

SACRAMENTO COUNTY ADULT AND AGING COMMISSION
MINUTES January 25, 2006
REVISED

Adult & Aging Commission Attendance List:

Commissioners Present:

Al Blum
Barney Donnelly
Bettie Howell
Cyrus Moazam
Geri Esposito
Lynn Avery
Joe Samora
Jim Lynch, Ex-Officio, Citrus Heights

Maxine Quitiquit
Jewell Senegal
Peggy Forseth-Andrews
Janet Heath
Jim Sanford
Tessa Janian
Lynn Davis, Ex-Officio County

Commissioners Absent:

Frank Zolin
Kelly Patterson
Reggie Williams

Aggie Hanchey, Ex-Officio Galt
June Gilmore, Ex-Officio Galt
Vincene Rogers-Jones, Ex-Officio City of
Sacramento

Rosemary Jones

Guests Present:

Pat McVicar, Area 4 Agency on Aging
Stephen Baetge, Spectrum Editor
Melanie Rochin, CA Emergency Foodlink
Dan Brow
Bert Bettis, SAS
Tara Brown, IHSS
Abida Perveen, Health For All ADHC

Anne Spaller, Del Oro Caregiver Res. Ctr.
Dick Ryder, SAIF
Linda Hoschler, Hart Sr. Ctr.
Jose Chacón, DHHS Volunteer Services
Judy Teixeira, SSA
Doris Sanford, Paratransit

Staff Present:

Nancy Yavrom, Program Associate

CALL TO ORDER

Peggy Forseth-Andrews, Chair, called the meeting to order. A quorum was in attendance. Ms. Forseth-Andrews welcomed the public and reminded everyone that the Commission was happy to answer questions any time from the audience. Ms.



Forseth-Andrews welcomed new Ex-Officio member, Jim Lynch, from Citrus Heights replacing Jayna Karpinski-Costa.

CONSENT CALENDAR

There were no changes to the Revised Agenda.

By consensus it was decided to approve the revised Agenda.

There were no changes to the Minutes of November 16, 2005.

It was moved/seconded (Donnelly/Blum) to approve the Minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

CHAIRS DISCRETION – Reorganization of the Policy and Advocacy Division of Community Services Planning Council

The Program Manager position has been replaced by a new management structure for the Member Advisory Boards (MABs) such as the Commission. A Director will oversee all four MABs with a Program Coordinator working directly with each one. Nancy Yavrom will be the Commission's Program Coordinator. The Commission will also have a half-time Coordinator and a full time Senior Associate. Penny Clarke of Countywide Services Agency has approved it. The Commission will have input regarding hiring of the new staff and delegation of hours. Right now it is a wait-and-see situation.

PRESENTATION: Metropolitan Transportation Plan, SACOG – Nancy Kays, Senior Planner

Background: Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) recently completed a public blueprint study with the outcome of a land-use map agreed upon by all six-member counties. A new round of these public meetings will be taking place soon. The land-use map and a limited budget will be the parameters participants will work with to redesign current transportation systems. A draft of the plan is due by Fall 2006 with the final product being ready in June 2007. Ms. Kays strongly encouraged Commissioners to attend these workshops to insure senior and dependent adult needs are included.

SACOG is also developing a senior and disabled mobility study.

Questions/Answers:

- Who is in charge of the senior and disabled mobility study, and is this not a study that has been going on for two years? - ~~The public is making the determinations and information about what has been accomplished so far will be made available.~~ SACOG is in charge of the study, but community input will weigh heavily when determinations are made.
- Will the number of participants attending the new workshops be limited? -Only by the space available at the facilities being used.



- The handout delineating the schedule of the workshops did not include Fair Oaks, Citrus Heights, or Carmichael. - The website should have a complete listing.
- Will emergency evacuation be a part of the plan at the workshops? - That is the type of information the participants will have to contribute. SACOG is looking at these workshops from the narrow perspective of transportation since that is the purpose of the federal, state, and local funds being allocated.

ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Approval of 2005 Annual Report – It was recommended that time served during the year by staff be listed on the roster. Staff was directed to go through past minutes to see how involved the Commission was with influencing the Regional Transit rate stabilization that occurred during 2005. If the Commission was instrumental in this outcome then it should be added as an accomplishment.

It was moved and seconded (Janian/Samora) to adopt the 2005 Annual Report and send it to the Board of Supervisors with the two changes recommended as appropriate. Motion passed unanimously.

Nomination of New Commissioners – Bettie Howell

The Nominating Committee Chair presented three names recommended for appointment to the Commission by the Board of Supervisors: Sheri Huffard, Inderjit Kallirai, and Joseph Montoya.

It was moved and seconded (Blum/Esposito) to send on the names of the three nominees to the Board of Supervisors for appointment. Motion passed unanimously.

Nominating Committee Vacancy

Currently the Nominating Committee has only four members and should have five. Chair called for nominations or volunteers. This item is to remain on the Agenda.

Ratify Liaison Assignments

The Commission Chair appoints liaisons for specific organizations to enhance the scope of work and influence of the Commission within its designated purview. For 2006 the following Commissioners have been appointed to their respective organization:

Peggy Forseth-Andrews
Al Blum
Peggy Forseth-Andrews

Area 4 Agency on Aging Advisory Council
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System of Protection for Senior and Dependent
Adults – Executive Task Force and Working
Group
Elder Death Review Team

Janet Heath



Al Blum	First 5 Sacramento Advisory Committee
Barney Donnelly	Human Services Coordinating Council (2 seats vacant)
James Sanford	In-Home Supportive Services Advisory Committee
Geraldine Esposito	Older Adult Community Committee, Mental Health Board
Barney Donnelly	Regional Transit Mobility Advisory Council
Peggy Forseth-Andrews (as Chair of Commission)	Senior Safe House

The name of the organization to which Geraldine Esposito is assigned should be Older Adult Committee, Mental Health Board.

With that correction it was moved and seconded (Howell/Esposito) to ratify the liaison recommendations as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Legislative Platform, 2006 – Tessa Janian

At the November County-sponsored training for MABs, they were requested to develop general and broad recommendations that reflect their priorities for the communities they serve as pertains to potential legislation for the Board of Supervisors to consider. These recommendations were first presented to the Executive Committee, which subsequently accepted them:

- Support federal and state legislation that provides programs and services that respond to the health, housing, social services and safety needs of seniors and dependent adults.
- Support efforts to establish a federal mandate for Adult Protective Services programs and appropriation of funding for such programs. Support legislation to promote community awareness of elder abuse and prevention strategies.
- Support legislation to encourage the development of a coordinated federal, state, and local emergency response plan for seniors in the event of public health emergencies or disasters. (Note: This was one of the resolutions from the White House Conference on Aging)

It was moved and seconded (Donnelly/Howell) to accept the legislative platform recommendations.

Question/Answers: Is it possible to submit additional recommendations to the Board via the Legislative Advocate? Lynn Davis responded that, for the most part, this is a once-a-year process that takes place at the beginning of the year. The proposals are designed to be broad enough to allow more specific issues to fit into them.



Motion passed unanimously.

AGENCY REPORTS

DHHS, Senior and Adult Services Division (SAS) – Bert Bettis

Ms. Bettis highlighted a document from the County Welfare Directors Association of California (CSDA) regarding “State Budget Update, #1 – Overview.” The budget proposes no significant changes to the IHSS program, and includes nearly \$4.0 billion total funding. ~~The allocation for APS remains flat, which is of concern, because the state level office is still served by only a half-time position.~~ The allocation for APS at the state level remains flat. This is cause for concern because it keeps the state level office staffed only by a half-time position.

