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Commission on Aging General Meeting Minutes
 Monday, March 14, 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; Cherie Querol Moreno; Liz Taylor; Kathy Uhl

Members excused: Jean Hastie

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

Public: Alex Tan; Ana Lopez; Ann Cooney; Ann O'Brien Keighran; Artemis Rong; Benjamin McMullin; Bernie Mellot; Beth Phips; Bob Palacio; Carmen Santoni; Erin Malone; Gabrielle Hall; Hope Nakamura; Jean Perry; Jeff Austin; Jerron Harding; Joyce Porter; Kelli Jo Cullinan; John Pointer; Kamilah Najieb; Laura Swartzel; Miguel Martinez; Phillix Fong; Regina Neu; Robert Hall; Ruth Cossey; Sandra Winters; Sophia Brink; Talie Cloud; Teresa Kopp; Terue Shinohara; Wes Taoka; Winnie Yu; John Pointer.

ITEM	DISCUSSION
1. Call to Order Pledge of Allegiance Roll Call	Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Commissioner Coppock. Commissioner Coppock led the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll Call followed.
2. Action Item: Passage of resolution 10182021	Commissioner Barr motioned to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Mau. Motion passed.
3. Oral Communications	John Pointer with the California Senior Legislature (CSL) announced the current opportunity to apply and represent San Mateo County. Applications were sent out and the deadline to apply to be considered is March 31 st .
4. Approval of Today's Agenda: March 14, 2022	Commissioner Lee motioned to approve the agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Mau. Motion passed.
5. Approval of February 14, 2022 minutes	Commissioner McMullin motioned to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Barr. Abstained: Commissioner Batara, Commissioner Clement, Commissioner Giannini and Commissioner Taylor. Motion passed.

6. Committee and Ad Hoc Reports

Executive Committee

Commissioner Coppock wanted to thank the county for the great training and hopes everyone was able to attend. It was a great refresher of what the commissions are doing. She especially liked the LGBTQ Commission presentation and the list of their achievements and advocacy was impressive. There is a recording available on the county site.

Secondly, there is a retreat on March 31st, and they are in the midst of planning. It will be on Zoom.

Would like to remind everyone that there is an opportunity to participate in the California Senior Legislator and on the Housing and Community Development committee. It is a great way to make sure that older adult voices are heard. There are key policymakers in the meetings.

There are still 2 open seats on the commission. Would like to encourage people to get the word out to a diverse community especially in areas like East Palo Alto where the Commission does not have a lot of representation. Would like to increase the diversity of the commission in terms of geography and in every other way.

She wanted to thank everyone for approving the letter to the Board of Supervisors regarding the age friendly cities.

Executive committee meetings have moved. Meeting the first Monday of the month from noon to 1 pm.

Resource Access Committee

Commissioner Lee received the final version of the Help at Home booklet and will be reviewing it. They are very close to getting it over to the printer and having it printed.

It's been almost a year since the meet and greet event was held and the setup of the buddy relationship between the commissioners and the various city representatives. The committee will be discussing holding another event this year.

They have lost a few members of the RAC committee and would like to add more people. They hope to discuss how to restructure the committee during the retreat.

MISO (Middle Income Senior Opportunities) Committee

Commissioner Dimas-Kahn reported that they are working on the workplan for 2022. The objectives include various needs that

