AGENDA

ADVISORY COMMISSION ON AGING (ACA)
Monday, March 9, 2020
9:30 am – 12:00 pm

Maxwell Park Conference Room
6955 Foothill Blvd. Suite 137
Oakland, California 94605

Public participation at Commission meetings is encouraged. We request that individuals limit their comments on any single item on the agenda to three minutes. The chosen spokesperson for a group may speak for five minutes.

1. Call to Order 9:30 – 9:30

2. Consent Calendar 9:30 – 9:35
   A. Review of Agenda
   B. Approval of minutes
   C. Approval of February 10, 2020 minutes

3. Comments from the Public for Items not on Agenda 9:35 – 9:40

4. Comments from Donna Ireland, Chair 9:40 – 9:45

5. Presentations:
   Independent Living Centers ADRC Core Partners
   A. Michael Galvan, Interim Executive Director
      Community Resources for Independent Living (CRIL) 9:45 – 10:00
   B. Thomas Gregory, Deputy Director
      The Center for Independent Living (The CIL) 10:00 – 10:15


7. ACA 2020 Legislative Priorities (See attachment) 10:35 – 10:50
   ACA Legislative Advocacy Committee, Howard Kirsch, Chair

8. 2020–2024 Countywide Area Plan Review 10:50 – 11:05
   Delbert Walker, AAA SPS/Sr. Planner

9. Commission Subcommittee Reports 11:05 – 11:10
   A. Executive Committee
   B. Legislative Advocacy 11:10 – 11:15
   C. Public Relations/Senior Update 11:15 – 11:20
   D. Health & Safety 11:20 – 11:30

10. Oral Communications/Announcements 11:30 – 11:45
    A. Commissioners
    B. Staff
    C. Public

Adjournment
Note: The next Advisory Commission of Aging meeting will be Monday, April 13, 2020 at 9:30 am in the Maxwell Park Conference Room, Suite 137, 6955 Foothill Blvd, Oakland, California 94605.
ADVISORY COMMISSION ON AGING—LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY COMMITTEE

2020 POLICY PRIORITIES:

OLDER ADULTS:

Support policies, funding, and programs that preserve, support, and expand services and opportunities for older adults with a focus on:

- Increased funding for the Older Americans Act Programs and Services
- Food Security
- Housing Support
- Reducing income disparity

Support policies and funding for enhanced coordination of services for older adults, including those with disabilities, to promote independent living—Healthy Aging and Aging-In-Place, protect against financial and physical abuse, and safeguard against neglect and exploitation.

Inclusive Employment Opportunities: Support employment opportunities, such as Competitive Integrated Employment, and reduce barriers for people with disabilities, veterans, and older adults.
1. Call to Order
   ACA Vice Chair called meeting to order at 9:32 am.

2. Consent Calendar
   A. Review of Agenda—Motion to approve agenda as presented.
      (M) Dom Filardo
      (S) John Miller
      Approved

   B. Approval of minutes—Item postpone until next schedule meeting.

3. Comments from the Public for Items not on Agenda—No comments.

4. Comments from John Miller, Vice Chair:
   The Vice Chair stated the importance of ensuring that older adults have the appropriate representation and that all continue to support older adults in Alameda County.

5. Presentation
   On Lok Lifeways PACE (Program of All-inclusive are for the Elderly)
   T.C. Nguyen, Enrollment and Outreach Manager and
   Johara Arduz, Enrollment and Outreach Specialist
   On Lok Lifeways PACE Program provides an alternative to a nursing care facility to adults 55 years of age or older who eligible. On Lok Lifeways PACE program accomplishes this through their integrated teams of elder care specialists, the older adults and their family members. Services provided include the following: Adult day care nursing; physical, occupational and recreational therapies; nutrition services; and social work services. All necessary prescription drugs. Hospital and nursing home care when appropriate. Home health care, personal care assistance and transportation.

