



SAN MATEO COUNTY HEALTH
AGING & ADULT SERVICES

Lisa Mancini
 Director

Aging & Adult Services
 225 37th Avenue
 San Mateo, CA 94403
www.smchealth.org
www.facebook.com/smchealth

Commission on Aging General Meeting Minutes
 Monday, January 10, 2022 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.
 Location: ZOOM Virtual Meeting Conducted due to COVID-19

Members present: JoAnne Arnos; Maria Elena Barr; Walter Batara; Patty Clement; Karen Coppock; Christina Dimas-Kahn; Angela Giannini; Joan Kilroe; Monika Lee; Marita Leth; Michael Mau; Scott McMullin; Liz Taylor; Kathy Uhl

Members excused: Jean Hastie; Cherie Querol Moreno

Staff: Lisa Mancini; Anna Sawamura; Andrew Eng; Cristina Ugaitafa; Diane Madriz

Public: Ana Lopez; Angela Hey; Bernie Mellot; Beth Phipps; Bob Palacio; Christina Irving; Cynthia Nakayama; Evelina Chang; Hope Nakamura; Jos Bols; Laura Swartzel; Natalya Alazraie; Phillix Fong; Rexford Nickerson; Robert Hall; Sandra Winters; Shawne O’Connell; Sophia Brink; Susan Houston; Terue Shinohara; Wes Taoka

ITEM	DISCUSSION
1. Call to Order Pledge of Allegiance Roll Call	Meeting called to order at 9:01 a.m. by Commissioner Coppock. Commissioner Batara led the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll Call followed.
2. Action Item: Passage of resolution 10182021	Commissioner Mau motioned to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Uhl. Motion passed.
3. Oral Communications	No Public Comments
4. Approval of Today’s Agenda: January 10, 2022	Commissioner Lee motioned to approve the agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Kilroe. Motion passed.
5. Approval of November 8, 2021 minutes	Commissioner Clement motioned to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Barr. Commissioner Uhl abstained. Motion passed.
6. Committee and Ad Hoc Reports	<u>Executive Committee</u> Commissioner Coppock reported that they are working on their 2022 speaker calendar. She asked that the committees identify a topic and speaker for at least one of the upcoming meetings between September – November. She will be sending a list of past speakers to avoid duplication. She also asked for topic

	<p>requests from the attendees.</p> <p>The retreat will be held virtually due to Omicron. Some tentative dates are Thursday or Friday, late February: February 24th or 25th either morning from 9-1 or Thursday afternoon 1-5. We will be sending out a doodle poll. Date will be announced at the February meeting.</p> <p>A letter was sent to the Board of Supervisors in support of advocating for additional resources for Age Friendly work in the County.</p> <p><u>Resource Access Committee</u> Commissioner Lee reported that most of their efforts in the last 2 months were spent on the Help at Home guide. The RAC completed their work and submitted their draft to Anna and Lindsey and are waiting for feedback. There is an update on the building relationships effort in the November meeting minutes which have been circulated with today's packet.</p> <p><u>MISO (Middle Income Senior Opportunities) Committee</u> Commissioner Dimas-Kahn reported that at the last meeting it was only her, Anna Sawamura and a member of the public, Sandra Lang so it was difficult to talk about the work plan. They are moving forward this month with creating a work plan which includes a lot of the initiatives that are in the Master Plan for Aging.</p> <p><u>Transportation Committee</u> Commissioner Mau reported that their next meeting is later this week on Thursday. An agenda will go out later this afternoon. They received a response from Kaiser regarding their inquiry on a mobile blood resource for the Coastside and they are still in discussion. They will keep everyone updated on any traction.</p>
7. Member Reports	<p>Commissioner Kilroe will be submitting a letter of resignation. She will be attending the February meetings which will be her last.</p> <p>Commissioner Arnos is wondering if Seton Hospital is in the loop regarding the Coastside blood draw mobile clinic and if we would be able to get them back to the Coastside. Commissioner Mau reports that they were not part of the conversation but would be able to reach out to them now. He will take this back to the committee.</p>

