



September 27, 2017  
3:00 – 4:30 p.m.  
Hotel Corque • 400 Alisal Road • Solvang, CA 93464

## **MINUTES**

**Attendance:** Amelia Abernathy, Lisa Brabo, Eloisa Chavez, Jennifer Griffin, Suzanne Grimesey, Cheri Jasinski, Vicki Johnson, Amy Krueger, Ashley Kruzel, joyce ellen lippman, Georgene Lowe, Judi Monte, Marco Quintanar, Armando Rivera, Adrianna Rojas, Phylene Wiggins

**Special Guests:** Ed Medel, Independent Living Resource Center, Inc.; Courtney Warren, Dignity Health

**Staff:** Barbara Finch and Gloria Munoz

### **1. Welcome & Introductions**

Barbara Finch opened the meeting and introductions were made.

### **2. Approve Minutes, July 26, 2017**

The following error was noted in the July 26, 2017 minutes:

- Under the Public Comment section, the Santa Barbara Care Coordination Coalition meetings are held on the third Thursday of every **other** month from 2:30pm – 4pm at Hotel Corque.

joyce ellen lippman motioned to approve the July 26, 2017 minutes with the aforementioned change; Jennifer Griffin seconded the motion and the minutes were approved unanimously.

### **3. Public Comment**

Lisa Brabo gave a brief description of a federal grant opportunity offered through the Office on Violence against Women (OVW) to address elder abuse. She distributed a handout (see attached) about the three year grant. The grant focuses on providing training for criminal justice and other professionals; providing services for older victims of abuse later in life; and supporting multidisciplinary collaborative community responses to victims of abuse later in life. Lisa asked the group if they felt that law enforcement agencies in our county would get behind the effort. Suzanne Grimesey mentioned that she recently attended the Sheriff Department's Behavioral Sciences Unit meeting, where the primary focus was older adults.

Lisa asked the group to identify underserved populations. Amelia mentioned North County because there is a large indigenous population there and in health care, they see a lot of issues of abuse with older women. If the grant application moves forward, Lisa hopes that the Adult & Aging Network (AAN) and the Elder Abuse Prevention Council will be a part of the project. Jenn Griffin offered help with any issues round disabilities. Amy Krueger mentioned that the Department of Social Services can also provide information as needed. The grant application is due November 8, 2017.

#### 4. California Community of Constituents: AAN Regional Coalition

- **October 25-26, 2017 Advocacy Day**
  - **Community of Constituents Legislative Priorities**
  - **AAN elevator speech**
  - **Local stories**

Barbara Finch reviewed the Adult & Aging Network (AAN) association with the SCAN Foundation, the Community of Constituents and the Regional Coalitions. Barbara and Jenn Griffin will be a part of the statewide Advocacy Day on October 25<sup>th</sup> in Sacramento and will also attend the Annual SCAN Summit on October 26<sup>th</sup>. They want to make sure that they represent the interest and ideas of the AAN. Barbara added that the AAN will be joining with Ventura Hospital to Home Coalition and that they plan to visit Senator Hannah-Beth Jackson and Assemblymember Monique Limón. They were asked to develop talking points for the coalition.

The SCAN Foundation convened a statewide workgroup to identify some legislative priorities. These are the key areas:

- The housing crisis is a health crisis for people who are aging and/or disabled
- Infrastructure investments are urgently needed to meet changing demographics
- Inefficiencies must be corrected thru improved access, coordination and integration
- Care needs of middle-income Californians must be addressed
- Economic analysis and data will reveal the extent of the crisis

Barbara asked the members for their thoughts or comments on these priorities. Cheri Jasinski agreed that "California needs a Master Plan to address this crisis." She shared that she helped with writing the first Master Plan, posted on the Commission on Aging website, along with 26 major nonprofits in California that are involved with elder issues. She feels that it deserves a look instead of starting all over again, along with a lot of other work that is out there. Joyce Ellen feels that housing is the number one crisis.

Barbara mentioned that the SCAN Foundation will be providing fact sheets on the most critical statewide LTSS issues, poverty among seniors and people with disabilities, aging and disability demographics statewide, the importance of Medicaid and a description of the Regional Coalitions and California Collaborative – the Community of Constituents. Local content will be added, including the Santa Barbara County Senior Profile. Members were asked to contribute stories related to issue areas.

