

**Minutes from the Napa County  
Commission on Aging February 24, 2020  
Board of Supervisors Chambers**

Chairperson Heather Stanton called the meeting to order at 2 p.m.  
Roll call. Present: Kristi Lesnewich, Betty Labastida, Naomi Dreskin-Anderson, Mary Palmer, Terri Restelli-Deits, Heather Stanton, Betty Rhodes, Cynthia Kee, Harriet Lehman, Beverly Saxon-Leonard, Angela Peatman. Excused: Thomas Kalbrener and Thomas Gill.

Kristi Lesnewich and Mary Palmer approved the agenda.  
Angela Peatman made two spelling corrections to the minutes. Cynthia Kee and Beverly Saxon Leonard approved the minutes of January 27, 2020.

**Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**Speakers and Presenters**

Supervisor Ryan Gregory addressed the Commission. Napa had 149 affordable units open last year. Napa is contributing \$750,000 to the Napa Pipe Project to help fund 84 units of affordable housing.

Host Compliance is a company that has been hired by Napa to find non-compliant short-term rental properties and their owners.

For the next 8 year projected plan, Napa, Yountville, American Canyon and the County will be working together instead of each entity having its own plan on affordable housing.

To discuss the topic of cannabis in our County, there will be two workshops planned, March 21<sup>st</sup> ad March 26<sup>th</sup>, to see how the community feels about issues surrounding the growing and selling of cannabis in the County.

Yvonne Baginski responded to Supervisor Gregory's' report by says there is an acute absence of affordable supportive housing for seniors. It was suggested that Yvonne bring her concerns to the Napa Housing Commission.

Michael Mills , Supervisor of the Older Adult Mental Health Department of HHS, addressed the Commission. He said that they provide case management for those adults 60 and older with metal health issues. Many of their clients are in care facilities and under conservativeships. He spoke highly of a program unique to Napa County, called Mentis, which consists of 26 sessions and features solution forward therapy.

He brought along Lynn Fryer who shared some success stories with the Commission. She also spoke about Fresh Start, a program using 3 houses, one for

males, one for females, one for adults 60 and over. This is a two-year program that works with the clients and helps them to qualify for long-term housing. Many have to go elsewhere because of lack of housing in Napa.

## **Standing Reports**

Elaine Clark of AAoA was not present, but four members of the Advisory Council were here to voice concern over the loss of funding for this year. Susan Ensey spoke for Arnold Koenig, Donna Altes and Fran Rosenberg. The Advisory Board will be looking at the loss of funding and possible solutions.

The Ombudsman position for Napa County has been advertised, but has received no applicants.

Kris Brown from CSOA reported that the Advisory Board Meetings are open to all.

The next meeting is March 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 10-12, at 275 Beck Avenue, Fairfield.

Kris explained that the Joint Exercise of Powers agreement signed in August of 2018 resulted in an 11% reduction of funding for Napa.

Kris stated that the projected budget for the State of California is calling for \$750 million to fund new housing.

Yvonne Baginski spoke about bills being put forward in the State this year that will affect Seniors. AB 1855 will require facilities for the elderly to place their emergency and disaster plans in an on-line, cloud-based emergency response system that allows First Responders to access plans immediately upon receiving a call for emergency services.

AB 1853 would establish a 3-year pilot program for Contra Costa, Napa and Solano Counties to facilitate the reuse and redistribution of medical equipment.

It was reported that Information & Assistance received 122 contacts for the last month.

Census Marketing Committee reports all flyers, posters and door hangers have been printed and are ready to be distributed.

Target Population Committee reports their next meeting is March 6<sup>th</sup>. They will be filming a few more trusted messengers appeals.

## **Commission Reports**

By-laws Committee will be reviewing the Mission Statement at an upcoming meeting.

Terri Restelli-Deits submitted a report on the meeting held between herself, Heather Stanton and Mental Health Director Sarah O'Malley.

The next meeting will be a joint one with the Mental Health Board.

Naomi Deskin-Anderson reported that the Ageism Summit has been scheduled for May 29<sup>th</sup> and will be held at the Luther Burbank Center.

The Caregiver Permit Ordinance has been updated and will be ready to roll out by June. The County has asked whether the Commission has any funds they can put towards printing costs.

Joseph Cherry reported that the Housing/Homeless Summit will probably be held the first week in June.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:42p.m. Next meeting will be March 23<sup>rd</sup> in Calistoga.  
Location TBA.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Palmer