

SACRAMENTO COUNTY ADULT AND AGING COMMISSION

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Adult & Aging Commission Attendance List:

Commissioners Present

Peggy Forseth-Andrews, Chair
Tessa Janian, Vice Chair
Al Blum
Frank Zolin
Cyrus Moazam
Bettie Howell
Lynn Avery
Barney Donnelly

Maxine Quitiquit
Jewell Senegal
Geraldine Esposito
Janet Heath
Reggie Williams
Jayna Karpinski-Costa, City of Citrus Heights Ex-Officio

Commissioners Absent

Norman Fong
Margaret Ervin
Jim Sanford
Joe Samora
Kelly Patterson
Rosemary Jones

Vincene Rogers-Jones, City of Sacramento Ex-Officio
Aggie Hanchey, Galt Ex-Officio
Lynn Davis, Sacramento County Ex-Officio

Guests Present

Chris Hicks, State of California, CCL
Patsy Snowdon, UCC/ACMP
Fay Mikiska, Sacramento County IHSS Advisory Committee
Laura F. Ham, Regional Transit

Judy Teixeira, Social Security Administration
Melanie Rochin, California Emergency Foodlink
Janine Brown, Senior Nutrition Services

Staff

Amy Noakes, Senior Program Manager

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.

CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved/seconded (Heath/Zolin) to approve the Agenda. It was moved/seconded (Donnelly/Esposito) to accept the Minutes as amended. Motions passed unanimously.

A. Chair's Discretion

The Chair testified before the Board of Supervisors on behalf of Senior Nutrition Services request to release an RFP for a new site. There are concerns that the Supervisors do not yet understand the importance of the SNS program, as there was discussion about privatizing it. Senior Nutrition Services received approval to release an RFP for their new site.

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At a recent meeting with Focal Point (FP) Directors, Chair Peggy Forseth-Andrews presented the DMV proposal to utilize Focal Points as sites that would let seniors prepare before taking driving tests by having materials to study, and simulators or computer simulation software to work with so correctable problems can be identified. The Focal Point Director's were positive about the concept and encouraged Chair Forseth-Andrews to share their support of the idea with DMV. They would like a Fact Sheet developed that will offer alternatives to losing one's license. They would like to have a DMV representative visit each site once or twice a month, or have a regular contact person at the DMV office. They agreed to let the DMV website link with their websites from the DMV senior page. Discussion ensued around what a Focal Point is.

LIAISON UPDATES

A. Regional Transit's Mobility Advisory Council – Laura Forester Ham

The Regional Transit Mobility Advisory Committee (MAC) replaced the Disabled Elderly Committee on Accessible Transportation (DECAT) as of July 2005 when its first meeting was held. The Committee's basic structure was described. There are twenty-one members, fifteen organizational representatives and six members at-large. Of these, three represent older adults and three represent persons with disabilities. As yet not all positions are filled. Activities of the Committee will be guided by a work plan developed annually by staff in consultation with the Committee. MAC meets in the RT auditorium, the first Monday of the month. If someone is interested in filling one of the at-large positions, contact Laura Forester Ham. Questions were raised about the vacancies on the organizational list since many of these agencies/groups are very active. Mrs. Ham responded that RT has been making every effort to contact and encourage community participants and will continue doing so. There was a comment that the configuration of the RT Auditorium prohibits communication during the meeting. Another comment put out a positive impression of the direction MAC is taking with its broader range of input; it could evolve into a positive connection between RT and the community. A final comment suggested that some of the missing organizations have been occupied all summer because of MHSa involvement and should be re-contacted.

B. Area 4 Agency on Aging Advisory Council - Peggy Forseth-Andrews

A4AA represents seven counties. Not all have the same or number of services as Sacramento County. Most Council members are very involved in their communities. The Council looks at issues before A4AA and makes recommendations to the Governing Board. Ms. Forseth-Andrews is a member of the Area Plan Committee (which has not yet met during her new term) and Joint Program Evaluation Committee (JPEC). JPEC looks at programs funded by A4AA to ensure standards are met. It is important to keep in mind that decisions are made with seven counties in mind, not just



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the one a council member represents. Two of the rural counties are looking at program cuts.

Al Blum also attends the Council's meetings and serves on the Grants Review Committee. Mr. Blum reported the A4AA Annual Report is out which reviews in-house programs such as Driving Wellness, Info Van, Falls Prevention, and HICAP; RFP's will be distributed in September.

