

<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: MAY 13, 2024</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>LOCATION:</b></p> <p align="center"><b>Marin Wildfire Protection Authority</b></p>
<p><b>PRESENT:</b> Amlie, Asimos, Barry, Bhanushali, Binkley, Bortel, Brown, Denton-Cohen, Dowling, Locks, López, Ng, Rubens, Sadowsky</p> <p><b>EXCUSED:</b> Brandon, Gould, Notowich</p> <p><b>ABSENT:</b> Saffran</p> <p><b>VACANT:</b> CSL, District 2, District 3, Corte Madera, Sausalito</p>		
<p><b>RECORDER:</b> Mandy Reyes, Staff, Area Agency on Aging (AAA)</p>		
<p><b>NEXT MEETING:</b> June 10, 2024, 1:30 p.m., Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority Board Room</p>		
<p align="center"><b>MINUTE SUMMARY</b></p>		
<p><b>Call to Order:</b> Vice Chair Ng called the meeting to order at 2:45 p.m.</p> <p><b>Approval of Agenda:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commissioner Dowling made a motion to approve the agenda as written.</li> <li>• Commissioner Asimos seconded.</li> <li>• Commissioner López amended the agenda to forego voting on the last item in Item XII because it was not included in the COA Bylaws 2024 Draft document.</li> <li>• Commissioner Dowling made a motion to approve the minutes as amended.</li> <li>• The motion carried 14-0.</li> </ul> <p><b>Approval of Minutes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commissioner Asimos made a motion to approve the minutes as written.</li> <li>• Commissioner Brown seconded.</li> <li>• The motion carried 14-0.</li> </ul> <p><b>Open Time for Public Expression on Matters not on the agenda:</b> None</p>		

**Commissioner Announcements:**

- Commissioner Amlie: The Reuse Alliance is holding a Fairfax Repair Fair on May 18, 1 – 4:00 p.m. at the Fairfax Library.
- Commissioner Brown: Supervisor Rodoni asks that people speak out for affordable housing at Board of Supervisors meetings.
- Commissioner López: The California Housing Partnership gave a webinar on the shrinking amount of affordable housing in California.

**Chair and Officers' Reports:**

**Chair's Report:** See Addendum.

**Vice Chair's Report (Ng):** None.

**Secretary's Report (Sadowsky):** None.

**Ageing Action Initiative (AAI) report:**

Commissioner Dowling:

- The Advocacy Alliance of AAI is planning to bring in experts to talk about dementia and dementia services within the county.
- AAI has funding from the County Administrator's Office that will be used for the following:
  - Providing a forum on dementia and the need for adult daycare in Marin.
  - Reinstate Inform and Connect for the next two years.
  - Review the current system available for older adults to access services and programs.

Lisa Brinkmann:

- Money originally in the budget was repurposed to address issues that have been coming up at the MCCOA meetings, within the AAA and the community. AAI is looking at program designs to ensure funds are being used most effectively.

**World Trust Educational Services Training Recap:**

Commissioner López opened the floor for reactions and key takeaways from the training.

**Commission Meet & Greet Event Report:**

MCCOA held a successful meet and greet on Thursday, May 2 from 3 – 5:00 p.m. at the McInnis Club Restaurant. Over 40 people attended. Two attendees have put in applications to become commissioners.

**May Health Forum Update:**

The Health Forum will be at the Embassy Suites on May 30 at 9 a.m. Vice Chair Ng encouraged everyone to attend. The committee is in the final stages of program preparation. There is a wonderful panel planned.

**Update - Response to the Marin Civil Grand Jury Report:**

Commissioner Dowling: There are four commissioners working on the response. The first draft of the response is almost done and will be presented at the June MCCOA meeting. It must be voted on at this meeting and delivered immediately following the meeting.