6. County of Alameda Public Charge Update:
   Lorena Briseno, SSA Management Analyst
   “Public Charge” is a ground of inadmissibility. Grounds of inadmissibility are reasons that a person could be denied a green card, visa, or admission into the United States. It is not a test that applies to everyone. In deciding whether to grant an applicant a green card or a visa, an immigration officer must decide whether that person is likely to become dependent on certain government benefits in the future, which would make them a “public charge”. Lorena Briseno
informed the Commission that all aspects of the Federal rule Public Charge will be effective February 24, 2020. However, any application submitted before February 24, 2020 will be subject to previous guidelines and conditions. Alameda County taking into account the Public Charge Rule will continue to be a “Welcoming County” to all immigrants regardless of immigration status. In response to the rule the County has create a “rapid response” packet to share with community partners in Alameda County. The “rapid response” packet is available in 10 different languages. The goal of the County’s response is to mitigate fear and to inform the public of services available.

7. **Ombudsman, Nicole Howell**—Not present.

8. **Director’s Report: Jennifer Stephens-Pierre, AAA Director**
AAA Director reported that the County has contracted with Ombudsman, Inc to provide services that use to be direct service through the County. The feedback suggests some issue with reporting however it has been a smooth transition. Ombudsman, Inc plans to an open house of the new facility, which will be open to the public. A notice will be issued with date and time.

Department of Adult and Aging Services has new leadership, Faith Battles, Assistant Agency Director.

AAA Director reported that Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC) core partners, which consist of AAA, The Center for Independent Living (The CIL) and Community Resources for Independent Living (CRIL) are meeting regularly to achieve Emerging ADRC status. The core partners will be asking the Commission and general public feedback as the plan take place. And The CIL and CRIL will both presenters at the March 9, 2020 Commission meeting.

9. **Council for Age Friendly Communities Updates**
**Wendy Peterson, Senior Services Coalition Director**
Director Peterson reported that Council for Age Friendly Communities (AFC) members consist of many sectors that provide services for older adults. Some of the current projects and initiatives of AFC are the Age Friendly website for the County which is currently in beta testing, older adults housing and homeless shelters, tax collection changes for the aging, Rapid Response Management, and advocating from aging service training across the County services, cities and service partners.

10. **2020–2024 County-Wide Area Plan Review**
**Delbert Walker, AAA SPS/Sr. Planner**

- Senior Planner Walker provided an overview of the purpose of the County-Wide Area Plan (CWAP). Older Americans Act (OAA): requires that every four years the Area Agency on Aging (AAA) submits a plan for coordinated and accessible home and community-based systems of care to address community needs and develop services for older adults, adults with disabilities, and their caregivers. The four-year plan currently in development will be effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2024. Every year of the four-year plan AAA develops and submit an update to California Department of Aging (CDA). Currently, reviewer feedback is being integrated into the plan and the completed CWAP draft will be presented at March 9, 2020, ACA and March 20, 2020 AAA Roundtable. AAA is targeting April 7, 2020, BOS Agenda Date. And CWAP 2020-2024 is due to CDA May 1, 2020.

11. **Commission Subcommittee Reports**
A. **Executive Committee**
ACA Vice-Chair Miller stated former Commissioner Sue Taylor is in the process of returning to the Council with tentative date of July ACA meeting. The success of participating in the 2019 County Fair was discussed in the committee and the necessity to reach out to community-based organization (CBO) to inform them of the need to participate in the 2020 fair.

B. Legislative Advocacy
Committee Chair Kirsch stated the subcommittee’s interest will reflect those of the State. Those interest are: increasing funding for programs, food security, housing support, adding language the support advocacy reduces economic disparities, adding language to advocate employment for older adults, which has indicated in AAA survey. Kirsch has submitted an application to become a member of the California Senior Legislature (CSL). Committee also discussed the expansion of Medi-Cal for undocumented immigrants over 65 years of age, expand access to citizen under CalWorks and waiving of medical expenses for CalFresh eligibility.

C. Public Relations/Senior Update
Committee Chair Silbert stated committee discussed potential dates of August and November to complete community-based organization (CBO) site visits. CBOs proposed to be visited Longlife Medical, Korean Community Center of the Eastbay, Legal Assistance for Seniors, and Spectrum Community Services. Commissioner Silbert invited commissioners participate in site visits to see how the CBOs using the funding. The possibilities of an older adult employment fair and incorporating estate/end of life planning in the fair was also discussed. Senior Update Newsletter for April/May/June 2020 will be coming out soon. Theme for this edition is Older Americans Month—Making Your Mark. Due date for article submission is February 21, 2020.