The transition of HICAP was brought up. Judy Teixeira, office manager from Social Security Administration (SS), talked about HICAP coordination with SS to do outreach regarding Medicare Plan D. It was asked if there is a distinction being made between medi-medi and retired Medicare D. Ms. Teixeira replied that SS's role is getting people enrolled in Plan D, not clarifying which drug plans are appropriate for the consumer.

PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS

A. Assistive Technology (AT) Network – Kim Cantrell, Information Coordinator

AT Network is part of the California Foundation for Independent Living Centers. There are three components to its work: information and referral, direct advocacy for independent living centers, and systems change through policy and grassroots organization. Assistive Technology (AT) is any tool or device that helps a person maintain their independence. Items are classified by function. Anybody can access the services for free. AT Network provides information on the devices and funding that is available to get them. An overview of examples of devices and AT programs was presented. AT Network needs help with outreach. It was suggested that Ms. Cantrell send seven of the outreach displays to the Commission for distribution to the FPs.

ACTION ITEMS

A. 2005 Program of Work Updates – Committee Chairs

Executive Committee – Peggy Forseth-Andrews

There have been no amendments to the Program of Work (POW). All timelines are being met except the two items about FPs and A4AA, which are in progress.

Nominating Committee – Bettie Howell

At their last meeting in May there was good organization, high quality candidates, and six positions were filled with two current vacancies. First meeting for this term will be Wednesday, August 31, 2005. Gathering up-to-date demographic information from Commissioners is in progress.



PRD/Outreach – Barney Donnelly

Working to dovetail the two committees by focusing on the POW at the next meeting, Tuesday, September 6, 2005.

B. Ratify Committee Appointments

A motion was made/seconded (Esposito/Blum) to ratify Committee assignments: Maxine Quitiquit to Oversight and Joe Samora to PRD/Outreach. Motion passed unanimously.

AGENCY REPORTS

A. DHHS, Senior and Adult Services Division - Bert Bettis

SB1018 mandates banks and other financial institutions to be mandated reporters for financial abuse. A sample letter was presented requesting the Commission to write a letter of support for the bill. Concessions were made to encourage the banking representatives to let the bill go forward include a one-year implementation period, a seven-year sunset clause, and failure to report will be a civil penalty.

A motion was made/seconded (Esposito/Howell) to write a letter of support for SB1018. Motion passed unanimously.

County Budget Hearings will be held Wednesday, September 7, 2005 at 9:30 a.m. DHHS is requesting an increased budget for IHSS to fill needed staff positions. AAC support would be greatly appreciated. 2006 legislation is being reviewed as it pertains to Adult Protective Services (APS). APS has received no additional funding for three years. At the state level staff is very limited.

B. Department of Human Assistance – Janine Brown

The Board approved an RFP to be released in mid-September (60 days) for Senior Nutrition Services' new building. There are 200 people on the waiting list which means current clients have to be reviewed and cuts have to be made giving priority to the most frail and needy. Priorities are assessed every quarter. If people are going to be cut they will receive a one-month notification and apprised of nearby congregate meals. The Pet Food program has increased calls to SNS greatly.

REPORTS

Executive Committee—

- Mentor guidelines have been created and approved. If Commissioners are interested in serving as mentors, please contact Staff.
- The AAC Retreat is set for Wednesday, October 26, 2005, 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided. POWs will be the focus topic.



PRD/Outreach Committee

- There was a review of the DMV/AAC collaboration and its continuation
- The Committee is working on merging the respective Programs of Work

Oversight Committee

- Ten case reviews were done focusing on financial abuse.

Senior Profile Ad Hoc Committee

- The Housing Forum is being planned

Commissioner's Comments

Jewell Senegal expressed appreciation for being able to represent the Commission on the Healthy Summit Planning Committee.

Geri Esposito said the Single Room Occupancy (SRO) Task Force is meeting again as development downtown threatens several large SROs that are in its path. The proposed development is moving forward without plans being made to help relocate those that will be displaced. There are ordinances regarding replacement housing. Discussion ensued on whether the Commission should write a letter questioning the well being of the downtown residents, and should the Commission take a more formal role in these activities. It was agreed that this item would go to the Executive Committee for discussion.

Barney Donnelly spoke about the Transportation and Air Quality Collaborative. He feels there is not enough emphasis being put on transportation or the human side of these issues.

Janet Heath talked about a funding crisis MSSP is facing. There has been no funding increase for twenty-one years. AAC support would be appreciated.

Staff reminded Commissioners about the outreach events sign-up sheets, the need to return their demographic information, and the retirement party of Marie Metz.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dick Ryder, from SAIF (Department of Corporations) announced that SAIF has new outreach materials and is seeking outreach collaboration.

ADJOURNMENT