	<p>Commissioner Lee is wondering that now with Commissioner Kilroe's resignation, there will be 2 openings and if there is a current effort to fill those positions.</p> <p>Sandra Winter from the public reported that the Age Forward Coalition also sent a letter to the Board of Supervisors. They received a response from Supervisor Canepa requesting a more concrete outline of particular programs and how much it would cost to do various activities. They responded with a table of examples of things that would be helpful to fund. They have not heard back from Supervisor Canepa yet.</p> <p>Commissioner McMullin would like a copy of the Age Friendly letter that was sent to the Board of Supervisors.</p>
8. Staff Reports	<p>Lisa Mancini reports that there were 931 new COVID cases overnight last Friday. Before the holidays we were seeing 20-40 new cases per day. The good news is that there is much more opportunity for home testing but those are not always reported so we know that the numbers are even much higher than what are being reported. We also have not seen the death total increase, however, last Friday we did have 2 new deaths bringing the county total to 638 deaths.</p> <p>Prior to COVID, we were averaging 9 to 15 in the hospital at any given time. On Friday we had 65 individuals with 11 of those being in ICU beds.</p> <p>The County is still providing hotels for those who are unable to safely quarantine or self-isolate. Right now we are housing 58 individuals in 47 rooms.</p> <p>As for vaccinations, we have opened up the San Mateo Event Center, Tuesday through Saturday. There are opportunities for vaccinations and boosters. Virus Geeks are there to provide testing. Tuesdays are open into the evenings after 5 pm. For individuals five and older, 91.3% have received at least one shot. If you look at all of the county residents who have completed the vaccination, we are at 78.9%. The goal is 80%. Once we are at 80% mark, they will relook at the masking requirements and other requirements that the state has put forward.</p> <p>Within Aging and Adult Services, we are currently at 83% for partial vaccinations for our 65 and older clients, a total of 5000. For 16 to 64, we are at 84%. We have 360 clients that are under 18 in IHSS. For those 12 to 15, we are at 75%. For those 5 to 11, we are at 48%. Those numbers continue to increase. We have</p>

6500 caregivers and 88% of those have at least one shot and 83% have completed the vaccinations.

We also have a lot of different opportunities within Aging and Adult Services as a result of the Medi-CAL expansion. In Adult Protective services, the age for an elder abuse report has been lowered from 65 to 60. She hopes that at the next meeting she will be able to speak about the Home Safe Program. We were granted funding from the state to prevent evictions for older adults, prevent homelessness and also help those that are homeless become housed.

Anna Sawamura reported that it is still quite a challenging time for providers due to the uptick in COVID cases over the holidays. Some of the providers that were planning on opening services unfortunately have needed to relook at opening dates. No specific information available yet. They are trying to stay safe and are still providing programming virtually as well as grab and go meals in addition to home delivered meals. Some of the sites have small congregate programs that they are running.

The County has scheduled a meeting for staff liaisons to Boards and Commissions for Thursday, January 20th. They will be contacting Commissioners directly to complete a survey to assist them in the orientation/retreat planning. The content for the retreat will focus on three specific areas: 1. Basic orientation/training for ongoing and newer commissioners and board members. 2. The development of a new board and commission handbook. The current one needs many updates. 3. A standardized recruitment and selection process for all boards and commissions.

Ann O'Brien, legislative aide with Supervisor Canepa, has left his office. Her official last day was December 31st. He does have new staff, Sophia Brink, who will be joining our meetings. A one-on-one meeting has been set up with her to share the work that the CoA has done and to continue receiving Supervisor Canepa's support.

At the December 14th meeting, Supervisor Canepa heard from CoA and the work that the Age Friendly Committee has done throughout the County and that Age Friendly is a priority. The County needs to look at that very seriously as being an important resource that each city can develop. Through his district discretionary funds, he was able to receive approval for allocating \$500,000 to continue the work of Age Friendly. All of the work that our Commissioners have done and continue to do with Age

	<p>Friendly is being recognized and the support has been allocated to continue the work.</p> <p>For our providers, we will need to issue a request for proposal for all of our Older American Act programs going into the new fiscal year 2022-2023. This will be for 4 years. An RFP was not issued this past fiscal year since approval was received to extend current contracts during the pandemic. The RFP is tentatively scheduled to be released in January or February.</p>
9. Stretch Break	There was a six-minute stretch break.
10. Presentation	Family Caregiver Support Program Services During the Pandemic by Christina Irving from Family Caregiver Alliance
11. Adjourn	Commissioner Batara made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Taylor seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 10:58 am.



Commission on Aging

225 37th Avenue • San Mateo, CA 94403

Phone (650) 573-3900 • **Fax** (650) 837-9713 • **CA Relay** 711 • **Website** <http://smchealth.org/CoA>
24-hour line to report abuse (800) 675-TIES (8437)

Health System Chief • Louise Rogers

Board of Supervisors • David Canepa • Carole Groom • Don Horsley • Dave Pine • Warren Slocum