

<p align="center">COMMITTEE: GENERAL</p> <p align="center">MARIN COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING (MCCOA)</p>	<p align="center">DATE: SEPTEMBER 9, 2024</p>	<p align="center">LOCATION:</p> <p align="center">Marin Wildfire Protection Authority</p>
<p>PRESENT: Amlie, Barry, Binkley, Brandon, Brown, Bhanushali, Clemmons, Denton Cohen, Doodha, Gould, López, Ng, Notowich, Rubens, Sadowsky, Schultz, Wilson, Winer</p> <p>EXCUSED: N/A</p> <p>ABSENT: Bortel</p> <p>VACANT: CSL, District 2, District 3, Larkspur</p>		
<p>RECORDER: Amy Dietz, Staff, Area Agency on Aging (AAA)</p>		
<p align="center">MINUTE SUMMARY</p>		
<p>NEXT MEETING: October 14, 1:30 p.m., Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority Board Room</p>		
<p>Call to Order: Chair Denton Cohen called the meeting to order at 2:47 p.m.</p> <p>Approval of Agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioner Wilson made a motion to approve the agenda as written. • Commissioner Doodha seconded. • The motion carried 17-0. <p>Approval of Minutes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioner Brown made a motion to approve the minutes as written. • Commissioner Ng seconded. • Commissioner Notowich made a motion to amend the minutes to reflect that Chair Denton Cohen called the meeting to order. • The motion for the amended minutes carried 16-0. There was one abstention. <p>Open Time for Public Expression on Matters not on the agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jillian Zeiger, Community Development Agency, promoted the project “Rooted in Marin.” 		

Commissioner Announcements:

- Commissioner Wilson announced that Town of Corte Madera received an application for low-income housing. The Intergenerational Center conducted a survey of Corte Madera older adults.
- Commissioner Brandon attended a presentation at the Library about older adults who helped with ship building in Marin City. The presentation is available at all Marin County Libraries.
- Commissioner Gould announced that she gave a class at College of Marin on transportation.
- The Digital Inclusion Committee gave a presentation on Artificial Intelligence (AI). There will be a second presentation this month.
- Commissioner Sadowsky announced that last Thurs., the West Marin Fund convened stakeholders to address the plight of farm workers and their housing needs. San Geronimo Valley is conducting a needs assessment for people aged 50 and older.

Commissioner Introductions:

- New commissioners Winer and Schultz introduced themselves.

Focuses from retreat:

- Financial insecurity and the missing middle. Financial insecurity impacts housing, food insecurity, health, etc.
- Listening Session:
 - Commissioners and the public “testified” about their personal experiences, experiences with loved ones and in community. Common themes included: people needing to leave their homes/ communities, what happens after a partner passes away, people outliving the amounts they had saved, the impact of increased cost of living and taxes on limited resources, and a focus on equity.

Chair and Officers’ Reports:**Chair Report (Denton Cohen):**

- Sept. is emergency preparedness month.
- Agism Awareness Day is Oct. 9.
- Senior Fair is Sept. 18.
- Commissioner Rubens will be the commissioner contact for the Vivalon Resource Guide.

Vice Chair Report (Ng):

- Reported that he has been attending San Anselmo Town Council meetings and that he makes regular reports.

Secretary Report (Sadowsky):

- Sent Sept. and Oct. schedule of meetings.
- Oct. 11 is Indigenous People's Day and should be acknowledged by the commission.

AAI report (Brinkmann): N/A**Aging and Adult Services Report:**

Director Cottrell reported on the following:

- Welcomed Commissioner Schultz.
- Staff member Dietz distributed congregate meal intakes and described the enrollment/ reservation process.
 - Commissioner Barry asked if leftover food could be picked up and distributed at other locations. AAA Registered Dietician (RD) Jenna Ray will follow-up.
- Program Manager Jolly will be attending AARP Roundtable on transportation.

Committee/Reports and Chairs:

Equity and Inclusion (Ng):

- Discussed committee objectives.
- Members will attend at least one other committee meeting to assist in incorporating equity and inclusion.
- Discussed May forum.
- Next meeting is Thurs, Sept. 12.

Health/Nutrition (Brown):

- At last meeting, Dan Steckline from Ombudsman presented. At Oct. meeting, Dan Steckline will do an Ombudsman 101.
- At the next meeting, Jenna Ray, AAA RD, will give an overview of AAA nutrition programs.

Housing/Transportation (Barry):

- Will be meeting monthly.
- Advocating to have a housing focus group that is comprised of commissioners.
- City of Novato recently approved two high density housing buildings without meeting ADA requirements or parking.

Legislative (López):

- At last meeting, focused on 2025 County Legislative Platform.
- Next meeting is Oct. 7.

Planning (Rubens):

- At the last meeting, the committee reviewed its internal objectives.
- At the next meeting, the committee plans to revise the elevator pitch and will be developing a slide deck.

New Business:

- Commissioner López and Amlie are focusing on the status of women as an equity issue. They have suggested that this be a separate committee or that it be included as part of an existing committee.
- Commissioner Clemmons gave an update on the Senior Fair.

Adjournment: 3:30 p.m.

- Commissioner Rubens made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
- Commissioner Brown seconded.
- Motion carried 16-0.

Next meeting: Monday, October 14, 2024, 1:30 p.m., Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority Board Room