	<p>older adults have in our community such as emergency preparedness, food insecurity, financial insecurity and the digital divide. They are currently looking at a job matching program that is offered in Santa Clara with hopes of recommending it be brought to San Mateo.</p> <p>Commissioner McMullin reported that he sent an email to Supervisor Simitian in Santa Clara County and one of his aides asking for information regarding successes and challenges with their job matching program and indicating that the commission would like to get one started in San Mateo County.</p> <p><u>Transportation Committee</u></p> <p>Commissioner Mau reported that notes from the last meeting have been circulated via email. They have reached out to Christy Wegener, the Director of Planning at SamsTrans, and she has agreed to be a guest speaker at the July CoA meeting.</p> <p>The next transportation committee meeting will be this Thursday at 3 pm.</p>
7. Member Reports	<p>Commissioner Leth would like to announce that the AARP has now approved the application for the Age Friendly community on the coastside. They are moving forward with their next meeting at the beginning of April where they will be working out all the subcommittees and coalitions.</p> <p>Commissioner Lee reported that the San Mateo Age Friendly Task Force has made great progress and almost has a final draft of action plans. They should be finalizing it in the next few months.</p> <p>Ann O'Brien Keighran reported via chat that Half Moon Bay and San Carlos have also been certified through AARP.</p> <p>Commissioner Clement reports that they did meet as a small group to discuss the upcoming retreat. It will be held on March 31st from 9 to 1. They still have some work. They will be meeting with the moderator who will help them stay on task and get their goals done. They are looking at focusing on what their goals should be for the next couple of years. Combining their goals, looking at the area plan and the master plan for aging to determine and prioritize the needs. Hoping that at the end of the retreat they will have time to reflect and look at the successes over the years and how to move forward as a body to set goals for the CoA to advise the BoS on important priorities for San Mateo County and the older adults and residents they serve.</p>

<p>8. Staff Reports</p>	<p>Lisa Mancini reports that they are seeing a decline in the number of COVID cases. On Friday, they only had one person in the ICU but 17 hospitalized. She also reported that the Chief of Health, Louise Rogers, reported at the Board of Supervisor meeting that there will be no mandates for facial coverings or mask wearing. However, county health does recommend that in crowded environments, in places where you are uncertain of people's vaccine standings, that it is recommended that masks be worn but again it's completely optional.</p> <p>We continue to provide vaccinations and boosters. That is the number one way to prevent serious illness from Covid. Covid is still out there, and it will be with us for the long term. We are really moving from pandemic efforts to endemic. County health will be going back to providing updates on data and research and making recommendations not mandates at this time.</p> <p>They will be constructing a new shelter in San Mateo County which will be called The Navigation Center. It will be a 240-bed shelter. They have a lot of strong older adult advocates who are working on this. They are hoping that there will be an entire section that is for older adults. These will be single rooms. There will be opportunities for those that are couples to be in one room and pets will be allowed. No children are allowed so there will be no families at this Navigation Center.</p> <p>Anna Sawamura reported there are 4 applicants for the Commission on Aging Vacancies and the applications are slated to close on March 18th.</p> <p>The request for proposals (RFPs) were released on February 23, 2022. If you are a current provider, you will still need to submit an RFP if you would like to continue receiving funding. A bidder's conference will be held on March 16th at 10 am. Everything will be documented; responses and information will be posted on the public purchase site. Deadline for submission is April 21st.</p> <p>The Housing and Community Development Committee is very eager to have a new person from the CoA represent older adults in the county. She would like to encourage anyone who would like to serve to please do so. Information to the commissioners has been sent about how to apply and what they do. This is an appointment so it will have to be approved by the commission. The Area Plan funding for this fiscal year has been received. From 2021-2022, about \$4.4 million has been received which has been allocated to various providers in the county. In addition to</p>

	that, quite a bit of money was received from federal and state emergency or major disaster declaration funds that they are hoping to use to support people in a lot of the transitions they need to make from traditional services to programming in more of a virtual world and help support the programs that needed to close or have continued to remain closed to the public. They are doing their best to make sure they can continue to provide funding support and hopefully other types of technical assistance and support as needed. It is important that older adults feel connected and continue to receive services.
9. Stretch Break	There was a fifteen-minute stretch break.
10. Presentation	Public Hearing: Area Plan Update by Cristina Ugaitafa Action item: The CoA approved the FY22-23 Area Plan Update: Commissioner Dimas-Kahn motioned to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Barr. Motion passed
11. Adjourn	Commissioner Kilroe made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Barr seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 11:03 am.



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