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Commission on Aging General Meeting Minutes  
 Monday, February 8, 2021 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; Angela Giannini; Jean Hastie; Christina Dimas-Kahn; Joan Kilroe; Monika Lee; Marita Leth; Michael Mau; Scott McMullin; Cherie Querol Moreno; Liz Taylor; Kathy Uhl.

Members excused: Elsa Agasid

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

Public: Sandra Lang; Ann O'Brien Keighran; Erin Malone; Becky Flanagan; Angela Hey; Evelina Chang; Terue Shinohara; Eric Hanson; Wes Taoka; David McAlindon; Ann Cooney; Joyce Burns; Michelle Makino; Deborah Owdom; Nancy Colman; Diane Weitzel; Marlene Hopper; Devora Kothari; Irene Alvarenga; Mike Stancil

ITEM	DISCUSSION
1. Call to Order; Pledge of Allegiance; Roll Call	Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chair Hastie. Commissioner Clement led the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll Call followed.
2. Oral Communications	Sandra Lang expressed her concern regarding COVID-19 vaccination messaging. Not everyone can access on-line information and it is difficult to find out where information is available. Transportation to assist getting people to appointments is also a concern.
3. Approval of Today's Agenda: , 2021 February 8, 2021	Commissioner Clement motioned to approve the agenda. Commissioner Kilroe seconded the motion. Motion passed.
4. Approval of January 11, 2021 minutes	Motion to approve the minutes with edits was made by Commissioner Coppock. Commissioner Barr seconded the motion. Motion passed.
5. Committee and Ad Hoc Reports	<b><u>Executive Committee</u></b> Chairperson Hastie reported there was a robust discussion on the mission of the CoA. Committee proceeded to discuss the Area Plan and that a public hearing will be held at our March CoA

General meeting. After outreach to RAC members, Commissioner Lee has agreed to be Chair. Commissioner Agasid will be co-chair when she is able to return. Until then, Chairperson Hastie will provide support to Commissioner Lee as co-chair when needed.

**Resource Access Committee**

Commissioner Lee reported that the RAC is currently working on building relationships with various cities, providers, and senior commissions in the County. The goal is to create opportunities for the RAC to continue outreach efforts focused on strengthening our understanding of what programs are doing in the County to support older adults and people with disabilities. Plans are to invite them to our April meeting. Details will be discussed at the meeting immediately proceeding today's general meeting.

**MISO (Middle Income Senior Opportunities) Committee**

Commissioner Dimas Kahn reported the committee has developed a work plan for 2021 with three objectives:

1. Map and Identify opportunities to support efforts to address food insecurity.
2. Identify and support efforts to help older adults with disaster preparedness.
3. Identify and support employment training and opportunities for older adults to obtain jobs.

She also announced that she and members of MISO were invited to join the County's GPD planning committee meeting held on February 5<sup>th</sup>. Lisa Mancini led the meeting. Commissioner Dimas-Kahn shared the following statistics: 38,829 older adults with an average monthly income of \$1,386 and those between 60-64 years of age with compromising health conditions are receiving meals from the Great Plates Delivered program statewide covering 28 jurisdictions. 25 million meals have been served to date with 640 participating restaurants statewide.

Lisa asked if MISO could help Aging and Adult Services learn more about this cohort. This will be discussed at the upcoming February MISO Meeting.

Ann O'Brien Keighran announced the GPD program has received an extension through March 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Transportation Committee**

Commissioner Mau reported that the committee met on January 14<sup>th</sup> and discussed the opportunity to have Technology Access included in their work plan. A good discussion took place and it was acknowledged that technology support is an important need

	<p>by all but the committee did not feel they could effectively undertake this area. Chairperson Hastie thanked the committee and acknowledged the broad and far reaching needs of technology and shared that the New Beginnings Coalition and service providers are addressing technology. If technology advocacy opportunities arise, CoA will discuss and support when appropriate and by Commission consensus.</p> <p>Questions regarding Redi-wheels ridership were raised by Commissioner Dimas-Kahn. Commissioner Mau announced that there has been less ridership but the on time reliability performance has improved.</p> <p>Chairperson Hastie asked if David Scarbor the SamTrans staff who attends meetings had any updates to share. Commissioner Mau announced the update provided was SamTrans' intent to issue an RFP for software technology.</p> <p>Commissioner Giannini asked if there were any updates/discussion on proposed "Idaho stops" being approved in San Mateo County for bike riders. She saw this information posted on "Nextdoor." Commissioner Mau shared that this was being considered in San Francisco County but not in San Mateo County.</p> <p><b><u>Social Isolation and Depression Ad Hoc Committee</u></b> Commissioner Clement announced that a meeting is being scheduled in February.</p> <p><b><u>Age Friendly Ad Hoc Committee</u></b> Commissioner McMullin and Commissioner Lee are working together on this committee. Commissioner McMullin shared the committee met on January 25 and identified 5 action items:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Research on Santa Clara County's Age Friendly Program to be done by Commissioner Lee</li> <li>2. Research on Marin County's Age Friendly Program to be done by Commissioner Coppock</li> <li>3. Sandi Winter on Senior Coastsiders will design a questionnaire for the 6 age friendly cities to complete</li> <li>4. Cristina Ugaitafa will include Age Friendly in the Area Plan</li> <li>5. All members will imagine and create a list of creative ways community can support age friendly efforts</li> </ol> <p>Commissioner Lee shared her thought that the County should also become "age friendly."</p>
7. Member Reports	Commissioner Querol Moreno shared statistics on the Got Wheels program: 177 members are currently enrolled to receive

	rides. 12 cities are in the program. Eligibility: 70+ years of age, living in one of the 12 cities. Each member received 6 rides per month at a cost of \$5 per ride. Caltrans began supporting the program in October 2020.  Commissioner McMullin announced the Paratransit Coordinating Council is seeking members to join. He encouraged Commissioners to spread the word for people to apply.
8. Staff Reports	Lisa Mancini is serving as the Incident Commander and could not attend today's meeting. Anna provided vaccination updates. Commissioners shared their personal experiences receiving vaccines. Concerns were expressed with some of the clinics/mass vaccination locations: lack of social distancing, registration process, staffing shortages, long waits. Anna requested Commissioners send her their concerns and she will share with Lisa.
9. Stretch Break	There was a ten minute stretch break.
10. Villages Presentation	Chairperson Hastie introduced Eric Hanson, Maureen Szostak, and Marlene Hopper who presented information on the Villages programs offered in San Mateo County.
11. Adjourn	Commissioner Uhl made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Kilroe seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 10:52 am.



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