#### 5. Senior Needs Assessment

Joyce Ellen Lippman stated that every four years, Area Agency on Aging is required to do an assessment of the needs of senior citizens. This year, the council and the board decided to do a survey very similar to what they did four years ago (see attached) so that they can see what the trends are. Last year, they had over 2,000 responses and that is their goal for this year. They have ordered 10,000 copies and are available in English and Spanish. Joyce Ellen will be sending electronic versions of the survey to everyone. Barbara will give Joyce Ellen a contact person from the Family Resource Centers so that it can be distributed there as well. If anyone is having events or meetings, and they would like copies, please contact Joyce Ellen. The survey is due no later than January 15, 2018.

## 6. California Community Transitions Program (CCT)

The Independent Living Resource Center has been the lead organization for Santa Barbara County for the past five years in the implementation of the California Community Transitions Program. This program removes individuals from skilled nursing facilities and brings them back to the community. Jenn stated that this program will end in December 2018 but ILRC plans to continue it after it ends.

Ed Medel, Transition Coordinator for the Independent Living Resource Center, currently leads the California Community Transitions Program. Ed mentioned that there are three basic requirements - to be Medi-Cal eligible, to have had a minimum stay of 90 continuous days in a skilled nursing facility and to be in need of similar services that could be obtained in the community after leaving the skilled nursing program. He added that the program will pay for the first month of rent, security deposit, utility connection, deposit fees and home furnishings. The cap is about \$7,500 for each individual. Ed meets with the individuals and helps them plan out what they will need to make their transition a success. Ed mentioned that he meets with landlords and works with them to find homes for these individuals.

Ed concluded by mentioning that the transitions must be completed by December of 2018 and the program will allow them to keep working with the individuals for an additional year to make sure that everything is going smoothly.

## 7. AAN Symposium 2018

- Timing
- Theme/topics

Barbara Finch asked the group if there was a certain time of the year that they felt would work best for everyone. The members stated that the following dates would **not** work:

- May – Elder Abuse Conference/Alzheimer’s Conference
- October – Senior Expo
- April – Child Abuse Prevention Month
- Stay away from winter/rainy months

The symposium will be further discussed in the new year.

## 8. Member Updates and Announcements

- Eloisa Chavez had the following announcements:
  - In partnership with the Central Coast Commission for Senior Citizens – Area Agency on Aging, the William Sansum Diabetes Center has added a Chronic Disease Self-Management program. It is a program to help seniors who have chronic conditions learn how to manage their condition and live life to the fullest.
  - They also have a mobile health station program and it is a free diabetes health screening program. Eloisa will send Gloria the electronic versions of the flyers.
- Georgene Lowe had the following announcements:
  - They will be doing health fair and screening events for preschoolers and their families. They will be in Isla Vista on Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup> at the Youth Center, October 10<sup>th</sup> in Lompoc at the Adult Ed Center and two events in Santa Maria in November 7 and 14.
  - Santa Maria Parks & Rec is doing a Youth and Family Resource Fair on September 28<sup>th</sup> and the Promotoras will be participating.
- Phylene Wiggins shared that the Santa Barbara Foundation is trying to work on regional strategies to support family caregivers and are currently working on getting surveys from organizations that are serving caregivers. They also have a survey to distribute to family caregivers. The data is being supported by AARP to help inform a larger picture of what is

going on with family caregiving. The organization survey is due by the end of the week and the caregiver survey is due by October 15<sup>th</sup>.

- Cheri Jasinski had the following announcements:
  - The SB-62 Affordable Senior Housing Act of 2017 has been filed in appropriations and they have had a difficult time finding a home for it in the Assembly. She added that they are in need of a lot of support and encouraged everyone to share the model from Rona Barrett's Golden Inn & Village because it is a model that can be replicated.
  - Currently, her group is working on a bill that would change the qualifications for Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) community college program directors and instructors. They need more people being able to teach these programs so that more people can get through the programs.
  - Their other focus is fall prevention. They are trying to change the nature of the California Seniors Special Fund to find other ways of funding needed programs.
- Barbara Finch announced that the AAN and the KIDS Network are co-sponsoring the Healthy Eating Active Living Summit on Thursday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Santa Ynez Valley Marriott. Their website is <http://www.livewellsbc.org/>

#### **9. Adjourn – Next meeting November 15, 2017**

The meeting adjourned at 4:33 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted by Gloria Munoz*