March 25, 2019, 2:00 pm
Board of Supervisors Chambers, Napa
MINUTES

I. Call to Order:

II. Approval of Agenda March 25, 2019, approved (M/S/C) Sheridan/Labastida

III. Approval of Minutes February 25 2019, (approved M/S/C) Sheridan/Deits

IV. Public Comment - none

V. Speakers and Presenters
Supervisor Dillon gave following reports: 1) joint senate/assembly public hearing that she attended regarding the Veterans Home in Yountville. Among topics of concern was an audit report of which Supervisor Dillon and others are seeking clarification of issues raised; 2) Sup. Dillon also shared an agenda item on tomorrow’s BOS meeting re: strategic planning for watershed ordinance; 3) She also shared legislation update to follow and to watch for bills related to housing and fire; 4) She attended The Committee to House the Bay Area (CASA) regional meeting where 9 bay area counties convene strategic planning for increased housing stock; 5) She raised concerns over PG&E power shut downs impacting public safety for seniors and persons with disabilities (such as the shutdown that occurred last October), noting that Napa has 238 miles of power lines. Supervisor Dillon has been working to get advanced alerts in St. Helena, an area considered high fire risk “tier 3;” 6) Supervisor Dillon said she is serving on a Census 2020 committee and encouraging Commissioners to serve on Census 2020 workgroups, adding that each uncounted person amounts to $1,500 in allocation $’s to Napa County. Chair Stanton advised that commissioners will be serving on each workgroup.

Amber Carroll of Covia non-profit organization gave a presentation on two of their programs: “Well Connected” and “Social Call” programs. The programs are national reach programs. Well Connected is a free national membership program for older adults that offers virtual conversations through lectures, classes and interest and support groups daily by phone or online. Each course is facilitated by a trained facilitator who are also volunteers and participants. Ms. Carroll informed that their Social Call program was based on the traditional home visiting program which expanded to include weekly phone calls with isolated older adults. For more information on Covia and their programs visit their website COVIA.ORG website or call 877-797-7299.

VI. Standing Reports
AAoA Update:
Chair Stanton reported out on AAoA public hearing held in Napa earlier today. Public comments were raised in regards Napa Ombudsman program that is currently being placed out for bid through RFP process inquiring as to the RFP process and recommendations to ensure that the RFP is posted widely. AAoA shared that they plan to use “Planning” AAoA funding to begin fall prevention strategic planning project. Public comment was made to advise AAoA that in past years, AAoA used planning funds, leveraged by outside funders
to convene a Napa Fall Prevention Coalition to engage in a robust 3-yr fall prevention strategic planning process in Napa County which resulted in a gap filling fall prevention program called Stop Falls Napa Valley. AAoA was encouraged to utilize local resources rather than reinvent the wheel. Other public comments were raised about AAoA’s “priority service” funding allocations, with suggestions that AAoA ensure adequacy in proportion to need, i.e. legal services as a priority program. Commissioner Deits praised AAoA for a well-presented public hearing and informed that AAoA Napa Solano is consulting with highly regarded Sonoma County’s AAA director Diane Kaljian who recently retired from Sonoma’s Older and Disabled Adult Services and sharing her expertise and knowledge to new AAoA staff.

Comprehensive Services for Older Adults: CSOA Staff: Joe Cherry reported out on seven topics: 1) CSOA maintains a database of IHSS providers to share with emergency services in event of disasters. This is a first step towards a more comprehensive emergency/disaster planning database of vulnerable and isolated individuals. 2) On behalf of CSOA, Mr. Cherry thanked the NCCOA for writing a letter of support to legislators requesting funding to increase training and mandated reporting activities. 3) He reported that the DA’s office received a $400,000 2-yr grant to establish a Napa Family Justice Center. 4) Mr. Cherry said to watch for following legislation: AB50, Assisted Living Waiver legislation proposing 18,500 waivers in California. 5) AB890 push from CWDA to provide funding to public guardian’s offices with initial ask of $68,000,000 statewide to support. 6) He also talked about new legislation to make APS drivers license plates confidential (like CPS workers). 7) Mr. Cherry reported out on Continuum of Care group working with Abode Homeless services on Napa County’s “Point in Time Count”: 311 total homeless individuals, 21% are disabled, 11% have a developmental disability, 11 people 65+, and 129 people ages 45-64. Commissioner Deits asked if Mr. Cherry could obtain a demographic breakdown of individuals served by Napa County Homeless Shelters last year. He said he will ask Abode to please provide.

VII. Other Community Organization Reports - None

VIII. Commission Business:
A. Discussion and possible action to set follow up Special Meeting for Team Building on April 3, 2019 Location CSOA Office. Approved (M/S/C) Sheridan/Palmer
B. Discussion and action to approve recommendation of Membership Committee after consultation with Supervisor Ramos to recommend to the Board of Supervisors the appointment of Tom Gill to represent District 5. (Approved Saxon-Leonard/Deits)

IX. Commission Reports
Chair Stanton appointed commissioners to the Census 2020 workgroup committees:
Workforce: Betty Rhodes/Betty Labastida
Marketing: Mary Palmer/Thomas Gill
Target Population: Harriett Lehman/Rocky Sheridan/Beverly Saxon-Leonard
Congregate Population: Terri Deits/Cynthia Kee

Joann Busenbark reported that the IHSS caregiver luncheon is scheduled for June 21st. She suggested that the Commission donate a basket for their gift giveaway. Ms. Busenbark also reported that the Napa Senior Center is still on track to open on July 1st following remodel. She said that participation in classes was up during the remodel with classes held at sites throughout the community raising considerations of rebranding and geographical access.

Naomi Dreskin-Anderson said that the next Caregiver Permit committee meeting will be held on 4/9/19 at CSOA offices @ 1:30.

X. Commissioner Comments/Updates None.

XI. Treasurer’s Report - Tom - Balance is $464 after paid consulting fees for strategic plan mtg.

Meeting Adjourned. Next Meeting April 22, 2019, BOS Chamber