

**Contra Costa County Advisory Council on Aging
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
April 7, 2021**

Call to Order: James Donnelly, ACOA President, called the meeting to order at 9:35am.

Present: Jim Donnelly, Kevin Donovan, Steve Lipson, Gerald Richards, Jennifer Doran, Mary Bruns, Dennis Yee, Shirley Krohn, Jill Kleiner, Terri Tobey, Susan Frederick, Gail Garrett

Staff: Anthony Macias

Approval of Agenda/Minutes

- Adoption of Today's Agenda: Terri motioned to approve, Jennifer motioned second, unanimously adopted.
- Adoption of March 2021 Minutes: Shirley moved to adopt minutes, Steve motioned second, approved by all.

President's Report: James Donnelly

- There is going to be a virtual town hall meeting about Master Plan for Aging. Jim working with Debbie Toth on this, ACOA is co-sponsor and there will be a presenter from UCSF. Scheduled for June 24 at 9:30-11:30am.
- CA Commission on Aging (CCoA) is looking for nominations; looking for nomination from ACOA; are there residents we want to nominate to the CCoA? Membership Committee to review request of nominations for CCoA.
- Jim appointing Jill Kleiner to planning committee.
- Leave-of-Absence (LOA) Requests – Discussion and actions
- Need to retroactively approve LOA for
 - Joanna- LOA approved for February-May 2021
 - Gail- approved as submitted
 - Nuru- for month of March only
 - Susan- for month of May only
- Jennifer discussed member who claims to have been at general meetings but has been marked as absent in Jan, Feb, March.
- LOA approvals: Shirley moved to approve LOA requests; Susan motioned second, all approved.

AAA Program Manager Report: Anthony Macias

- AP-2122-07 Area Plan Contract Release Notification; received the budget display for the Area Plan for 21/22; total \$5.49887 million.
- The good news is that we have an overall increase of 6%.
- Posting for AAA Program Manager has closed, Tracy working with personnel on scheduling of interview of candidates.
- CARES ACT funding? Extension on time in funding for Ombudsman position; all other funding appears to be spent in time manner to meet deadline of September 30, 2021.

- Great Plates Delivered program extended another 30 days through May 7, 2021.

ACOA Non-discrimination statement - Susan Frederick

Non-discriminatory statement discussed, Gerald would like an additional statement that encourages participation.

Referred back to Membership committee to include additional language.

Committee Reports:

Legislative Work Group: Shirley Krohn – meeting next Tuesday; Shirley spoke yesterday in Sacramento on Aging committee about AB383; the committee voted to approve; next bill AB383 will go to health committee.

Senior Nutrition Project Council Report: Gail Garrett – No report.

Health Work Group – Susan Frederick – No action items; last speaker was HICAP program.

Elder Abuse Prevention Work Group: Terri Tobey – last month meeting presenter STAND! Which is organization 30 different domestic violence agencies in bay area. Stand! in CCC is largest and most comprehensive. Terri shared statistics. In April, Peer Counseling program will be presenter. April is volunteer month, program run by volunteers. Two APS presentation set-up so far, Rossmoor in May and Danville in June.

Transportation Work Group (SMAC): Mary Bruns– WG decided to report out on transportation related to COVID; County Connection providing one seat rides at this time; Melanie had taken notes for minutes. Will propose recess in July. Mary looking for a new SMAC chairperson for next year.

Planning Committee: Kevin Donovan – Meeting included presenters from Center for Elder Independence/Guardian Adult Day Health Care (ADHC); Choice in Aging ADHC programs; Debbie Toth update on Master Plan for Aging (MPA); Kevin to put together a proposal for MPA workgroup for ACOA.

Housing Work Group: Gerry Richards – No action items; still working on housing white paper; there is a county employee working with statistics that is providing information. MPA first year Legislative agenda is about housing. They will be following this legislation carefully.

Membership Committee Report: Jennifer Doran - Candace Evans was appointed/approved by BOS to Orinda seat on March 23; MAL # 18 Sue Meltzer approved by BOS on March 30; scheduled two interviews for April meeting; continuing to work on diversity. Members are still working on subsidized housing outreach.

Technology Work Group: Steve Lipson –Sam is taking on the website design and doing a great job, with pages to each WG and relevant to links to non-profits, etc. Steve briefly discussed the form for submitting information.

Consent Items: None this month.

ACOA future presentation items:

April: Master Plan for Aging with Debbie Toth
May: Geriatrics – Dr. Mittelberger, CEI Chief Medical Officer
Jun: Elder Abuse Awareness Month
July: RECESS
August: Housing TBD
September: Community Connect TBD
October: TBD
November: RECESS
December: End of Year Meeting

Public Comment: Shirley: Senior Rally Day flyer sent to all those in her address book and retired California Longshoremen organization; Senior and disabled adults are not informed about the MPA, nothing in media about MPA. Shirley is writing a commentary to get word out about MPA to newspapers.
Gerald: need support for more Geriatricians and education for this field.

Action Items: None.

Future Item: begin discussion/ad hoc WG for Conference/Program in March 2022
Include recommendations to BOS in annual report

Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 5, 2021

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 am.