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PLANNING COMMITTEE
2017 – 2020 Alameda County Plan for Older Adults
Wednesday, March 18th, 2015
Eastmont Mall, Big Sur Room
1:30 – 4 pm

Committee Members Present: Donna Murphy, Maricela Narvaez-Foster, Lara Calvert, Blair Barnett, Wendy Peterson, Angela Ball, Phil Altman, Sylvia Stadmire, Tighe Boyle, Lillian Schaechner, Marlene Peterson, Dana Bailey, Steve Lustig, Dr. Irene Yen, Karen Grimsich, Jamie Almanza, Scott Means, Brenda Jackson

Committee Members Absent: Sister Ansar El-Muhammad

Staff Present: Tracy Murray, Sarah Linville, Sandra Braxton

Guests: Roberta A. Pressman (Ashby Village), Andrew Gaine (Ashby Village), Ruben Briones (Alameda County Healthy Homes), Eileen Ng (Alameda County – Supervisor Miley), Miruni Soosooopallai (County Counsel)

I. Chairwoman Donna Murphy called the meeting to order at 1:35 pm.

II. CONSENT CALENDAR
Motion to approve February 3rd meeting minutes
(M) Wendy Peterson
(S) Karen Grimsich
Carried

III. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS
Tracy Murray, Assistant Director of the AAA, introduced the planning effort and two staff present, Sarah Linville and Sandra Braxton. Consultant Marti Roach introduced herself as an experienced consultant for senior services and planning. Committee members introduced themselves by saying their names, organizations, and answering the following questions: What attracted you to this committee, what is your connection to aging, what are the issues that you’re seeing?

IV. Introduction to the Planning Process
Tracy oriented the committee to a basic description of this planning process as well as the materials provided at the meeting. Every four years, the Area Agency on Aging is mandated to develop an Area Plan for seniors. This planning effort is a directive of the board and shared interest to look at the much bigger picture, to develop a much more coordinated approach to senior services. The plan is different from past plans in that: we will have a dedicated senior planner, the formation of a committee, committee being fully staffed, public health and health care services publicly being a part of the process.
There was a discussion on how to define older adults for the planning process, which was tabled for future discussion.

There was a discussion around any other questions, issues, or additional things that people wanted to know before moving forward. There was a question of budget, to which Tracy responded that we have an approved budget to do this plan that includes staff, mailings, refreshments, and production of a final plan.

Committee members expressed appreciation for the diversity of the group, the fact that this process is holistic and comprehensive, going beyond the traditional AAA plan process and siloed services, the opportunity to collect countywide data on older adults, and work with people who now consider themselves older adults.

Possible future topics of discussion are the ways our system needs to change, utilizing resources efficiently, addressing ageism, and implementation of the plan.

V. RECRUITMENT UPDATE
Two seats are still pending (transportation and health plans). We have had recommendations from board of supervisors, and enthusiasm from commission members.

VI. Brown Act – County Counsel
Miruni Soosopallai from County Counsel presented on the tenets of the Brown Act, and their application to this process. Committee members had the opportunity to ask questions.

VII. Retreat Scheduling
We would like to schedule a longer meeting to discuss specific items and do a deep dive, since today was mostly an orientation. Members expressed the need to understand the role and responsibilities of the committee, scope of the work, the data needs, the planning process, and next steps for developing the survey.

Motion to have the retreat after the next committee meeting. Motion revised to have the next meeting be a retreat in which there would be a discussion of the topics mentioned above.
(M) Jamie Almanza
(S) Lara Calvert
Carried

Tracy said that a doodle poll would be sent out regarding a date sometime in the second week of April with options for mornings and afternoons.

Staff Comment: None
Public Comment: None
The meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm.
Next meeting: To be determined by Doodle poll, sometime in the second week of April.