

**Contra Costa County Advisory Council on Aging
Legislative Workgroup Minutes
Wednesday, January 23, 2019**

Call to Order: Shirley Krohn called the meeting to order at 9:30 am.

Present: Name and Organization representing

Shirley Krohn- ACOA member and Legislative WG chair

Ruth McCahan - ACOA member and Housing WG chair

Susan Frederick- ACOA President

Nancy Leasure- ACOA Health workgroup Member

Elaine Welch- Mobility Matters

Lenore McDonald- Center for Elders' Independence

Susannah Meyer- MOWDR

Lisa Hamon- Choice in Aging

Lorna VanAckeren- ACOA and Hillendale Home Care

Verna Haas- Contra Costa Senior Legal Services

John Cunningham – CCC Dept. of Conservation and Development

Zack Smith- Alzheimers Association

Nuru Neemachwala- ACOA Member

Jackie Winfield- Senior Nutrition Program

Lisa Hammon- Choice in Aging

Lia Bristol- Supervisor Mitchoff's representative

John Cunningham- CCC Dept. of Conservation and Development

Joanna Kim-Selby- ACOA Member

Staff: Anthony Macias

Introduction: Shirley spoke briefly on history of legislative advocacy within ACOA;

Lia Bristol and John Cunningham referred to BOS meeting of 1/22/2019 which included:

2019 PROPOSED STATE LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM

Protecting Aging Adults and Individuals with Disabilities

Contra Costa County has one of the highest concentrations of older adults in the country. Our dependency ratio (the number of working adults to those under 18

and over 65-years-old), will rise to a nearly one to one ratio by 2060. According to the California Elder Economic Security Index (a county-specific measure of the minimum income necessary to cover basic needs for retired older adults), the average senior in our county would need over double their Social Security payment in order to be self-sufficient. Over one in ten Contra Costa residents has a disability, many of whom live in poverty. Although in-home support services for these populations are among the fastest growing within Human Services, state funding for aging adults and individuals with disabilities was severely cut during the recession and continues to impact our ability to recruit and retain social workers and home care workers. These policy positions support legislation and initiatives that invest in services and supports for our rapidly growing elder population.

Description of "Adopt-a-Bill" process (handout/attachment sent with agenda):

This has been used in past;

It is responsibility of person or group who has vested interest in that particular legislation and recommended follow up and advocacy for bill or legislation;

Legislative workgroup will be a conduit for information sharing on particular legislation each person or group is vested in;

It is responsibilities of work groups tracking legislation around their topics

Legislative WG will Meet on 4th Weds of month through July due to legislative calendar

Schedule for future meetings - location and/or call in capability- call in phone number will be sent within agenda for meeting

Discussion and introduction of bills for the 2019 session (if any):

Susan- what bills can ACOA support? Would like specific outline as to what the council has ability to advocate and not step on the toes of the BOS. Per Lia Bristol referred to Lara Delaney as staff at BOS to contact for discussion about what can be coordinated with BOS.

Nuru and Shirley will also be meeting with Supervisor Karen Mitchoff to discuss role of ACOA and legislative advocacy.

What is the process of recommendation/advocacy of legislative to go to ACOA?
First to Executive committee, then to consent from ACOA general membership,
then letter/advocacy action to State representative.

The Alzheimer's Association is sponsoring AB 388 by Assemblywoman Monique Limon, which would authorize a pilot program through the California Department of Public Health, in which up to 8 counties can apply for competitive grants to conduct a dementia needs assessment, disseminate a county-wide early detection & diagnosis public awareness campaign, and collaborate with existing community stakeholders and leverage existing partnerships. There is a concurrent one-time general fund budget request of \$10 million to fund the bill.

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Public Comment – None

There were no Action Items to be forwarded to Executive Committee

11:30 Adjourn