



NAPA COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING
Napa County Administration Building
1195 Third Street Napa, 94559

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Minutes of July 23, 2012
2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Yountville Community Center

I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Members Present: Beatty, Blmquist, Busenbark, -Longmire, Dreskin-Anderson, Navarro, Restelli-Deits, Rhodes, Umphries

Excused, Beatty, Lesnewich. Perkins, Stanton

Absent, Munn

II. **Introductions:** Guests present were, David Stewart, Bob Gear, MariKo Yamada, Rocky Sheridan, Deborah Moore, Anne Payne, Elizabeth Mautner, Michael Mautner, Susan Wright, Nancy Schulz, Carroll Cotten, Lawrence Florin, Brad Wagenknecht, Kris Brown, Harriett Dietz

III. **Agenda approval:**
Agenda was approved as written

IV. **Approval of Minutes of June 25, 2012**
Minutes were approved as written

V. **Correspondence:** None

VI. **Guest Speaker: Supervisor Brad Wagenknecht, greetings and introductions**
Introduced Guest Speaker: The Honorable Mariko Yamada, California Assembly
Assembly Member Yamada stated that she was now serving her fourth year in the California Assembly. She stated she represents the Eighth District, which is part of 2 Counties, Yolo and Solano. Thanks to the magic done by the California Redistricting Commission and was approved last year on August 15th Napa is now in the new District Four which consists of 6 Counties, half of Colusa, all of Lake, all of Napa, part of Sonoma, part of Solano and all of Yolo County with the exception of one city, the city of West Sacramento. So what I would like to say is that my current District of District Eight only had 2 counties but my new District, District Four has tripled in size. She thanked Betty for working so hard on the Commissions behalf and inviting me to come and speak with you for a few minutes. I finally was able to come and talk to the Commission as the Assembly is in recess. It is very important for members of the Assembly to get the time to go out into their districts. She gave a little history on herself. She considers herself still as a social worker just a little bit more involved these days. She has been in Social Work since 1974. Seeing causalities of the system over and over again and only seeing band aids put on the problems it made me seek other ways to solve these problems. Now we are attempting to solve problems at a little bit different way by impacting polices and to in sure that programs actual fit the needs of people. When you listen to people's concerns and try to track that to public policies. She had work for the Los Angeles BOS as an Assistant Deputy Chief. She also spent 10 years in Washington D.C. working in the Commerce Department working for

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Bureau. Since 1988 she and her husband who is also a Social Worker return to California and



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have worked here every since. She is also a member on the Committee on Aging and Long Term Care in the Assembly which I Chair. The issue of housing is certainly at the top of the list and we know there is plenty of housing out there it just does not meet the needs of those who need it. The affordability factor is one of the main problems. The last report that we had in 2011 stated we have the availability but the housing is not accessible to those who need special needs. We need higher accessibility laws for all new housing not just for the elderly. Assembly member Yamada answered questions from the Commission and audience

Introduced Guest Speaker: County Director of Housing and Intergovernmental Affairs.

Lawrance Florin His Topic was: (Low Cost Housing for Senior and the Elderly)

Lawrance stated that annual the County puts together a legislative platform which becomes our official policy that we advocate on behalf of Sacramento. The Board actually has a legislative subcommittee. Last year they instituted a new policy for the County where all the departments that were not headed by an elected officials had to advocate on various positions and had to go get indorsed by a legislative subcommittee or a supervisor of that committee. In September we get together with the department and put together our platform which become are record up in Sacramento. Napa County Health and Human Services has done a good job in making sure that your issues have been included in our platform. I do urge you to the extent that you would like the County to advocate on your specific issues and let Lawrance be advised of these issues. At our meeting in September will be drafting our platform. Lawrance also explained what his job was as Director of Housing and what the department does. We are actually one of two housing agencies in the jurisdiction of the County of Napa. One of the agencies is under the direction of the City of Napa. In 2009 the County extracted out a portion of the housing program and formed there own Housing Authority. What they don't do is section 8 housing and other programs run by the City of Napa. What they do oversee is the County wide programs that have to do with housing in incorporated areas as well as farm worker housing, mostly what they do is underwrite affordable housing for the County. Lawrance gave a slide show of how the monies they receive from taxes such as the wineries are being used for affordable housing. They have put together an Affordable Housing Task Force of 14 members. They will be Identifying needs, establishing current criteria, analyzing the costs and also coming up with new ideas for raising funds for Affordable Housing in the area. They are to make a report back on their finding by December 2012. Lawrance advised that they will be having their first meeting at the Airport Conference Room on Wednesday July 25th at 2:00 p.m. It is open to the public. Lawrance answered questions from the Commission and audience.

VII. Public Comments No Comments

VIII. Commission Reports

A. Standing Committees

- **Public Relations Committee, Edith Dolley-Longmire** No Report

- **Legislative/Bylaws Committee, Edith Dolley-Longmire**

Edie read information on a Supreme Court Ruling. In upholding the President Obama's health reform law, the Affordable Care Act, the Supreme Court ensured that preservation and continued roll-out of improvements and protections for older adults. These improvements include the extension of Medicaid's spousal impoverishment protections to those seeking long-term care in the community, financial incentives for states to keep long-term care recipients out of institutions, the gradual closing of Medicare Part D's infamous "doughnut hole," expanded access to preventive services for Medicare beneficiaries, and the Elder Justice Act.



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- **Executive Committee, Mark Perkins** No Report
- **Nominating Committee, Naomi Dreskin-Anderson** No Report
- **New Member/Member Renewal Committee, Mark Perkins** No Report

B. Ad-Hoc Committees

- **Caregiver Ordinance Education, Betty Rhodes**

Betty stated that She, Nancy and Terri met with the Mayor on her TV program which can be seen on Sunday's at 8:30 and Monday at 1:00 to promote the Caregiver Ordinance.

