

# Napa County Commission on Aging

Meeting Minutes: August 24, 2020

(meeting via Zoom)

- I. Call to Order-** Chairman Mary Palmer called the meeting to order at 2:00pm  
**Roll Call:** Kristie Lesnewich, Naomi Dreskin-Anderson, Mary Palmer, Heather Stanton, Betty Rhodes, Angela Peatman, Inda Shirley, Donna Altes, Victoria Lancaster, Thomas Klabrener. **Excused:** Terri Restelli-Diets and Cynthia Knee. **Absent:** Betty Labastida and Beverly Saxon Leonard.
- II. Approval of Agenda-** Thomas Kalbrener and Kristi Lesnewich approved the the agenda. Agenda was amended to approve July minutes. Thomas Kalbrener and Betty Rhodes approved amendment.
- III. Approval of Minutes:** July 27, 2020- Betty Rhodes and Heather Stanton approved the minutes.
- IV. Public Comment**  
There was no public comment.
- V. Speakers and Presenters**
  - Supervisor Diane Dillon talked about the current disasters happening in Napa County. Napa County is referring to the COVID-19 and the wild fires situation as an incident within an incident. The Emergency Operations Center has been operating at full capacity since March due to COVID-19, and now they are dealing with the fires. Shelters are running differently. All foods are prepackaged and everything is being handled around social distancing measures. In addition, Red Cross is assisting fire victims with hotel vouchers because the shelters are limited to the number of people that can stay there. Shelters are operated by Napa County but have a cooperate arrangement with Red Cross. Supervisor Dillon reminded everyone about the importance of having a “go bag” and “grab lift” ready for disasters. She also shared that Cal-Fire is running the fire incidents not Napa County. They are the ones evacuating people out of their homes and are in charge of the repopulation events. Meaning, they are allowing people to go back into their homes under a warning, but could be told at any moment to evacuate again. Also, Napa County CART (Community Animal Response Team) provides services to help with the evacuations of animals. Lastly, Supervisor Dillon briefly explained the difference between the blackouts Napa has been having versus the future PSPS events PG&E will be conducting during the high wind alert season.
  - Jennifer and Guadalupe from OLE Health presented on all the services and specific senior services that OLE health offers. OLE Health provides primary medical services to anyone who is insured or uninsured. OLE Health is currently the only medical facility that accepts Medi-Cal. They have 7 different locations; 3 in Napa, 2 in Fairfield, 1 in St. Helena, and 1 in Calistoga. Their services include; Adult and pediatric medical care, women’s health, diabetes testing, immigration physicals, acupuncture, behavioral health, nutrition, dental care, 2 pharmacies, help with medical insurance enrollment, and providing community resources and referrals. OLE Health has stayed opened during the pandemic and offer virtual medical appointments. In person office visits are being conducted for urgent care needs at the moment. For their senior population, OLE Health offers the diabetes wellness classes, living with diabetes support groups and their healthy heart classes. They also have their fruits and veggies drive every third Friday of the month. OLE Health is adding another distribution location on the first Tuesday of the month over at their south campus location. They will also be delivering food to the homes of their most vulnerable clients. Lastly, OLE Health has a mobile unit that is

going out to the vineyards and testing farm workers for COVID-19.

## **VI. Standing Reports**

- Comprehensive Services for Older Adults (CSOA): Kris Brown or Joseph Cherry  
Kris Brown: CSOA clients have been affected by fires and they are working with those clients to get them connected with appropriate services. Crosswalk church is the first place they get referred to but over the weekend, Napa County also opened their Local Assistance Center. This was opened specifically to fire response. She also shared that there has been more in home assessments for Adult Protective Services. Kris also brought up that in November the county will be updating their state and federal legislative platforms and invited people to submit any recommendations by 10/23/2020. In addition, new status of the Master Plan on Aging is not due until December.
- CSL, Share the Care (STC), Napa Alliance on Aging: Yvonne Baginski  
**(written report requested)**  
Yvonne Baginski shared that due to the fires, many providers who reside in Solano county have not been able to go into work because they have been evacuated from their homes. Also, she said that she is out of walkers for clients.
- N/S Area Agency on Aging (N/S AAA) Update: Elaine Clark, AAA Program Manager  
**(written report requested)**  
Donna Altes said N/S AAA is following up with all providers to ensure that clients are properly housed, fed, and safe. Also, emails to providers are going out letting them know of the additional resources available. AAA is talking to their providers to reference COVID-19 funding. All Napa provider contractors are receiving additional dollars from Napa and their contract amendments are in process. Lastly, Mary Palmer added that the N/S AAA's is seeking a Napa County advisory council member.
- Report from Census Committee Attendees:
  - Marketing: Mary Palmer - Mary reported about the meals on wheels- food delivery services for seniors. Mary had asked if they can insert census flyers in each delivery but they denied the idea due to COVID-19. However, meals on wheels said they can mention it during their radio show.
  - Target Populations: Mary and Beverly- Mary Palmer said that there is some money that is going towards banners that were going to be placed in the remote areas of Angwin, and Lake Berryessa to remind people about the Census.
  - Congregate Populations: Terri and Heather- no report

## **VII. Other Community Organization Reports (written reports requested)**

Inda Shirley shared that John is starting on 09/01/2020 as a volunteer. He was previously a coordinator for Napa/Solano.

## **VIII. Commission Business**

- Treasurer Report: Betty Labastida- Kris Brown gave update on the budget. After the Minute Man bill is paid off, the new balance is \$965.18.
- Membership Committee report: Naomi and Cynthia- The Board of Supervisors has sworn in Victoria Lancaster. One application was received for another opening.
- Discussion of appointment to Stakeholders Advisory Committee for Mental Health Board- no report

## **IX. Commission Reports**

### **A. Standing Committees and Chairs**

- Public Relations Committee: Mary- Mary Palmer will be sending brochures to Betty Rhodes and Thomas Kalbrener for distribution.
- Membership Committee: Naomi and Cynthia- no report
- By Laws Committee: Beverly- No comment

### **B. Other Committee Reports**

- Aging in Place/Housing Vulnerable- no report
- Social Committee- Cocktails with the commissioners will be happening again.
- In House Supportive Services (IHSS)- Mary Palmer shared that IHSS is considering buying some advertising to place on buses for a month. IHSS is finding new ways to advertise for providers.
- Healthy Aging Population Initiative- no report
- Continuum of Care- no report

## **X. Commissioner Comments/ Updates**

Mary Palmer will be emailing out some proposed times for a zoom meeting to discuss and define committees.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:31 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by,  
Andrea Munoz, CSOA OAI