

Minutes from the Napa County
Commission on Aging
May 18, 2020
Zoom Meeting

Chairman Heather Stanton called the meeting to order at 2 p.m.

Roll Call: Betty Rhodes, Beverly Saxon Leonard, Naomi Dreskin-Anderson, Angela Peatman, Mary Palmer, Cynthia Kee, Betty Labastida and Thomas Kalbrener. Excused: Terri Restelli-Deits. Absent: Harriet Lehman and Thomas Gill.

Beverly Saxon Leonard and Betty Rhodes approved the agenda.
All approved the minutes of the February 24, 2020 meeting.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Speakers and Presenters

Supervisor Brad Wagenknecht said that COVID 19 testing is open for anyone. He said one needs to make an appointment to get a test by going online to www.countyofnapa/test. He added that there are ten appointment times to choose from. The testing is being done at the Napa County Expo. He said that to get there, go through the Third Street entrance. You must be in your vehicle and the registration for the appointment and your driver's license must be shown. He shared that in California (as of May 18, 2020) there were 80,314 COVID 19 cases in California and 3,240 deaths. In Napa, he said 3,748 people have been tested. He said that 300-400 people have been tested a day at the Expo and that 92 tests were positive and 200 test results are pending. Sixty-nine people are currently being tracked. There have been zero hospitalizations in Napa over the last seven days. During the entire pandemic up to this point, 10 have been hospitalized.

He said that the county "dipped into the Master Settlement Agreement for \$108,000 to make up for some of the holes in AAoA funding for this year." The money will aid Legal Aid, Collabria Care and Molly's Angels.

Standing Reports

AAoA Update (Elaine Clark)
No written report submitted

Comprehensive Services for Older Adults (Kristi Guerrero, Adult Protective Services)

She shared information from a compiled report from March to the present. Due to COVID 19, APS staff are working from home, except for the Officer of the Day. The Officer of the Day person takes reports from law enforcement and from faxed reports. The APS intake worker has a cellphone that takes phone calls directly from the APS hotline. Non-emergency cases are taken over the phone. She said that APS units from across the state are focusing on cases that are physically abusive, sexually abusive or the danger is imminent.

She shared that in April, per a state directive, APS workers contacted clients (85 years old and older) from cases closed within the last month. The clients were called to check on them. The criteria have expanded (to 70 years old and older) to closed cases going back six months. APS social workers have called 172 people with two people requesting services for groceries. She said APS social workers are currently going through a second round of calls. She shared that APS has been assisting Public Health with contact tracing of people who have been exposed to COVID 19.

She shared that in February there were 78 reports taken, 60 reports in March and 66 reports in April. As of today (May 18), 28 reports have been taken in May. Currently, there are 55 open investigations.

Kris Brown (deputy director of CSOA) shared that currently CSOA has limited lobby access to the public. She said that In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) has made 500 calls to recipients during the last month. Reassessments are done over the phone. She said IHSS received 43 referrals in March and 32 referrals in April. As of May 15, four referrals have been made this month.

The Public Authority has had few calls for care providers during the pandemic.

Kris said that there have been no COVID 19 cases in any Napa long-term care facilities.

Yvonne Baginski (CSL, STC, Napa Alliance Aging)

She submitted a written report to the commission. Heather Stanton touched on a few of the items on the report. Yvonne said there “is not enough funding to get done what needs to be done.” Yvonne has been distributing masks and running errands for people. The Assembly bills (AB 1853 and AB 1855) are “essentially dead.” There will be no Senior Legislature session in October.

Other Community Organization Reports

No reports submitted

Standing Committees and Chairs

Legislative Committee: Thomas K.

No report

Public Relations Committee: Mary
No report

Membership Committee: Naomi

Two applicants will be submitted to the Board of Supervisors for approval: Inda S. Shirley (volunteer with the Ombudsman Program) and Donna Altes (Napa representative on the Area Agency on Aging).

Heather hopes to welcome them to the commission in June.

Nominating Committee (Naomi and Cynthia)

Naomi announced nominations for the commission board for the 2020-2021 term (commencing July 1).

Mary was nominated for the chairperson position. Beverly was nominated for the vice-chair position. Betty Labastida was nominated for the treasurer position. During the meeting, Heather nominated Angela Peatman for the secretary position. At June's meeting, other nominations can be made. Voting will take place at the June meeting.

An amendment regarding the length of term on the commission's board will be voted on in June. The amendment seeks to extend the term from one year to two years, with only one additional term permitted.

Other Committee Reports

Report from Goal Committee Chairs
No report

Report on progress of Ageism Summit: Naomi

Naomi suggested doing a teleconference. Kris Brown said she had not had a chance to talk with her counterparts in Marin and Sonoma counties about current plans for the summit.

Report on Focus Group AAoA Funding Reductions
No report

Caregiver Permit Ordinance Ad Hoc Committee (Naomi)
No report

Stakeholder Advisory Committee (SAC): Harriet
No report

Healthy Aging Population Initiative (Naomi)

The meeting was held via Zoom. The topic of conversation was "unmet needs." They discussed the reliance on "Zooming" for people to stay connected and receive services. Naomi said they discussed approaching "Silicon Valley" about finding resources to assist in keeping seniors connected.

Continuum of Care (Heather)

Heather said the meeting was held via Zoom. Having vendors at Abode to help the homeless was discussed.

Housing/Homeless Summit (Heather/Joseph Cherry)

Heather said “at the other side of the pandemic, this will be a much larger problem.” Heather said she needs to meet with Joseph Cherry.

Commissioner Comments/Updates

None given.

Meeting adjourned at 3:04 p.m. The next meeting will be on June 22. Location to be announced.

Respectfully submitted,
Angela Adams