

RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT
MEMBER, COMMISSION ON AGING

DEFINITION

The Commission on Aging member is appointed by the Marin County Board of Supervisors or local City or Town Council to serve as one of the 21 voluntary advisors to the Board of Supervisors on issues affecting the elderly in Marin County. The Commission on Aging is a federally mandated advisory council to the Board of Supervisors, which serves as the policy-making board of the Area Agency on Aging within County government. The Commission on Aging is also designated by the State as the local long-term-care lead agency and project review body, and as the local Adult Day Health Care Planning Council.

SKILL LEVEL AND FUNCTION

Appointed Commissioners are expected to have an active interest in, and a willingness to, becoming knowledgeable about the needs and concerns of Marin's elderly residents, whether they live in their own homes or in institutions, and those caring for them in the communities where they live.

According to the statement of purpose in the By-Laws, the Commission shall:

1. Provide information about attitudes, needs and opinions of the elderly to the Board of Supervisors and the Area Agency on Aging staff;
2. Advise on the development and implementation of the Annual Area Plan in conformity with State and Federal regulations;
3. Serve as a forum and a strong advocate, providing leadership for the elderly;
4. Hold public meetings on the Area Plan on the needs and priorities of the elderly and recommend programs to the Board for funding;
5. Advise the Area Agency on Aging (Board of Supervisors) on allocations of funds and on legislation affecting policies pertinent to the elderly;
6. Serve as a source of community education pertaining to the needs and programs for the aging;
7. Consult and maintain contact with special groups which have responsibilities relating to the older American.

REQUIREMENTS OF MEMBERSHIP

1. Serve a three-year term;
2. Attend monthly meetings of the Commission. No member may be absent without a valid reason for more than three consecutive meetings;
3. Be willing to abide by Robert's Rules of Order;
4. Members, who receive compensation from or have a fiduciary interest in any program funded by the Area Agency on Aging, must abstain from voting on funding of that particular program;
5. Serve on at least one standing committee or task force which may meet monthly or more often, depending on need;
6. Be willing to participate with staff in annual contract review and monitoring of projects to assure efficient services to Marin's elderly;
7. If an appointee is a City or Town representative, a commitment must be made to report to the appointee's City or Town Council on an annual basis regarding the activities of the Commission.

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