



NOTES FROM MIDDLE INCOME SENIOR OPPORTUNITIES (MISO) COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: November 28, 2022

Commissioners Present: Christina Dimas-Kahn, Kathy Uhl, Irene Liana

Excused: Maria Barr

Staff Present: Anna Sawamura

Board of Supervisors Liaison: None

Public: Sandra Lang

1. Call to Order	Chair Dimas-Kahn called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM
2. Public Comments	Public comment from Sandra Lang – This month, Sandra was deeply affected by the San Mateo County (SMC) Ombudsman presentation “Middle Income Seniors & Long Term Care” at the CoA General Meeting. The Ombudsman Director, Bernie Mellot gave an excellent presentation. Sandra went through her old CoA notes when she was a commissioner and realized the same conversation has gone on for years with no actions taken. She wanted to know what role the CoA will play as an advocate? Is the CoA willing to bring it to the public’s attention? She believes it’s a serious issue. How will the MISO committee collaborate around this issue?
3. Note Taker	Chair Dimas-Kahn
4. Approve Agenda	Kathy Uhl and Irene Liana
5. Approve Notes	Will need to approve the October notes in January
6. Work Plan Activities	<p>Chair Dimas-Kahn asked the committee for more comments about the SMC Ombudsman presentation because the topic is on the committees work plan:</p> <p>The problem is apparent and what role is the MISO committee going to take about the issue? Economic perspective?</p> <p>Before older adults are put in a situation of needing custodial or skilled care, they need to plan for it. The Board of Supervisors are probably concerned about the displacement of residents who are getting “kicked out” of board and care homes and assisted living facilities because they cannot pay for care. There are not enough SNF’s in SMC to meet the needs. Residents are transferred out of SMC for care and treatment.</p> <p>The MISO committee asked if we can review the SMC Ombudsman presentation. The Aging & Adult Manager, Anna Sawamura, agreed to share her screen so we can review the power point.</p> <p>The powerpoint listed Current Long-Term Trends - RCFE homes are closing.</p>



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	<p><u>Advocacy needed and funding possibilities to make change happen:</u></p> <p>MISO committee - In October, the committee decided to wait until after the elections before reaching out to local elected officials or statewide officials about sponsoring a bill for Basic Income for older adults. We can move forward with action items next year. Advocate for the State of CA to increase the Medi-Cal reimbursement rate for SNF's & Board and Care Waiver.</p> <p>Aging & Adult Services - Is it possible to submit a Request for Proposal (RFP) for case management long-term care services? The next funding cycle is 2026 because they just signed new RFP agreements this year per Anna.</p> <p>Board of Supervisor are given discretionary funds for their districts.</p>
<p>7. Reviewed work plan to determine the next steps</p>	<p>Starting in January 2023. Commissioner Uhl agreed to update the CoA Emergency Preparedness List to disseminate in January. Commissioner Liana mentioned San Mateo Villages has an Emergency Preparedness Manual that MISO can review.</p> <p>Commissioner Uhl suggested looking into investigating Veterans Affairs for long term support services.</p>
<p>8. Report from Aging and Adult Services</p>	<p>Anna reminded the committee there are no meetings in December. The next MISO meeting is on Jan. 30 @ 8:30 AM via Zoom.</p>
<p>9. Action Items for January Meeting</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Continue completing work plan objectives 2. Update CoA ER Preparedness List for dissemination in Jan. 2023 3. Start researching Long-Term Care issues in SMC 4. Brainstorm recommendations for the Executive Committee on how SMC can improve communications with the general public about older adult services and issues.
<p>10. Adjournment</p>	<p>Meeting adjourned at 10:01AM.</p>