

<p align="center"><b>COMMITTEE: GENERAL</b></p> <p align="center"><b>MARIN COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING (MCCOA)</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>DATE: MARCH 10, 2025</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>LOCATION:</b> <b>Marin Wildfire Protection Authority</b></p>
<p><b>PRESENT:</b> Amlie, Barry, Bhanushali, Binkley, Brandon, Brown, Clemmons, Denton Cohen, Doodha, Gould, Ng, Notowich, Rubens, Sadowsky, Winer</p> <p><b>EXCUSED:</b> Bortel, López, Schultz, Wilson</p> <p><b>ABSENT:</b> None</p> <p><b>VACANT:</b> CSL, District 2, District 3, Larkspur</p>		
<p><b>RECORDER:</b> Mandy Reyes, Staff, Area Agency on Aging (AAA)</p>		
<p><b>NEXT MEETING:</b> April 14, 1:30 p.m., Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority Board Room</p>		
<p align="center"><b>MINUTE SUMMARY</b></p>		
<p><b>Presentation and Topic: Adapting to a Future with More Fire</b></p> <p><b>Speakers:</b>  Mark Brown, Executive Director, Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority  Jason Weber, Chief, Marin County Fire</p> <p><b>Call to Order:</b> Chair Denton Cohen called the meeting to order at 2:54 p.m.</p> <p><b>Approval of Agenda:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Motion/Seconded/Carried (M/S/C) – Doodha/Notowich/15-0</li> </ul> <p><b>Approval of Minutes from Feb. 10 as Written:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• M/S/C – Winer/Rubens/15-0</li> </ul> <p><b>Open Time for Public Expression on Matters not on the agenda:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Salamah Locks: Tonight at 6:30 p.m. the San Rafael City Schools will be voting on a resolution in recognition of the essential role and needs of young men in society.</li> </ul>		

- Jonathan Frieman: The Trump Administration wants to make \$900 million in cuts to Medicaid. Frieman proposes a Marin safety net.

**Discussion, Voting and Update Items:**

- a. Teleconferencing Rules - M/S/C Notowich/Rubens/14-0. There was one abstention.
- b. Commission on Aging Bylaws Approval:
  - Page 1 approval - M/S/C Barry/Binkley/15-0.
  - Page 2 approval - M/S/C Doodha/Clemmons/15-0.
  - Page 3 approval - M/S/C Sadowsky/Bhanushali/15-0.
  - Page 4 approval - M/S/C Barry/Doodha/14-0. There was one abstention.
  - Page 5 approval - M/S/C Brown/Rubens/15-0.
  - Page 6 approval - M/S/C Rubens/Ng/15-0.
  - Page 7 approval - M/S/C Sadowsky/Clemmons/15-0.
  - Page 8 approval - M/S/C Rubens/Doodha/13-1. There was one abstention.
  - Page 9 approval - M/S/C Barry/Ng/14-0. There was one abstention.
  - Page 10 approval - M/S/C Rubens/Sadowsky/14-1.
  - Page 11 approved as amended - M/S/C Amlie/Ng/13-2.
  - Page 12 approval - M/S/C Binkley/Brown/14-0. There was one abstention.
- c. May 20<sup>th</sup> Commission Forum Update – the title is, “The Power of Connection – Creating, Building and Sustaining Community as we Age.”

**Commissioner Announcements:**

Commissioner Clemmons –

- A Celebration of Birth party was held on March 2 for people over 90 in San Rafael.
- Save the Date - 2025 Marin County Senior Fair is Sept. 17.

**Chair (Denton Cohen):**

- The AAA staff would like to remind everyone to attend the April 14 MCCOA meeting on the Fiscal Year (FY) 25/26 Area Plan Update. A quorum is needed to approve the FY 25/26 Area Plan Update.
- The AAA staff would like to have coffee with the commissioners. Please get back to them on your availability.
- Please fill out survey distributed to ascertain what is working or not working on the MCCOA

**Vice Chair Report (Ng):**

- Ng met with the Parks and Recreation representative for San Anselmo about more programs for older adults.

- As a veteran, you can go to Veteran Affairs (VA) for medications, hearing aids, etc. Please help let veterans know.