D. Health & Safety
Committee Chair Londono stated the Whistle Project material is being translated into Spanish. The project will take another 6 months to complete. The committee is brainstorming potential future projects in the areas of innovation, safety and financial health.

12. Oral Communications/Announcements

A. Commissioners:
Commissioner Londono invited everyone to attend February 20, 2020 Alzheimer’s and Memory Loss event at John Muir in Walnut Creek, CA.
Commissioner Kim-Lee informed on ways prevent Social Security Scams and a handout to that effect was distributed.
Commissioner Silbert thanked the ON Lok Pace presenters and expressed the necessity and importance of such services.
Commissioner Filardo commend all the presenters and appreciated the timely delivery of the agenda.

B. Staff:
Lorena Briseno announced free tax preparation at the Social Services Office-Amador in Hayward and by utilizing this service as a means to prevent financial abuse.

C. Public
No comments.

Adjournment 11:40

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CORRECTED MINUTES

ADVISORY COMMISSION ON AGING
Monday, January 13, 2020
9:30am – 12:00pm
(Eastmont – Maxwell Park Conference Room)

Commissioners Present: Donna Ireland - Chair, Eric Eisenberg, Dom Filardo, Royce Johnson, Sarah Kim-Lee, Howard Kirsch, Carlos Londono, Laura McMichael-Cady, Regina Silbert

Commissioners Excused (Absent): John Miller, Donna Murphy, Barbara Price, Sylvia Stadmire, Christine Sevier

Staff Present: Jennifer Stephens-Pierre, Delbert Walker, Jim Cunniff, Mary Louise Zernicke, Maaza Michael, Jose Villaflor, Ramil Rivera, Diarra Piggue, Maureen Schulz, Hema Patel, Julia Otani

1. CALL TO ORDER
ACA Chair Donna Ireland called the meeting to order at 9:35 am.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Review of Agenda – Motion to approve the agenda as presented.
   (M) Royce Johnson
   (S) Dom Filardo
   Approved.

B. Approval of Minutes – Motion to approve the minutes of November 4, 2019 as presented.
   (M) Royce Johnson
   (S) Howard Kirsch
   Approved.

3. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC FOR ITEMS NOT ON AGENDA – No comments.

4. Comments from Chair Donna Ireland:
The Executive Committee met earlier this morning and Chair Ireland stated that items discussed would be a part of Director Stephens-Pierre’s report. Chair reviewed Commission meeting procedures and emphasized the Commission is a public meeting subject to the Brown Act. There is a -three-minute limit on comments from the public.

5. Council for Age Friendly Communities Update – No update.

6. Director’s Report: Jennifer Stephens-Pierre, AAA Director

   ADRC Update: The Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) is funded by a federal government grant that bridges services for older adults and disabled adults. Alameda County was not selected for re-certification. There is funding available to rebuild the program. Director Stephens-Pierre will be having a phone conference with California Department of Aging (CDA) on January 16 to plan for funding on become an Emerging ADRC. The funding amount is unclear, but it is tied to the census. More information will be provided as it is received.
**Holiday Baskets:** Thank you to the Commissioners who helped make this program a success. The program has grown and needs more staff support. We hope to expand it further and get more staff involvement. We debriefed afterward and decided to get the word out earlier and have the proper staff in place to make it even more successful.

**Contracts and Budget Update:** The contracts are almost completed. We were late getting out the initial contracts for 1999-2020. We will be working on getting the contracts out on time next year. The Budget was approved on Friday and we will keep the public updated on the amended budget. We are expecting additional funding from Fall Prevention money and Measure A. In April, we will call a meeting to discuss the Budget. California Department of Aging (CDA) also releases their budget in April.

**Long-Term Care Ombudsman (LTCO) Update:** Alameda County has transitioned from direct service to Ombudsman Services of Contra Costa, Solano and Alameda. There was a transfer meeting on December 16, 2019

7. **Presentation:** Speaker, Nicole Howell, Executive Director, Ombudsman Services of Contra Costa, Solano and Alameda
   Executive Director Howell presented an overview on why the Ombudsman program was started, what it is about and how it has changed over the years. Alameda County has made her company the fourth largest Ombudsman service in the State. Their goal is to visit facilities 1-3 times per month to not only investigate complaints, but to also build relationships with staff and work together on systematic issues at the facilities. They will be increasing volunteer recruitment in Fall 2020. Director Howell can attend future Commission meetings.

