

**Contra Costa County Advisory Council on Aging  
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes  
June 6, 2020**

**Call to Order:** Susan Frederick, ACOA President, called the meeting to order at 9:30am; meeting was conducted by conference call due to COVID19 Shelter-in-Place provisions.

**Present:** Susan Frederick, Jim Donnelly, Jennifer Doran, Kevin Donovan, Steve Lipson, Gail Garrett, Shirley Krohn, Mary Rose, Mary Bruns, Gerald Richards

**Absent:** Richard Nahm

**Staff:** Laura Cepoi, Anthony Macias

**Public Comment / Approval of Agenda/Minutes**

- No public comments
- Adoption of Today's Agenda: Moved to approve by Shirley, motioned 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gerald, unanimously adopted.
- Adoption of May 2020 Minutes: amendment to minutes- section regarding flyers for Elder Abuse Prevention month were created by Adult Protective Services (APS), and Mary Rose assisted distribution. Minutes stand as corrected.

**Announcements and Correspondence:** Susan Frederick

- None

**President's Report:** Susan Frederick

- Good news is Congressman DeSaulnier's health is doing well and he is back to work. There is a link on his webpage to video from his campaign about his recovery;
- Susan expressed concern of elder physical/emotional abuse during this pandemic as there has been a decrease of 40% in APS reports.
- Family Justice Center is working with Contra Costa County Aging and Adults Bureau and Ombudsman Services to host four elder abuse prevention events in June. One each week of the month. You can register on Eventbrite for these events and Anthony sent information to all ACAO members on how to register to attend these events.
- Susan thanked Steve for helping her setting up her PC with Zoom application.

**AAA Program Manager Report:** Laura Cepoi

- Laure spoke of issues about the coronavirus pandemic's impact on the economy and how Aging programs may be affected.
- The Governor's budget indicates cuts to some programs that impact older adults, like Adult Day Health Care and Community Based Aging Services.
- AAA funding should be fine as we are federally funded.
- There may be a hiring freeze in the county.
- IHSS program is expected to receive a 7% cut in program services.
- IHSS workforce is down due to many workers out on leave.

**Discussion: Elder Abuse Prevention Workgroup presentations-** Susan Frederick

(This agenda item has been tabled until next meeting on July 1, 2020)

**Consent Item:**

Letter opposing placing COVID 19 positive patients in assisted living communities written by Gerald Richards on behalf of the Executive Committee. A vote was taken to approve sending letter to Board of Supervisor, there was unanimous approval to send letter.

**Committee Reports:**

Planning Committee: Kevin Donovan – No June meeting due to Shelter-in-Place. Kevin would like to know when we can begin having WG meetings again.

Membership Committee Report: Jennifer Doran – No June meeting due to Shelter-in-Place. Oakley seat vacant; waiting for BOS approval of Nancy and Moraga seat

Health Work Group – Susan Frederick – No June meeting due to Shelter-in-Place.

Transportation Work Group (SMAC): Mary Bruns– Zoom meetings is only \$15 per month; SMAC will be discussing having a town hall meeting for upcoming SMAC meeting; various voices about SIP and how people are coping.

Technology Work Group: Steve Lipson – A meeting will be scheduled in June utilizing Zoom.

Housing Work Group: Gerry Richards – WG held a 5/18 meeting utilizing Zoom; Shelter Inc. presentation; eviction hotline; ability to pay rents, utility bills; case managers to asses for needs as well as funding.

Elder Abuse Prevention Work Group: Mary Rose – No report.

Senior Nutrition Project Council Report: Gail Garrett –donations have gone way up; program is in pretty good shape.

Legislative Work Group: Shirley Krohn –CSL no general meetings this year; 2021 is still in question; several caucuses throughout State; 3 areas looking at: Covid19 concerns; wildfire consideration; homelessness;

Treasurer Report: Richard Nahm (absent) \$86 balance remains unchanged as there has been no ACOA general meeting since February 2020.

**ACOA future presentation items:**

**August:** Housing White Paper

**September:** California Senior MediCare Patrol

**October:** Master Plan For Aging

**December:** Year End Meeting

Items for full ACOA agenda:

Poll general members about meeting in July at June 17 meeting;

**Consent Items:** Changes to council bylaws; Letter opposing placing COVID 19 positive patients in assisted living communities

Public Comment:

- None

Next Meeting: Wednesday, July 1, 2020

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 am.