

**Advisory Council on Aging (ACOA) Housing Work Group
Meeting Minutes - Monday, August 15, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.**

Present: Gerald Richards (Chair; ACOA); Dale Harrington (Co-Chair; ACOA); Michael Rigsby, Jim Donnelly (ACOA); Rosanna Aragon (Front Porch-Home Match); Victoria Snyder (Contra Costa Senior Legal Services); Mike Awadalla (Care Patrol); Nhang Luong (Staff Support, Area Agency on Aging)

Introductions

Agenda and minutes review – Jim Donnelly made motion, seconded by Dale Harrington to approve agenda and minutes. No objections, agenda and minutes approved unanimously.

Presentation: Role of Placement Agencies, Mike Awadalla, Care Patrol

Help families choose senior living options. Review violation history. Escort clients to tour senior communities. Services free to clients; compensation is from facilities when there is successful placement.

Most referrals come from social workers at hospitals.

Typical clients: seniors living alone, rehabilitating after a fall or other health emergencies, have dementia, and/or overwhelmed family caregivers.

Senior living options starting costs: independent living - \$3,500, assisted living and memory - \$4,500, residential facility (usually licensed for six seniors) - \$4,000, and all-inclusive memory care - \$5,000. Location is an important factor in cost.

Paying for senior living: private pay, long-term care insurance, Veterans Administration Aid and Attendance Program, and MediCal Assisted Living Waiver Program (ALWP). Very few homes in the Bay Area accept ALWP.

For the Veterans Aid and Attendance Program, eligibility criteria includes service during wartime or disability related to military service.

Home Match Update - Rosanna Aragon, Home Match Contra Costa Program Manager

Two match thus far in August. Average rent is \$1,000 a month.

Discuss Proposition 27 - Gerald Richards shared information about the Proposition. Housing Work Group will not take a position.

Update: Master Plan for Aging (MPA) – Jim Donnelly, President of the Advisory Council of Aging

MPA Consultant Request for Proposal (RFP) released and closes on Friday, August 19, 2022.

Contra Costa MPA Planning Meeting scheduled for Thursday, November 17, 2022 at Pleasant Hill Community Center.

Information Sharing: Gerald Richards shared summary of State budget allocation for housing

Next Meeting: September 19, 2022

Meeting adjourned at 10:46 a.m.