- **Forensic Center and Elder Law Court Feasibility, Terri Deits**

Terri's report is an attachment.

- **Understanding Area Agency on Aging Napa/Solano County Process**
JoAnn requested item to be on hold
- **Availability of Housing for Homeless Elderly**
JoAnn will give report in August
Naomi reported that there will be a Housing Committee meeting put on by the Non-profit Coalition at 12:00 noon on July 25th at Pecan Court 2020 Clay St. in Napa. The meeting place is in the rear of the building.
- **Senior Celebration – 2012 Naomi Dreskin-Anderson**

Naomi gave a report on the Senior Celebration Day on October 7, 2012 between 11:00 to 4:00

IX. Treasurer's Report, Mark Perkins No Report

X. Old Business – Action on Bylaw changes deferred to August meeting

XI. New Business – Committees will be reviewed and consigned in July.

XII. Future Agenda Item - None

XIII. Community Organization Reports (As needed)

- **Area Agency on Aging/Stop Falls Napa Valley, Naomi Dreskin-Anderson**

Naomi stated that they are still getting a lot of referrals. She announced that they have been approved for another 3 years of funding through the California Wellness Foundation which is extremely good news. The other news is the Education Committee is working on events for National Fall Prevention Week which will be the week of September 17th – 23rd. They will be doing Fall Prevention programs up and down the Valley.

- **Area Agency of Aging, Napa/Solano Counties, Anne Payne**

Anne stated that there have been 2 permits issued as of July 3rd, 35 permits have been sent out and 12 applications have been received. 3 new individuals' applications and 2 new business applications have been received. Their Area Plan has been acknowledge by the state. Anne answered questions from the Commission and Guests.



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- **Veteran's Home, Rita Umphries**

Rita stated that they had a wonderful experience with the Festival de Sole. She is hoping it will instigate interest in the Lincoln Theater again. Rita also informed everyone that if you want to shop at the Base Exchange you are welcome to go there and buy what ever you want. You do not have to have a Military ID. The general public is invited to shop there. She stated that the general

population is being to change most of the World War II people have gone to the great beyond in the sky. It is now taking on a younger look. The staff of course is very short due to all the cuts that have been made.

- **Elder Abuse Prevention Council, Joice Beatty** No Report
- **Comprehensive Services for Older Adults, Kris Brown; Nancy Schulz** No Report
- **Ombudsman Program, Elizabeth Mautner, Coordinator/Manager**

Elizabeth gave out some brochures. Elizabeth stated that the Ombudsman Program advocates for Residents of Nursing Facilities and Residential Care Homes in the State of California. They have Staff and Volunteers who go into each and every one of the licensed facilities in our County. They visit the skilled nursing facilities once a week, whether there is a problem or not. They visit the residential care facilities and the board and care facilities at least once a month. They respond to problems, telephone calls, anyone can call us with a problem. Elizabeth will go out and check it out. The State monitors these programs. The Department of Public Health monitors the skilled nursing facilities. They do their licensing evaluations once in a fifteen month period. The Department of Social Services who monitors residential facilities has switched over to a program of visiting once in a five year period. Unless there is a problem or somebody reports or makes a complaint against the facility. It is very important if you know someone who lives in one of those facilities and there is a problem to let the Ombudsman know about it. They can then report it to the Department of Social Services and they will come out and investigate. Elizabeth answered questions from the Commission

- **Senior Area News::**
Calistoga, Shirley Blomquist

Shirley stated that Larry Kromann of Rebuilding Calistoga is starting a Coalition of members of the three mobile home parks. Larry asked me to be on the committee to represent Chateau Calistoga. The committee is hoping to have discussions on problems of the parks. Hopefully working together we can get some of the problems concerning all of the parks. On transportation we are very happy with the new bus service which we call the "Mud Runner". It is being used by our residents and many tourists.

- **Napa, Edith Dolley-Longmire** No Report
- **St. Helena, Joice Beatty** No Report
- **American Canyon, Faith Munn** No Report
- **Yountville, Renate Halliday** No Report

- **Legal Aid of Napa Valley, Naomi Dreskin-Anderson**

Naomi reported that the board members reported that there is a 50,000 dollars deficit and they are going to have to do some fund raising programs, especially for the Senior Programs.



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- **In-Home Supportive Services, Edith Dolley-Longmire**

JoAnn gave Edie's report, on a letter from the Parks and Recreation Services which stated as follows: This letter is to officially notify you that no changes to existing user fees at the Senior Center will be implemented at this time or in the immediate future. Rocky reported that this letter was because a group from the Senior Center in Napa questioned the intentions of the City on this matter.

- **HAPI (Healthy Aging Population Initiative), Naomi Dreskin-Anderson**

Naomi reported the only new thing about HAPI is that there is going to be a primary focus for HAPI members on the housing and food issues and that what was highlighted at their last meeting.

- **District Attorney, Elder Abuse Division, Michael Mautner, Prosecuting Attorney No Report**

XIV. Comments from the Commission

Betty suggested that we should move Michael Mautner up on the agenda when he comes to our meetings. He has Elder Abuse information that is very much of a concern of the Commission.

Nancy Schulz reported that she received an email from Orin Hill who was formerly with the Computer to Schools Program. He stated that there are both desk top and notebook computers available free of charge or at minimal cost to Napa's low income seniors.

Lilia Navarro passed out brochures for a performance at the Napa Valley Opera House of Esto es Mexico on Saturday September 22nd at 8:00 p.m.

XV. Meeting Adjourned at 4:08 p.m.

**Submitted by
Shirley Blomquist
NCCOA Secretary**

**Next Meeting August 27, 2012
Yountville Community Center
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6516 Washington St.
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