

SMAC January 27, 2020 Minutes

Meeting was called to order by Mary Bruns at 9:08

Present: Jim Donnelly, Mary Bruns, Lorna Van Ackeren, Lisa Hammon, Ken Grey, David Pitman, Ralph Dennis, Rashida Kamara, Laura Cepoi (AAA staff)

Visitors; Rocky Torres of Mobility Matters, Meredith Gerhardt of Office of Emergency Services, Kate Wiley with Seniors Around Town in Orinda

Motions:

Lorna 1st and Jim 2nd to approve the January Agenda. Approved by all present
Ken 1st and Jim 2nd to approve the December Minutes. Approved by all present.

Presentation: Rocky Torres, Mobility Matters, Director of Transportation

The average age of the Sonoma fire victim was in the upper 70's with mobility issues (the at-risk community). The first line of contact included the fire and police who were overwhelmed. There was \$9.4 Billion in damages; 45 people were killed, and 185 were hospitalized.

Lessons learned:

- There is a huge gap between organizations, and it is difficult to collect and share information due to HIPPA restrictions. Counties and cities don't want to collect the information because gathering the information implies that the person will be rescued in a disaster. The State's position is to protect the privacy of the individual.
- It is difficult to keep a list of clients current and updated.
- It's important for neighbors to have conversations with neighbors to identify the vulnerable people in the neighborhood so people will know who needs help in an emergency.
- It's important to encourage people to share vehicles when evacuating to avoid traffic coming to a complete stop due to too many vehicles on the road.

Mobility Matters developed a program for individual emergency evacuation for their clients. 99% of Mobility Matters clients participated in the collection of information. These clients are identified on a physical map should electricity go down. In an emergency, the client will be called. If no answer, MM will contact the police & fire who will try to rescue these people and take them to a safe place.

- At the shelter where the people have been evacuated, there will be volunteers to take the people to a safety zone. Volunteers will not be let into the actual evacuated area.

A 14-page SMAC Newsletter has been emailed to members of SMAC and the ACOA. Thank you to everyone who contributed. Please forward the

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newsletter to your mailing lists with a notation to “Save the Date” for the August 27 ACOA/SMAC event which will focus on the California Master Plan for Aging and preparing for retirement. Lauren Van Ackeren has included an article on the Master Plan for Aging. CCTA (Contra Costa Transportation Authority) and Jim Donnelly have included important articles on the upcoming Transportation Sales Tax Measure which will be on the March 2020 ballot.

Articles for the June newsletter should be submitted by June 15, so the newsletter can be compiled and published for the August 27 event. As speakers are determined, they can be invited to submit an article. As usual, articles on transportation, programs for seniors, your agency, and aging are welcome.

Discussion was held on the upcoming SMAC / ACOA event that will be held on August 27th at the Pleasant Hill Community Center.

Suggested topic / speakers:

Jennifer Williams/Aging Well Advisors

Debbie Toth / Master Plan for Aging

Meredith Gerhardt / Office of Emergency Services

Maria Shriver / Alzheimer's

Louis Aronson / Elderhood

Betty Yea / Chief financial officer of California

Fiona Ma / California State Treasurer

AARP

Housing

Dementia Friendly Transportation (Laura to research)

Future Trends like driverless cars / New Technology

ACOA and SMAC members have been invited to the next Event planning meeting at 9:00 a.m. on 2/10/2020 at 300 Ellinwood Way, Pleasant Hill – 2nd Floor, Bodega Bay Room. These meetings will be held on the second Monday of the month until the August Event. We would like at least one member of each ACOA workgroup and committee to attend. Members of SMAC are encouraged to attend.

Meeting adjourned at 10:58.