8. **2021-2024 County-Wide Area Plan Update:** Delbert Walker, AAA SPS/Sr. Planner
   **Survey Update:** The County-Wide Area Plan for Older Adults has been reviewed by the Age Friendly Council and the Planning Committee. Survey data input has closed and Jim Cunniff with Area Agency on Aging (AAA) will present his findings following this update. He will present his findings following this update. The preliminary draft will be brought for review to the February meeting with a more completed draft brought to the March meeting. The plan must be approved by the Commissioners before it is presented to the Board of Supervisors at the April 7, 2020 meeting. An Ad-Hoc committee has been formed, with Commissioner Ireland and Commissioner Johnson to review the document. A request was made to have the drafts sent out to the Commissioners one week prior to the meeting to review.

   **Survey and Community Forums Results:** Jim Cunniff, AAA
   There was an 85% increase in the number of surveys received from 2015 and 2019. This in large part was due to the mass mailing to IHSS recipients. The data was compared to the previous survey. He also reported on data collected from community forums and focus groups. Cunniff discussed the nine Domains of Livability and the trend comparisons from then and now. A copy of the presentation will be sent to the Commissioners and it is also available to the public. Commissioner Ireland and Commissioner Kirsch will debrief on what the process looked like for the public forums and focus groups. There are three phases that go into the Plan, the first is the launch, the second is the survey and the third is the writing. We are in phase three and will be taking information from the surveys and making writing the report.
9. Commission Subcommittee Reports
   A. Executive Committee – Chair Ireland welcomed back Commissioner Silbert. Helen Buckholz is no longer on the Commission, she has moved out of Alameda County.
   B. Legislative Advocacy – Commissioner Kirsch is new subcommittee chair.
   C. Public Relations/Senior Update – Staff Zernicke thanked the Commissioners for their assistance with the Holiday Baskets. Another thank you to the Commissioners for their articles in the January/February/March 2020 issue of the Senior Update. She will send an email seeking articles for the next issue, which is due February.
   D. Health & Safety – In subcommittee Chair Miller’s absence, it was mentioned the Health and Safety Subcommittee is looking for new projects.

10. Oral Communications/Announcements
    A. Commissioners:
        Commissioner Londono distributed a handout for Spanish-speaking caregivers. He will be in Sacramento for Alzheimer’s Association Advocacy Day on February 5, 2020 and asked if any others can join him.
        Commissioner Kirsch will attend Alzheimer’s Association Advocacy Day. He will send out more information on Alzheimer’s Association Advocacy Day.
        Commissioner McMichael-Cady was very impressed with Ms. Howell’s presentation.
        Commissioner Kim-Lee talked about Social Security accounts and preventing fraud and identity theft. Anyone who received a part B premium increase can come to her office to review if they qualify for no increase.
        Commissioner Filardo would like communication be sent out to inform Commissioners and staff when there is NO meeting.
        Commissioner Silbert is glad to be back.
        Commissioner Johnson is eager to share survey results of the 2019 Alameda County Survey For Older Adults with persons that helped gather information.

    B. Staff:
        Staff Piggue announced that Charles Jones is the new contact person for the Commissioners. There will be a Round Table meeting on January 17, 2020 from 9:00am – 12:00pm in Sobrante Park Room. Alameda County Behavioral Health will make a presentation on older adult services regarding mental health. On older adult services on mental health. Eden Information and Referral will present on their programs on housing services.
        Director Stephens-Pierre announced that the he Alameda County Caregiver Convening is being sponsored by the AAA and asked all to consider attending.

