



SAN MATEO COUNTY HEALTH
**AGING & ADULT
 SERVICES**

Commission on Aging General Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 12, 2023 9:00-11:00am

Location: In Person 455 County Center Room 101, Redwood City, CA 94063

Webinar Option for Public Attendance

Members Present: JoAnne Arnos; Jeffrey Austin; Maria Elena Barr; Christina Dimas Kahn; Monika Lee; Marita Leth; Irene Liana; Cherie Querol Moreno; Liz Taylor; Kathy Uhl; Ophelie Vico

Members Excused: Patty Clement; Karen Coppock; Joyce Porter; Angela Giannini; Eileen Barsi

Public: Ann O'Brien; Sandra Lang; Carmen Santoni; Christina Irving; Eileen Barsi; Erin Malone; Francine Serafin Dickson; Miguel Martinez; Sandra Green; Sandra Winter; Sophie Dachauer; Terue Shinohara; Wesley Taoka; Bernie Mellott; Gabriela Flores; Maria Gongora; Robert Hall; DCCSC; Deborah Owdom

ITEM	DISCUSSION
1. Call to Order Pledge of Allegiance Roll Call	Meeting called to order by First Vice Chair Lee at 9:01am followed by reciting of Pledge of Allegiance by all. Roll call conducted and quorum was established.
2. Introduction of members of the public.	First Vice Chair Lee welcomed all in attendance both in person and virtually. Attendees who wished to introduce themselves were given an opportunity to do so. She also acknowledged June as Pride Month, World Elder Abuse Awareness Month, and Juneteenth.
3. Oral Communications	Ann O'Brien joined virtually and appreciated the opportunity given to attend and receive updates. Sandra Lang thanked the Commission for doing great work.
4. Approval of today's agenda, June 12, 2023	Commissioner Barr motioned to approve the agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Austin. Motion passed.
5. Approval of May 8, 2023 minutes	Commissioner Barr motioned to approve the minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Taylor. Commissioner Dimas Kahn abstained. Motion passed.
6. California Senior Legislature (CSL) Election	Suki Ho went over the election process. All Commissioners as members of the advisory council are eligible to vote and were provided paper ballots. Two candidates were in attendance: Deborah



	<p>Owdom, Jeff Austin. Commissioners cast their votes and submitted them into a ballot box. Suki Ho and Anna Sawamura counted the votes. The results follow: 10 votes for Deborah Owdom for the Assemblymember seat, 10 votes for Jeff Austin for the Senator seat.</p> <p>Action Item: The CoA approves the election results for California Senior Legislature for San Mateo County.</p> <p>Commissioner Barr motion to approve and motion was seconded by Commissioner Liana. Motion unanimously approved.</p> <p>The results of the election will be sent to the California Senior Legislature within 7 calendar days.</p>
<p>7. Committee Reports</p>	<p><u>Executive Committee</u></p> <p>First Vice Chair Lee reported the CoA Annual Report was presented to the Board of Supervisors at their May 23rd meeting by Chair Coppock. Several joined via ZOOM and thanks to those who attended in person.</p> <p>She asked Commissioners Dimas Kahn and Querol Moreno to join her for a presentation of flowers and proclamations from the Board of Supervisors, CoA and Aging and Adult Services and thanked them for their years of dedication and service.</p> <p>Both thanked the commission and shared words of reflection of their 12 years of <u>service</u>.</p> <p>RAIC Vice Chair Lee reported the committee is changing their meeting time to</p>
	<p>11:15-12:30 to allow for more time to complete their work.</p>



	<p>An email has been sent to all Commissioners regarding the updating of the next edition of the Help @ Home guide. Everyone’s help is appreciated.</p> <p><u>MISO Committee</u> Commissioner Dimas Kahn announced that Commissioner Austin will be the new chair of the Committee and she plans to continue supporting the committee as a member of the public.</p> <p>She thanked Sandra Lang for her dedication to working on the committee as a member of the public.</p> <p>She attended the C4A (California Association of Area Agencies on Aging) Conference in May and caregiver workforce shortage was addressed. This is part of MISO’s concern in their workplan. Commissioner Bar made public comment at the May 23rd Board of Supervisors meeting on her personal experience and concern regarding this item.</p> <p>She also attended a villages event on June 9th where middle income seniors and how inflation is impacting older adults were discussed.</p> <p><u>TAIC Committee</u> Commissioner Uhl announced that SamTrans is starting their SamTrans Mini program, on demand micro services in East Palo Alto, Belle Haven and Half Moon Bay on June 18th. The first month service is free.</p>
<p>8. Discussion on Advocacy</p>	<p>Vice Chair Lee reminded Committees to provide work plans and advocacy items to the Executive Committee.</p>
<p>9. Member Reports</p>	<p>Commissioner Leth announced the Coastside Age Friendly Committee held their first event on senior housing.</p>



SAN MATEO COUNTY HEALTH
**AGING & ADULT
SERVICES**

	<p>Commissioner Querol Moreno announced a presentation on Anti Asian Hate is being held on June 17th from 2-4pm at the South San Francisco Municipal Services Building. Commissioner Uhl will be tabling and Dr. Jei Africa, Director of San Mateo County Behavioral Health and Recovery Services will be making a presentation.</p> <p>Commissioner Barsi joined as a member of the public and announced that she tabled at a presentation on Isolation and Depression in Daly City where there was a large Asian audience who appreciated receiving Help @ Home guides.</p>
10. Staff Report	<p>Nina Rhee, Interim Director provided a staff report highlighting the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 38% of Aging and Adult Services clients have received the bivalent booster.• An increase in medi-cal expansion has resulted in 285 referrals for IHSS (In Home Supportive Services). This is the highest received to date.• There has also been a growth in the Adult Protective Services program of 12% open cases• The division continues focusing on care management and housing needs of older adults• Lisa Mancini, will be returning to AAS on July 31, 2023 after a year assignment as Director of Behavioral Health and Recovery Services.
11. Announcements	<p>Cristina shared the following information:</p> <p>July 18th Disaster Preparedness Presentation at the New Beginnings Coalition meeting</p>



SAN MATEO COUNTY HEALTH
**AGING & ADULT
SERVICES**

	Statewide Needs Assessment will be administered in July: July 7 th 3,200 postcards will be mailed to a randomized number of older adults
12. Stretch Break	There was a 10 minute stretch break.
13. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Presentation	Eddie Perez with Lead with Love Counseling presented on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion with an LGBTQ+ focus for Pride month.
14. Adjournment	Commissioner Barsi made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Barr seconded. Meeting adjourned at 11:03am.