

**Advisory Council on Aging (ACOA) Housing Work Group
Meeting Minutes - Monday, April 18, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.**

Present: Gerald Richards (Chair; ACOA); Uche Uwahemu (Center for Elders' Independence); Jim Donnelly, Dale Harrington (ACOA); Victoria Snyder (Contra Costa Senior Legal Services); Caitlin Sly (Meals on Wheels Diablo Region); Clara Fuchshuber (Front Porch-Home Match); and Nhang Luong (Staff Support; Area Agency on Aging)

Introductions

Agenda and minutes review – Minutes approved unanimously. Agenda modification: move legislation discussion to May meeting. Modified agenda approved.

Presentation: Multi-Faith Action Coalition's (MFAC) Housing and Shelter Taskforce - Jan Warren, Chair

Housing and Shelter is one of six taskforces under MFAC. All taskforces focus on people experiencing poverty - navigating housing, food insecurity, jobs and other needs.

Richmond Community Foundation (RCF) is the fiscal sponsor for MFAC.

The Housing and Shelter Taskforce studies root causes of poverty in relations to housing and recommends actions. Started in 2014, the Taskforce advocates for production, preservation, and preventing the loss of affordable housing.

They meet once a month. Members include people of different faith and background, representative from Health, Housing, and Homeless (H3), and service providers. Service providers invited to give program updates.

Currently the Taskforce is reviewing Housing Elements from cities and the county. Also, focusing on development of housing on unused congregation land. Grace Presbyterian to build tiny homes in Walnut Creek. Episcopal Church developing 10 acres in Brentwood.

The Taskforce reviews, analyzes, and recommends to MFAC which housing bills to support.

Co-Chair Nominations – One nomination received. Dale Harrington unanimously voted Co-Chair.

Home Match Update - Clara Fuchshuber, Program Manager – The Program Manager positions in San Francisco and Monterrey recently filled; there is still a vacant position in Marin. Peer- to-peer match made in Martinez between a home provider and retired architect. Most home providers want to charge \$800- \$1000 for a room.

Next Meeting: Monday, May 16, 2022, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Meeting adjourned 11 a.m.