    C. Public:
        No comment.

Adjournment 11:35

Note: The next ACA meeting will be Monday, February 10th at 9:30 am in the Maxwell Park Conference Room, Suite 137, 6955 Foothill Blvd, Oakland, California 94605.
AGENDA

ADVISORY COMMISSION ON AGING

Executive Committee Meeting
Monday, March 9, 2020
8:45am

Maxwell Park Conference Room
6955 Foothill Blvd. Suite 137
Oakland, CA 94605

1. Review of Executive Committee Agenda/Approval of Minutes

2. Program Updates
   A. Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC)
   B. Contracts
   C. Budgets

3. Membership Updates
   A. Commission processes
   B. Training
   C. Commissioner openings

4. 2021-2024 Area Plan: Ad Hoc Planning Committee: Updates
   A. Survey Summary
   B. Timeline for review

5. Upcoming Events
   A. Senior Rally (May 2020)
   B. Alameda County Fair (June /July 2020)

6. Future Discussion Items

Adjournment

Next meeting of the Executive Committee will be held Monday, April 13, 2020 at 8:45 AM in the Maxwell Park Conference Room, 6955 Foothill Blvd. First Floor, Suite 137 Oakland, CA 94605.
Minutes

ADVISORY COMMISSION ON AGING

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 10, 2020
8:45am

Maxwell Park Conference Room
6955 Foothill Blvd. Suite 137
Oakland, CA 94605

Commissioners Present: John Miller and Howard Kirsch,
Staff Present: Jennifer Stephens-Pierre and Delbert Walker

1. Review of Executive Committee Agenda/Approval of Minutes

2. Program Updates

   A. Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC)
      o Provided an update on meetings with Core Partners
   B. Contracts
      o No discussions
   C. Budgets
      o Discussed CDA amended budget release and next steps

3. Membership Updates

   A. Review of roster
      o Reviewed update rosters by seat number
   B. Commissioner openings
      o No discussion

4. 2021-2024 Area Plan: Ad Hoc Planning Committee: Updates

   A. Survey Summary
      o Overview of survey results
   B. Timeline for review
      o Discussion on next steps and timeframes for ACA and BOS approval

5. Future Discussion Items

   o Alameda County Fair participation
   o Census Participation
Next meeting of the Executive Committee will be held Monday, March 9 at 8:45 AM in the Maxwell Park Conference Room, 6955 Foothill Blvd. First Floor, Suite 137 Oakland, CA 94605

Adjournment
AGENDA
ADVISORY COMMISSION ON AGING

Legislative Advocacy Committee (LAC)
Maxwell Park Room, Eastmont Mall
Monday, March 9, 2020

IMMEDIATELY AFTER COMMISSION MEETING

1. Call to Order

2. Approval of Minutes

3. California Senior Legislature Update
   a. Howard Kirsch
   b. Liz Breshears

4. Legislative Bills – Lorena Briseno, SSA Management Analyst
   A. Current bills
   B. Proposed Bills

5. Council for Age Friendly Communities Updates

6. Senior Services Coalition Update

7. Master Plan on Aging

8. Other Federal, State and Local Issues and Updates

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Adjournment
MINUTES
Legislative Advocacy Committee (LAC)
Monday, February 10, 2020
Maxwell Park Eastmont Mall
Minutes

Commissioners Present: Howard Kirsch

Members Present: Lorena Briseno, Wendy Peterson, Liz Breshears

Staff Present: Mary Louise Zernicke

CSL Members Present: None

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 11:50. The February agenda was distributed and approved.

2. January (Kirsch/Briseno) minutes were approved after suggested language amendments from Lorena. (Mary Louise was able to get the amended minutes to Charles before posting.) In the future Lorena asked that future meeting draft minutes go to the committee for review before going to the full commission.

3. Howard has applied to CSL to be a representative. Mary Louise spoke to Janice Bailey, who found his application, and told her that John Pointer needs to forward a certificate of completion. She stated that she thought Nery and Quincy were still on CSL but Mary Louise told her they had not been around for several years. There was no election in 2018 as far as we know, so there should be 2 openings and therefore the Commission can appoint Howard. Alternatively, an advisory board can recommend him—Janice said each PSA does things their own way.

Elizabeth (Liz) Breshears attended the meeting as a new prospective CLS rep. She applied to CSL in October 2019 and has heard nothing back. She believes she completed all the needed paperwork.

Mary Louise will follow up with Janice Bailey at CSL.

