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Council on Aging (ACOA)
Minutes September 3, 2019

Location: Solano County Administration Center, Multi-Purpose
Rooms, 675 W Texas St., Fairfield

Date: Tuesday, September 3, 2019

Attendees: Brenda Crawford, Chair; Dane Reeves, Vice Chair;
Donna Altes, Member; Verneal Brumfield, Member;
Linda Chanler, Member; Elaine Clark, Programs
Oversight, N/S AAA; Janalee Dawson, Member; Deanna
DuPont, Member; Joyce Goodwin, AAA, Director; Donna
Harris, Member; Arnold Koenig, Member; Robert Padilla,
Member; Fran Rosenberg, Member; Julie Spenser,
Member; and Richard White, Member

Absent: Susan Ensey, Secretary

Call to order: 10:12 A.M.
Roll Call - Motion to Approve Agenda for today's
meeting, M/S/A; Motion to Approve Minutes of 8/6/19,
M/S/A.

Public Comments: None

Committee Reports:

Executive Committee – Brenda Crawford reported that she is communicating with contacts regarding venues in the community where the public would be better able to attend Advisory Council meetings. She plans to attend a statewide meeting of chairs of the Area Agency on Aging In Sacramento to acquaint herself with the organization.

Communications Committee – Deanna Du Pont reported that no one has volunteered to be vice chair. She believes it's premature to consider a website at this time. After one is established, the Committee will need to identify a volunteer to maintain it. She believes it's advisable to have one person responding to queries from the public.

Legislative Committee – Robert Padilla reported in chairman White's place because he wasn't able to arrive on time. A copy of Richard's report was included in the info packet for the meeting.

Guest Speaker: Suzanne Reed – Advocating for Change
Ms. Reed's Power Point, shared with members prior to the meeting, summarizes the presentation. The following is her contact info: Suzanne Reed, Vice Chair of the Yolo Healthy Aging Alliance, 600 A Street, Suite C, Davis, CA 95616, (916) 233 9466, csuzanereed48@gmail.com; www.yolohealthyaging.org. Ms. Reed feels her ongoing presentations to groups like ours, is her personal effort to train legislative advocates. She believes competition for funding does not enhance cooperation in general, much less coordination of lobby days, among advocacy groups. Reed suggested that the Council collaborate with Yolo Aging Alliance by sharing information regarding programs for which we chose to advocate.

Old Business: None

New Business - Elaine Clark elaborated on the Priority Service Recommendations, 2020 – 2024. In preparing the report all the data from the surveys, current

programming, and options were reviewed. Her update was based on the “service request themes” in the Survey Data. The biggest change is in IIIB, #3 Information/Care Coordination. She suggested that Information and Assistance (I&A) be more robust and include outreach and light case management. According to Mrs. Clark this will strengthen the coordination, reach more people, and ensure better connections and outcomes. Pages,3 and 4 of her report include detailed services requested, current services, and proposed approaches to addressing the need. She believes innovation is required because continuing to do the same is ineffective. The following are the Advisory Council’s follow-ups to Elaine’s recommendations:

1. Motion to increase administrative expenditures to cover costs for an administrative assistant to allow Elaine time to attend more community meetings. M/S/A
2. Motion to approve allocation of funding to create printed resource materials for seniors and caregivers who do not have access to, or are not comfortable, using electronic media. M/S/A.

Announcements: Dane plans to invite the Partnership Health Plan and the Gasser Foundation to speak to the Advisory Council.

Adjourned: 11: 52 A.M.

Next Meeting: will be October 1, 2019, 10 A.M., 650 Imperial Way, Napa.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert Padilla, Member

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