**Action Item: Vote to Accept Revisions to the Commission on Aging Bylaws:**

- Commissioner Dowling made a motion to approve the Commission on Aging Bylaws Provision #1.  
Commissioner Locks seconded.  
Yes = 12  
No = 2  
Abstain = 0
- Commissioner Dowling made a motion to approve the Commission on Aging Bylaws Provision #2.  
Commissioner Locks seconded.  
Yes = 11  
No = 1  
Abstain = 2
- Commissioner López made a motion to approve the Commission on Aging Bylaws Provision #3.  
Commissioner Denton Cohen seconded.  
Yes = 14  
No = 0  
Abstain = 0
- Commissioner Dowling made a motion to approve the Commission on Aging Bylaws Provision #4.  
Commissioner Locks seconded.  
Yes = 14  
No = 0  
Abstain = 0
- Commissioner Dowling made a motion to approve the Commission on Aging Bylaws Provision #5.  
Commissioner Rubens seconded.  
Yes = 13

No = 0

Abstain = 1

**Aging and Adult Services Report:**

Program Manager Cottrell reported on the following:

- Thanked those who supported the Area Plan presentation at the Board of Supervisor’s meeting on May 7.
- Staff attended the California Association of Area Agencies on Aging (C4A) Conference in San Jose from May 1 – 3. It was very informative.
- Thanked the commissioners for their support of the announcement that she’ll be taking on the role as Director of Aging and Adult Services in late May.

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

Amlie (Fairfax):

- The Town of Fairfax completed a survey between April 15 - 22 of 649 people via telephone or online interviews to evaluate voter attitudes about a proposed \$18 - \$36 million Fairfax bond measure to repair roads.
- The top issues respondents would like to see the town address are road repairs, housing, rental laws and mandates, and homelessness. Many are also concerned about the cost of living, shrinking incomes, and do not feel supported.
- An 80-year-old woman just lost her homeowners insurance. The California Fair Plan is so busy, they cannot look at her application until June.

Bhanushali (Novato): N/A

Binkley (Belvedere):

- Tiburon and Belvedere held a successful joint event at the library for seniors.
- Binkley and Gould were able to get 40 people to sign up for more information on Age Friendly.

Gould (Tiburon): N/A

Denton Cohen (Mill Valley):

- There is a lot of work being done on Age-Friendly Mill Valley. A survey is going out in about a month.
- Aging in Place event took place on May 1.
- Encouraged the commissioners to get out into the community to engage in discussions with community members.

Dowling (Ross):

- Ross Age-Friendly Task Force had a breakfast with 45 people in attendance.
- Dowling turned over her role as Chair to two of the youngest members who are in their 30s.

Locks (San Rafael):

- The San Rafael Police Oversight Committee meets May 22 at 6 p.m.

Ng (San Anselmo):

- Age-Friendly San Anselmo will send out a survey.
- The Town Council voted on the Rent Stabilization Act.

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

Equity, Outreach and Advocacy (Ng):

- Spent a lot of time talking about the forum.
- Thanked staff Amy Dietz for coming to Embassy Suites and speaking with hotel staff about AV setup.

Health/Nutrition (Brown):

- At the last meeting, Jenna Ray, Registered Dietitian, gave a presentation.
- Next month's meeting will have Amber Caroll from Front Porch speak.
- The May meeting will have Dan Steckline give a quarterly report on the Ombudsman program.

Housing/Transportation (Barry/Bortel):

- The next meeting is this Wednesday, May 15.
- Catch-a-Ride from Marin Transit pays \$20 toward Uber or taxi ride.

CSL (Bortel):

- Senior Rally was held virtually on May 8.

Legislative (López):

- The committee sent letters in support of additional funding for Ombudsman and on behalf of Ombudsman for people who have Medi-Cal and are being turned away from skilled nursing facilities.
- López attended the C4A conference.
- The committee is working on goals and objectives.

- A new system has been developed for tracking legislation.

Planning (Dowling)

- The Ad Hoc Communications Committee will now be part of the Planning Committee.
- Worked on objectives.

**New Business:** None

**Adjournment: 4:47 p.m.**

- Commissioner Locks made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
- Commissioner Binkley seconded.
- Motion carried 13-0.

Next meeting: Monday, June 10, 2024, 1:30 p.m., Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority Board Room