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Commission on Aging General Meeting Minutes - **DRAFT**

Monday, May 11, 2020 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Location: TEAMS Virtual Meeting Conducted due to COVID-19

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

Members excused: Elsa Agasid

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

Public: Sandra Lang; Ann O'Brien Keighran; Evelina Chang; Wes Taoka; Jim Lange; Carolyn Shavel; Maria Orleman; Stefanie Bonigut; Becky Flanagan; Bob Hall

ITEM	DISCUSSION
1. Call to Order; Pledge of Allegiance; Roll Call	Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairperson Hastie. Commissioner Barr led the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll Call followed.
2. Oral Communications	Sandra Lang commented on the need for telemed services especially in light of the Coronavirus pandemic. Former Google CEO Eric Schmidt is leading efforts to widely support tele healthcare services. She would like the County to consider prioritizing increased funding to support digital access for older adults. Ann O'Brien Keighran announced that the Ombudsman program will be funded with support from Supervisors Canepa and Slocum's District Discretionary funds.
3. Approval of Today's Agenda: May 11, 2020	Commissioner Lee motioned to approve the agenda. Commissioner Taylor seconded the motion. Motion passed.
4. Approval of Minutes: April 13, 2020	Motion to approve the minutes with edits was made by Commissioner Taylor. Commissioner Mau seconded the motion. Motion passed.
5. Questions and Answers regarding submitted committee/liaison reports	<u>Executive Committee:</u> Chair Hastie reported the Executive Committee supported efforts led by Justice in Aging to take action to protect older adults and people with disabilities during the COVID-19 health emergency. State, local and national organizations developed

	<p>policy recommendations that are being forwarded for potential development to create a safety net of programs and services for the population most at-risk, our older adults.</p> <p>All other committees did not meet during the month. Each committee chair will assess the need to convene virtually if needed.</p>
6. Member Reports	<p>Commissioner Batara announced that he and his family have facial coverings they would like to donate for anyone who needs one.</p> <p>Commissioner Querol Moreno announced the Age Friendly Task Force has not met due to COVID-19. Updates will be provided when they are able to meet again. Ann O'Brien Keighran asked to be added to the mailing list for the Task Force. The Commissioner also announced that Peninsula Family Services has a telephone reassurance line for all County residents who are looking for support and a friendly call during COVID-19. Active Aging 7000 is a weekly e-news resource also being provided by the agency.</p> <p>Commissioner Arnos shared that the "warm line" is an important, valuable resource especially during "shelter in place" when many are isolated and alone. She also shared that June is "Pride Month" and she can provide a speaker to present information on LGBTQ services in the County. Anna will follow up to schedule this presentation for June.</p> <p>She also inquired about the Great Plates Delivered Program of San Mateo County and felt it was a great service to help seniors and asked how outreach was being done to let people know it is available. Lisa will be sharing information in her staff report.</p> <p>Commissioner Lee announced that the San Mateo Age Friendly Task Force is planning to meet virtually on May 18th to share focus group results.</p> <p>Commissioner Clement announced the St. Matthews Catholic Parish will be opening a food distribution site. Commissioner Querol Moreno asked if it is only for San Mateo residents or for anyone in San Mateo County. Commissioner Clement will get the information on eligibility.</p>

<p>7. Staff Report</p>	<p>Lisa Mancini opened her comments by thanking the Commissioners for “sheltering in place” during this difficult time. She shared that Commissioners were role models for all. She also thanked Chair Hastie for accepting a proclamation from the Board of Supervisors recognizing May as “Older Americans Month.”</p> <p>She provided an overview of Aging and Adult Services operations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 95% of staff are now teleworking to follow the “shelter in place” order issued by Dr. Morrow, our Public Health Officer • Staff are providing regular phone check-ins with clients • A “friendship line” was implemented with support from 10 staff volunteers to conduct weekly check-ins with those clients who have been identified as “high risk” • The IHSS program serves 6000 clients and a new Emergency back-up registry is being developed to provide support when regular caregivers are unavailable to work. These emergency providers are being offered \$2 more per hour of work • Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is being provided to Essential County workers and more are being ordered. • The Great Plates Delivered Program of San Mateo County is being offered in response to Governor Newsom’s April 24th announcement that a three meal a day home delivered meal program will be offered statewide to support food insecurity needs of older adults. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ The main priority is to meet the needs of hungry older adults ❖ Another priority is to stimulate business for small to mid-size restaurants ❖ To be eligible, the older adult must be 65 years of age or older, or between the ages of 60-64 with underlying health conditions that make them at-risk of COVID-19; they cannot be receiving any other federal, state funded meal or nutrition program support; they have no family or community support; they are unable to cook or prepare meals; they are at 600% of the current poverty level approximately \$75,000 for a single person, \$101,000 for a couple ❖ To date, 200 people have applied for the program which began with first deliveries being made on May 9th. ❖ Approximately 30 restaurants are projected to prepare and deliver food
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Eligible applicants will be offered choices to match with restaurants who will deliver 3 meals per day ❖ Outreach is being done through emails, social media, and word of mouth. ❖ If anyone is interested in signing up, please call 1-800-675-8437
10. and 11. Break followed by Presentation by Jean Hastie	After a 5 minute stretch break, Chair Hastie presented the CoA Report. Commissioners thanked her for creating and presenting a wonderful compilation of work done for the year.
12. Adjournment	Commissioner Barr made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner (to be filled) seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 10:45am.



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