI and the Marin Organizing Committee and they're active and engaged with the LAC to collaborate and move the work forward.

CSL (Bortel): None

Planning (Dowling):

- This Friday the committee will see the data from the Needs Assessment for the first time and will be giving feedback.
- Will be looking at the best way to advertise the Feb. 12 MCCOA meeting where the data will be presented to the rest of MCCOA and the public.

New Business:

- Commissioner López has noticed age friendly has fallen off the MCCOA agenda and would like it reinstated.
- There is no home for supplemental written reports from the commissioners.

Meeting adjourned at 4:03 p.m.

- M/S/C – Saffran/Ng/15-0