Ms. Bettis talked about Mid-Year Budget Hearings set for January 31st at 4:30 p.m. requesting Commission attendance and support.

Ms. Bettis attended the White House Conference on Aging 2006. She made available a press release from the conference that listed the top ten resolutions adopted. Conference participants had no input as to the original 73 resolutions that had been created beforehand. The ten resolutions can be found along with the others at the White House Conference website

Questions/Answers:

- Were the preformulated resolutions influenced by the input of D. Hardy who had visited all the states to get recommendations for the Conference? - Ms. Bettis did not think so. The resolutions were formulated by the committee and prioritized by the delegates.
- Now that the resolutions have been prioritized, where do they go? The resolutions go to Congress and the President to hopefully influence future legislation. It is a long process.
- Is there anything the Commission can do to promote the resolutions? – Yes, by inviting the other nine delegates to share their ideas.

The Sacramento Community System of Protection for Senior and Dependent Adults Strategic Plan 2005 was made available.

Area 4 Agency on Aging – Pat McVicar

Funding for the Area Agencies has been cut 1% across the board. However, there has been a special grant allocated to specific Area Agencies, including Area 4, so that they can help enroll seniors into Medicare D. A flyer about the program was passed out.



Ms. McVicar also handed out the *Area 4 Agency on Aging 2005-2009 Area Plan*. A review of the current RFP funding cycle was given about both Phase 1 and Phase 2.

REPORTS

Committee Chairs

Executive – Peggy Forseth-Andrews and Tessa Janian

Ms. Forseth-Andrews and Mr. Anthony Mongalo have been negotiating further details related to establishing DMV centers in Focal Points. Going before the Director of the DMV is a modification of the original plan wherein two Focal Points will be used as pilots and the DMV representative will visit only once a month in the beginning.

Ms. Janian summarized two topics:

- the circumstances leading up to the current holding pattern regarding Focal Point designation. A4AA is presently rethinking the designation process including eligibility.
- The Executive Committee has been looking at gaining more support from the Ex-Officio Commissioners by working with the cities to appoint staff that works more at the grassroots level such as Jim Lynch who is recently appointed by Citrus Heights.

Program Review, Outreach, and Development (PROD) – Barney Donnelly

Disaster Preparedness is a hot topic as demonstrated by two recent articles in the *Sacramento Bee*, one of which voiced Supervisor Robert McGlashan's concerns relative to the amount of attention seniors and dependent adults are receiving in the planning process. The Committee wants first to learn the extent existing plans cover seniors and dependent adults and the extent human services are addressed. Melanie Rochin from Foodlink said their organization has a list of all those individuals receiving meals who may not receive other services. It was suggested Foodlink be put on PROD's mailing list.

Oversight – Peggy Forseth-Andrews

The Committee is reassessing the 1997 Unlicensed Facilities report with a particular focus on room and board facilities. The Committee has identified four items of work: identify the different levels of care; identify the room and board facilities in the County; find out if they have business licenses as they should; obtain pertinent information from Licensing and Code Enforcement as well as Community Care Licensing.

Senior Profile Phase 2 Ad-Hoc Committee – Barney Donnelly

This committee oversees the refinement of the 2004 Senior Profile. It is currently working with the housing section to make the data more adequate and linked. Efforts are being made to connect with the private sector of the housing network. There is also the desire that more Commissioners become involved to give a broader perspective to



the work. Staff was instructed to start sending meeting announcements to all of the Commissioners.

Commissioner's Comments

Janet Heath talked about the Assisted Living Waiver Pilot Project. Three counties including Sacramento are going to be used to demonstrate the efficacy of using MediCal funds for recipients to be able to opt for assisted living circumstances. More details are on the California Assisted Living website. Ms. Heath requested time on the February Agenda to further explain the project.

Geri Esposito talked a little bit about the Mental Health Services and Supports Plan recently approved by the Board of Supervisors that is now before the State for adoption.

Adjournment