Three proposed bills from CSL have found a sponsor, including AB1853, AB 1855, and one yet untitled. Three additional bills-- AB 683, SB 596, and SB 753-- are moving forward in the legislature.
4. Discussion about the 19-20 goals was resumed. Lorena presented the SSA 2020 priorities for SSA, which dovetail well with those of LAC. Proposed goals for LAC are:

2020 LAC Policy Priorities:
A. Support policies, funding, and programs that preserve, support, and expand services and opportunities for Older Adults with a focus on:
   • Increase funding for the Older Americans Act programs and services
   • Food Security
   • Housing support
   • Reducing income disparity

B. Support policies and funding for enhanced coordination of services for older adults, including those with disabilities, to promote independent living—Healthy Aging and Aging-In-Place, protect against financial and physical abuse, and safeguard against neglect and exploitation.

C. Inclusive Employment Opportunities: Support employment opportunities, such as Competitive Integrated Employment, and reduce barriers for people with disabilities, veterans, and older adults.

Mary Louise will ask for approval of LAC goals be added to the next commission agenda, in March.

5. Lorena reported that Anissa Basoco-Villareal, SSA’s Policy Director, has been promoted and is now the Assistant Agency Director for Administration and Finance. There is no replacement in her place yet. She distributed the 2020 Alameda County legislative priorities to the group, as well as the Alameda County SSA summary of the governor’s 2020 budget. Mary Louise also distributed the Justice in Aging response to the budget, as well as that from the Senior Services Coalition.

Lorena also reported on the following:

a. While the Supreme Court lifted the injunction that paused the implementation of the public charge rule, many programs are not affected. Those that are affected include General Assistance (GA), CalWorks, SSI, federally funded MediCal for adults CalFresh, Section 8, and public housing.
b. Lorena reminded the group of two SSA-initiated legislative proposals for 2020, one to support the expansion of CalWORKs benefits to Sponsored Indigent Non-citizens for more than 12-months in a lifetime and the other to waive Medi-Cal verifications for CalFresh applicant/recipients who are older adults, homeless, or disabled. Keep them coming!

6. Donna and Wendy are members of the Age Friendly Council. Wendy chairs the legislative committee. She reported that the Age Friendly Council is creating Issue Guides that will include fact sheets and talking points for areas of concern for older adults. The council has produced an Issue Guide social isolation, and is working on guides for Suicide Prevention, Fall Prevention, Housing and Homelessness, Employment, Unincorporated Areas, and Emergency Preparedness.

The Age Friendly Council may try to create their own legislative proposal based on recommendations developed in the course of researching the Issue Guides. Locally, this may include proposals that will impact the unincorporated areas of Alameda County as part of the County’s new Age Friendly Community Designation.

7. The Senior Services Coalition (SSC) is looking for legislators to sponsor a budget request to increase state funding for CDA for supportive services programs, a change that would increase funding for local AAA-funded services. Wendy is working to get CWDA on board; C4A is already in support. Wendy has possible sponsors in both houses of the state legislature and hopes to ask for $15-20 M.

8. The Master Plan on Aging is seeking comments from the public on the various workgroup plans. The first draft for Long Term Services and Support recommendations may be found here: https://www.chhs.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/MP4A_LTSS-Stakeholder-Report_FirstDraft.pdf. To comment, write to engAGE@aging.ca.gov.

9. The 20-21 proposed budget from Trump has been disseminated but details on aging services potential impact are not yet available.

Meeting ended at 1:10 PM.
Commissioners Present: Donna Ireland, Howard Kirsch, Eric Eisenberg

Members Present: Lorena Briseno, Tanya Washington

Staff Present: Mary Louise Zernicke

CSL Members Present: None

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 11:45. The January agenda was distributed and approved.

2. November minutes were approved (Eisenberg/Ireland) Howard has been approved by the ACA to be the permanent LAC committee chair, as Helen Buckholz has left the commission.

3. Discussion about the 19-20 goals was resumed. Lorena will draft language for the goals and send to the committee. We were reminded to make sure our committee goals are aligned with Alameda County goals. Below for draft goals created at our November 2019 meeting.

   a. Keep increasing funding for programs as a goal.
   b. Keep food security as a goal.
   c. Keep housing support as a goal.
   d. Add language that supports advocacy for reducing income disparity and bring up the bottom folks on the income scale.
   e. Add language to advocate for employment for older adults, based on the surveys received by the AAA.