**Secretary Report (Sadowsky):**

- There is a Board of Supervisor (BOS) Aides brown bag lunch on Wednesday.
- San Geronimo Valley Community Center will be rolling out its Needs Assessment.

**Aging and Adult Services Report**

**(AAA Director Jenay Cottrell):**

- The BOS had its annual budget hearing last week. Supervisor Moulton-Peters said the County should be doing more for older adults.
- The BOS reviewed its five priorities, which is how they determine how to prioritize funding. They are adding “Youth and Older Adult Economic Vitality” to their top five.
- The AAA has created a partnership with Partners in Care. This is a statewide convener of fall prevention. They were going to offer a grant, but it has been cut.
- This is the time to advocate because the Senate and House are reconciling their bills.
- There are interviews coming up for the Health and Human Services (HHS) Analyst position.
- The County will be funding the cost of the resource guide.

**(AAA Program Manager Camille Jolly):**

- On March 6, Camille and Jenna were part of the first congregate meal program in Pt. Reyes in over five years.
- The AAA is renewing MOCA funded contracts for the second and final year.
- Please support the AAA by attending the MCCOA meeting on April 14 for the FY 25/26 Area Plan Update Public Hearing.
- Elder Abuse Awareness month is in June. We will be relaunching the campaign from last year.
- Please check your availability boxes for coffee event with the AAA.

**Commissioner Updates (Commissioners appointed by the Board of Supervisors):**

District 1 (López/Winer): None

District 2: (Notowich):

- There is an open seat for District 2 so please encourage anyone you might know.
- The Clean Heat Grant Program is available to help update people’s homes. It closes April 30.
- The Forest Resilience Task Force is having a regional meeting on March 27 and 28 at the Embassy Suites.

District 3 (Brandon):

- Brandon saw Supervisor Moulton-Peters at the Arts and Cultures Center and discussed the 2024 Grand Jury Report.

District 4 (Brown and Sadowsky):

- Supervisor Rodoni's Aide is coming to West Marin and has office hours once per week in West Marin.
- Brown has reached out to Rodoni's staff to schedule a meeting.
- Rodoni's staff has put together a list of community organizations and resources for older adults.
- Rodoni is holding three meetings in West Marin to discuss sea level rise.
- All the libraries in Marin are getting a refresh thanks to the 2022 approval of Measure B.

District 5 (Rubens/Barry)

- The Planning and Communications committee asks that you make at least one presentation in your city or town.
- A discussion about reformulating committees next year was discussed at the Executive Committee.

**Committee/Reports and Chairs:**

Equity and Inclusion (Ng):

- The committee met with Supervisor Sackett's aide who gave suggestions on how to get the Aging as a Public Health Crisis Resolution in front of the BOS.
- The 2024 Grand Jury Report and the Older Women's Initiative are on the agenda.

Health/Nutrition (Brown):

- The committee is organizing a Volunteer Day at the Marin Foodbank on April 4 from 9 – 11:30 a.m. A sign-up sheet was distributed.
- Reminder that commissioners are expected to participate in the congregate meal programs at least once per year.

Housing/Transportation (Barry):

- Kellen Dammann from the Marin County Sustainability Team has been in touch with the property manager at Hamilton to enroll the tenants in the County Energy Efficiency Program, which provides a no cost and no obligation site assessment. Funding would provide for things like window replacements, insulation, and appliance upgrades.
- Next month's meeting on March 20 will have a reverse mortgage specialist.

Legislative (Amlie):

- Working to find a date with Senator Mike McGuire, Assembly Member Damon Connelly, and Congressman Jared Huffman to have one of them speak at a general MCCOA meeting.
- At the last meeting, the committee reviewed and decided which legislation to advocate for and/ or watch.

Planning and Communications (Rubens):

- Rubens attended a meeting with a group that was invited by Vivalon's CEO Joe O'Hehir to create a comprehensive resource guide.

**New Business:** None

**Adjournment: 4:46 p.m.**

- Motion/Seconded/Carried (M/S/C) – Rubens/Bhanushali/15-0

Next meeting: Monday, April 14, 2025, 1:30 p.m., Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority Board Room

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