

**Advisory Council on Aging (ACOA) Executive Committee
Minutes for May 4, 2022 meeting**

Call to Order: Jim Donnelly, ACOA President, called the meeting to order at 9:30am.

Present: Jim Donnelly, Kevin Donovan, Jennifer Doran, Jill Kleiner, Steve Lipson, Gerald Richards, Dennis Yee, Mary Bruns

Absent: Shirley Krohn

Staff: Ana Bagtas, Anthony Macias

Approval of Agenda/Minutes

- Adoption of Today's Agenda: Kevin made a motion to approve the agenda. Steve seconded the motion. The agenda was approved unanimously.
- Approval of March and April 2022 minutes: Jennifer made a motion to approve March and April 2022 minutes. Jill seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Area Agency on Aging (AAA) Program Report: Ana Bagtas

- The AAA submitted all of the requested documents to California Department of Aging for their virtual monitoring visit on June 13, through June 17.
- Contract renewals for FY 2022-23 are in process.
- There is a new Employment and Human Services Department (EHSD) director, Marla Stuart. She previously worked for Solano County.
- Thank you to members of the Planning Committee for their assistance in reviewing the six Title IIIB Request for Proposal applications.
- Implementing the Master Plan for Aging in California Together (IMPACT) committee met in April and decided to look at what is currently taking place in the county around the local priorities for the Master Plan for Aging. These include Housing, Health, Transportation, Caregiving, Diversity and Inclusion. The IMPACT Steering Committee is looking to the assigned "champions" to canvass their communities for information about groups and stakeholders in these areas of focus.

President's Report: Jim Donnelly

- Many ACOA members attended the Senior Rally Day, which was held virtually on May 3.
- The Transportation panel, led by Debbie Toth, received positive feedback from attendees.
- Jill attended this week's Triple A Council of California (TACC) meeting and reported that it was very informative.
- Discussed the ACOA Emeritus Membership to honor past exemplary service to the Council. Any member of the Council may nominate an Emeritus Member. Emeritus Members will be appointed upon a majority vote of a quorum. Such appointment is an honorary lifetime title. Emeritus members may not vote, nor does their membership factor into the quorum determination.
- Jim nominated former ACOA president Susan Frederick as Emeritus Member. Gerald made a motion to approve Jim's nomination of Susan Frederick as Emeritus Member. Kevin seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Committee Reports:

- Membership Committee - Jill Kleiner
 - Applicant from Brentwood, Ramapriya Raju was interviewed and her appointment as an Alternate Member will be a consent item on the May ACOA agenda.
 - The City of San Ramon has appointed Swamini Bajpai as their representative on the ACOA.
 - Jennifer wrote a message for Next Door to solicit interest in the ACOA.
 - In June, the City of El Cerrito will be interviewing candidates for their ACOA representative.
 - In May, the committee will interview a new applicant.
 - Council seat vacancies include Cities of Concord, El Cerrito, Pinole and San Pablo.

- Planning Committee - Kevin Donovan
 - Members of the committee assisted in reviewing six Title IIIB Request for Proposal applications.
 - Members of the committee will be participating in the onsite AAA contractors/providers monitoring visits in May and June.

- Health Workgroup - Jennifer Doran
 - The Nursing Home brochure has been reviewed once more and is now finalized.
 - Three workgroup members volunteered to draft support letters for pending legislation. These letters will be added as consent items on the May ACOA agenda.
 - A staff member of Adult Protective Services (APS) will present at the May workgroup meeting.

- Housing Workgroup - Gerry Richards
 - At the April meeting, a presentation from the Multi-Faith Action Coalition's Housing and Shelter Task Force chair, Jan Warren, was given.

- Senior Mobility Action Council (Transportation Workgroup) - Mary Bruns
 - John Cunningham, Contra Costa Department of Conservation and Development, presented at the April meeting.
 - Contra Costa is on track for a better approach to public transportation.

- Technology Workgroup: Steve Lipson
 - At the April meeting, Kevin Donovan reported the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) will now be focusing on Housing and Transportation, and no longer on the digital divide.
 - Steve is finalizing a script for technology workgroup members to use when meeting with the ACOA workgroup chairs to discuss providing content and resources for the ACOA website.

Leave of Absence requests - Kevin made a motion to approve leave-of-absence (LOA) requests for Terri Tobey, Sara Shafiabady for April 20 meeting and Erin Partridge for May 20 meeting. Jill seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

ACOA 2022 presentations

- May – Affording Aging in California Dr. Nari Rhee, Director of the Retirement Security program at the UC Berkeley Labor Center

- June – Elder Abuse Awareness Month Shawna Reeves, Special Projects Consultant, Legal Assistance for Seniors

Public Comment:

- Jim would like to have the AAA contractors present at the ACOA General Meetings in the future.
- Jim would like to begin planning in July for the November ACOA event.
- Gerald suggested having the event filmed and presented on CCTV in order to share MPA information to the public.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 4, 2022

Consent Items

Appoint Raju Ramapriya as Alternate Member

Approve letters of support for AB 2077, AB 2548, AB 1502 and SB 842

The meeting adjourned at 11:25 am.