4. Sylvia Stadmire reported via email to MLZ regarding CSL. CSL members have met with state legislators to solicit their support for CSL-supported proposed bills. The following appear to have possible traction with state legislators.

   Taken directly from CSL flier:
   **SP-13: Medi-Cal: Long Term Care: Personal Needs Allowance**
   This measure would increase the personal needs allowance from $35 to $80 per month and annually adjust the personal needs allowance by the same percentage as the consumer price index.
AP-5: Senior Citizen Housing Developments: Cohabitants
This measure would prohibit any rule or regulation that would prohibit a qualifying resident in a senior citizen housing development from sharing their home with an appropriate roommate, cohabitant, or co-occupant for companionship, caregiving, or increased income.

AP-7: California Community Colleges: Equal Funding for Noncredit Education
This measure would equalize the funding formula for all California Community College noncredit programs and courses.

Howard stated he might be interested in becoming a member of CSL. Mary Louise will send to him the application process information.

Mary Louise suggested that Sue Taylor may be a good CSL rep. She will wait to see if Sue rejoins the commission and then discuss with her.

Lorena reported the following:

a. The California FY 20-21 Proposed Budget has been released. SSA’s Office of Policy, Evaluation, and Planning (OPEP) is completing an analysis. Lorena will send the proposed budget analysis to the group once completed.

b. Two federal court injunctions have been lifted for the final public charge rule. One is still pending—New York.

c. Lorena reminded the group of two SSA initiated legislative proposals for 2020, one to support the expansion of CalWORKs benefits to Sponsored Indigent Non-citizens for more than 12-months in a lifetime and the other to waive Medi-Cal verifications for CalFresh applicant/recipients who are older adults, homeless, or disabled.

5. No update on the Age Friendly Council. Mary Louise distributed information on how to access the meetings for the Master Plan on Aging. She suggested that members sign up to receive emails for upcoming meetings.

6. No update for the Senior Services Coalition (SSC).

7. The Older Americans Act has passed and it appears that the funding is slightly higher than from last year.

Meeting ended at 12:25 PM.
1. Call to Order

2. “Signature Event” – Senior Employment Fair
   A. Next Steps/Ideas

3. Older American’s Month – May 2020
   A. Proclamation

4. Census 2020
   A. How can the ACA provide support?

5. Adjournment.

Next meeting Public Relation Committee meeting April 13th before the full Commission meeting.
Commissioner(s) Present: Regina Silbert (Committee Chair), Barbara Price

Staff Present: Ramil Rivera

1. The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Silbert.

2. 2020 Commissioner Site Visits

   A. PR Committee Site Selection:
      1) Legal Assistance for Seniors (LAS)
      2) Spectrum Community Services
      3) LifeLong Medical Care
      4) Korean Center of the East Bay

   B. Schedule for 2020 Site Visits:
      1) 1st – April 2020, Site TBD
      2) 2nd – August 2020, Site TBD
      3) 3rd – November 2020. Site TBD

3. PR Committee will formally announce “Senior Employment” as Signature Event. Awaiting further instructions from AAA Director Stephens-Pierre.

4. Future article topics and article contributors.

   A. Due dates Friday, February 21, 2020. Currently have 5 articles, but need at least another 5 articles
   B. Theme: Older American’s Month – “Make Your Mark”

5. Last minute agenda addition: 2020 Census. Discussed possible ways the ACA can provide support.

6. Adjournment.

Next Public Relation Committee meeting March 9th before the full Commission meeting in the Maxwell Park Conference Room, Suite 137.
AGENDA

ADVISORY COMMISSION ON AGING

HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE
Monday, March 09, 2020
IMMEDIATELY AFTER COMMISSION MEETING

1. Call to order.

2. Roll Call (Sign in sheet)

3. Consent Calendar
   A. Review of Agenda
   B. Approval of Minutes

4. Update on “Whistle Project”

5. Discussion on the next step of the Committee

5. Other

Adjournment

The next meeting of the Health & Safety Committee will be held immediately after the Commission Meeting on Monday, April 13, 2020 in the Maxwell Park Conference Room, 6955 Foothill Blvd. First Floor, Suite 137 Oakland, CA 94605.
Meeting Canceled

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