



A Tradition of Stewardship
A Commitment to Service



NAPA COUNTY
COMMISSION ON AGING

Napa County Commission on Aging

Meeting Minutes: July 27, 2020
(meeting via Zoom)

- I. **Call to Order** - Chairman Heather Stanton called the meeting to order at 2:15pm
Roll Call: Betty Rhodes, Beverly Saxon Leonard, Naomi Dreskin-Anderson, Angela Peatman, Mary Palmer, Betty Labastida, Thomas Kalbrener, Terri Restelli-Deits, Kristi Lesnewich, Ina Shirley, Donna Altes, Heather Stanton, Victoria Lancaster.
- II. **Approval of Agenda –**
- III. **Approval of June 22, 2020 Minutes –** Thomas Kalbrener and Mary Palmer approved the minutes.
- IV. **Public Comment**
There was no public comment.
- V. **Speakers and Presenters**
 - Supervisor Brad Wagenknecht spoke about the morning meeting at Area on Agency on Aging to talk about their five goals: increase awareness, abuse resource services, physical and mental health and wellbeing, establishing partnerships to promote collaboration and advocacy, and expanding services to the underserved at risk older adults and caregivers. He moved on to discuss the current Covid-19 situation in Napa County. He addressed the strain on testing which caused the County of Napa to expand their testing sites to American canyon, Calistoga, and St. Helena. He shared the county's website and phone numbers to schedule Covid-19 appointments. He expressed how the Covid situation is striking hard at Napa County's ability to have income next year. Hotel tax and sales tax have greatly decreased. There are two phone numbers people can call for testing appointments and information; general Covid line is (707) 253-4540 and the Senior Info and Assistance line is (707) 254-4248. He also shared that the library is now closed and is only available for curbside pickup. The number to call for library services is (707) 253-4241. He also said that people could call the (707) 253-4540 to make any complaints about businesses and people who are not complying with facemask covering regulations. The County will begin giving citations to businesses not complying with the regulations.
 - Dr. Karen Relucio spoke about Covid-19 case summary and numbers. She confirmed again the number of cases recorded today, 29 cases reported today which brings the County to 766, and eight deaths. 233 people have recovered

and there are 14 people currently hospitalized and 68 cumulative hospitalizations total. The average daily case contact has maintained itself to 23, meaning there are 23 new case contact a day. She explained that some people are fearful of being investigated and people are uncooperative which makes it hard to obtain all the contact information they need. Most cases are in the city of Napa with 438, American canyon 132, Calistoga 57 cases, St. Helena 26, and Yountville with 12 cases. 33 % of positive Covid-19 cases are between ages 30-49, 18-29 21.7%, and 50-60 21.9%, for those over 64 10.1%. It seems like the older adults are protecting themselves more from exposure. Dr. Relucio also pointed out that there are more positive cases in males than in females. The testing positivity rate is 3.3%. She also discussed the outbreaks happening in our skilled nursing facilities. There were reports in the newspaper about the Veterans Home in Yountville, where there were three staff and one resident who tested positive. The Veteran's home has been very proactive about testing and Napa County had been part of their surveillance testing. Dr. Relucio explained that when there is a positive case in a skilled nursing facility they have to do what they call reactive outbreak testing, which means they have to test everyone in the facility every week. She explained that there is a limit of 125 public health lab test. Napa State Hospital has also been doing testing for their staff and residents. They have had 18 staff members test positive, only two residents have test positive, and what they are doing is removing the staff who tested positive to prevent any further outbreaks. Another outbreak was in the shelter where one person tested positive. Last outbreak reported was Napa Valley Care Center where there are 34 residents and 9 staff who are positive. Three deaths happened there, one being Covid-19 related and the other two people already had underlying health conditions and were already sick to begin with. Dr. Relucio discussed the testing situation in Napa County. She explained the inconvenience of delayed test results through lab core and Quest. The state is working on increasing the availability for testing but Napa County is also looking for another vendor who can provide faster test results. She also addressed the fact that Napa County along with other counties are on California's monitoring list. This forced the County to close any indoor operations like personal care services, gyms, fitness centers, and worship services. Schools cannot open for in person education until the County is off the monitoring list for 14 days.

VI. Standing Reports

A. N/S AAA (Elaine Clark) – Elaine turned it over to Donna Altes who gave the ACOA report.

ACOA Report: Donna talked about the new resource guide for Napa/Solano that is being worked on. No plans to reopen congregate sites. N/S AAA is securing PPE from the CVA Cal OES to hand out to seniors and providers. New data collection provider. Data needs to be entered by the 15th of each month from every new provider. The Napa Ombudsman services are through Molly's Angels. Solano grandparent caregiving outreach is now provided by Innovated Health Solutions. Solano/Napa disease prevention has been combined into a single contract with Innovated Health Solutions. Solano transportation combined into a single contract with Faith In Action. Set annual reviews of each provider and program. ACOA will begin having more direct and close contact through Zoom meetings with the providers to get feedback collection.

B. Comprehensive Services for Older Adults

- Kris Brown: APS team took 91 reports in June. 867 referrals for FY 19-20.
- Casey Rockwood: Caregiver shortage. Difficulty recruiting caregivers during this time. 100 current active providers for IHSS and 12 providers open for more hours. Casey also addressed the wage increase as of September 2020 providers will start earning \$14.45/hour. This is a wage supplement on top of minimum wage for 2021. New health benefits will also become available for care providers, managed by union. Public Authority hired a new Registry Training Specialist. This person will be doing more recruiting for providers through social media and marketing platforms. IHSS is currently providing PPE for recipients and providers.

VII. Other Community Organization Reports

VIII. Commission Business

A. Action Items

Nominating committee would like to elect the 20/21 slate of officers. First off, Naomi thanked Heather Stanton for her time and dedication during her time serving as chair. The nominating committee moves to nominate Mary Palmer as chair, Beverly Saxon Leonard as Vice Chair, Heather Stanton Interim as Secretary, and Treasurer Betty Labastida. Heather Stanton made motion to approve, Naomi seconded it.

IX. Commission Reports

A. Standing Committees and Chairs

Legislative Committee (Thomas) – no report

Public Relations Committee (Mary) – no report

Membership Committee (Naomi) – New position to fill but no applicants so far.

Nominating Committee (Naomi and Cynthia) – no report

B. Other Committee Reports

Report from Goal Committee Chairs – no report

Report on Progress of Ageism Summit – no report

Report on Focus Group N/S AAA Funding Reductions – no report

Caregiver Permit Ordinance Ad Hoc Committee (Naomi) – Tara Blakley to begin trainings in the community for the new ordinance.

Stakeholder Advisory Committee (SAC) (Harriet) – no report

Healthy Aging Population Initiative (Naomi) – A suicide training is scheduled for August.

Continuum of Care (Heather) – HUD Analysis, challenges with shelters.

Housing/Homeless Summit (Heather/Joe Cherry) – no report

X. Commissioner Comments Updates

- July 28, 2020 moratorium on evictions will expire. Hoping that the Napa County board of Supervisors will extend it.

Meeting adjourned at 3:41 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by,

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