

**CONTRA COSTA COUNTY
ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING
Minutes for February 16, 2022 Meeting**

ACOA MEMBERSHIP

Active Members = 34
Vacancies = 4
Pending = 2

Call to Order: Jim Donnelly, council President, called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.

Present:

Martin Aufhauser	Candace Evans	Brian O'Toole
Michelle Berman	Rudy Fernandez	Erin Partridge
Jagjit Bhambra	Eric Freitag	Penny Reed
Mary Bruns	Gail Garrett	Gerry Richards
Rhoda Butler	John Haberkorn	Sara Shafiabady
Deborah Card	Jill Kleiner	Terri Tobey
Kacey Carterelliott	Shirley Krohn	Lorna Van Ackeren
Jim Donnelly	Nancy Leasure	Michael Wener
Kevin Donovan	Steve Lipson	Dennis Yee
Jennifer Doran	Nuru Neemuchwalla	

Absent: Arthur Kee, Sutter Selleck, Frances Smith

Guests: Dale Harrington, Debbie Toth (Choice in Aging), Caitlin Sly (Meals on Wheels Diablo Region), Bill Pelter (Ability Now Bay Area), Zee Deleon (San Pablo Senior Center), Jody Iorns, Sakeara Hasani (of Mark DeSaulnier's office), Jen Quallick (Supervisor Andersen's office)

Staff Present: Ana Bagtas, Program Manager, Area Agency on Aging, Glenda Pacha and Anthony Macias

Roll Call: Anthony Macias conducted the roll call and noted 29 members present establishing a quorum.

Approval of Today's Agenda:

- Shirley Krohn made a motion to approve the agenda. Terri Tobey seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of January 2022 Minutes:

- Gerald Richards made a motion to approve the minutes. Nuru Neemuchwalla seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Members Introductions:

The following Council Members provided one-minute self-introductions.

Member-at-large – Nancy Leasure

Member-at-large- Jagjit Bhambra

Member-at-large- Brian O'Toole
Member-at-large – Michael Wener
Antioch representative – Rudy Fernandez
Clayton representative – Michelle Berman
Concord representative – John Haberkorn
Lafayette representative – Erin Partridge
Moraga representative – Martin Aufhauser
Oakley representative - Michael Rigsby
Orinda representative – Candace Evans
Pittsburg representative – Kacey Carterelliott
Pleasant Hill representative – Lorna Van Ackeren
Member-at-large - Dale Harrington

Regional Coalition Update – Debbie Toth

- Ten years ago, the SCAN Foundation funded a partnership to support long-term services and supports in the county.
- Currently working on local implementation of Master Plan for Aging (MPA).
- In addition to Debbie, ACOA members Shirley, Lorna, Jim are representatives to the Scan Foundation.
- Ana has done the lion's share of work to ensure MPA process moves forward.
- The Coalition is planning an event to continue to plan local activities and welcomes participation from ACOA members in their activities.

Area Agency on Aging (AAA) Program Manager's Report – Ana Bagtas, AAA Program Manager

- Received contract from the California Department of Aging (CDA) last week for amendment #3, which includes \$213,000 for One-time-only (OTO) funds and \$3.8 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).
- Fiscal monitoring by CDA scheduled for March.
- CDA program monitoring of the AAA is still on schedule to begin June 13.
- CalFresh Healthy Living monitoring is scheduled for June 28.
- Master Plan for Aging (MPA) work plan for Measure X funding submitted to the County Administrator's Office. Three areas of focus of the work plan are planning, capacity building (includes support for direct funding of services for community-based agencies), and evaluation of Contra Costa's MPA implementation efforts.
- The Implementing the Master Plan for aging in California Together (IMPACT) Steering Committee will be establishing subcommittees soon. Recruitment of subcommittee members will follow.
- New HICAP Manager began this month and new AAA staff member to begin on March 1.

Committee and Work Group Reports:

Membership Committee – Jill Kleiner

- The City of Martinez appointed Jody Iorns to be their representative on the Council. This appointment is pending Board of Supervisors approval.
- The committee has updated the new member Buddy Program process.

- Current vacancies: El Cerrito, Pinole, San Pablo, San Ramon and Senior Nutrition Program representatives.

Planning Committee – Kevin Donovan

- This month's Planning Committee meeting focused on the AAA Annual Plan Update goals and objectives. The proposed changes reflected the goal of making sure the objectives employed SMART (specific, measurable, achievable, relevant and time bound) criteria in their presentation.

Health Workgroup– Jennifer Doran

- Final draft of Long-term care information flyer completed.
- Will work on the final version of flyer next month.
- Workgroup is reviewing and discussing future projects.

Senior Mobility Action Council (SMAC) Transportation Workgroup- Mary Bruns

- Tim Haile, Executive Director of the Contra Costa Transportation Authority will speak at the workgroup meeting on February 28, 2022.
- Rashida Kamara, from the County Connection LINK program presented last month.
- Contra Costa transportation agencies are coordinating funding requests for the 5310 Federal Transportation grant application.
- Asked individuals interested in being an advocate for accessible transportation to join SMAC. Meetings occur on the fourth Monday of the month from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Housing Workgroup – Gerald Richards

- Ana presented a comprehensive overview of the MPA IMPACT Committee.
- Mariana Moore of Ensuring Opportunity provided a detailed update on Measure X funding.
- Representative from Contra Costa Health Services presented on the California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM).

Technology Workgroup – Steve Lipson

- Talked about Virtual Reality Programs for seniors and caregivers.
- Kacey Carterelliott will assist with connecting East County seniors to the CHAT program.
- Erin Partridge presented information on the role of Internet Connected Technology (ICT) positively and negatively affects older adults.
- Steve presented information on how access or non-access to broadband is a superdeterminant to health outcomes.

Legislative Workgroup – Shirley Krohn

- Discussed legislative proposals by California Senior Legislature (CSL).
- Most are health related and Health Workgroup to review them.
- The workgroup meets February through July only.

ACOA President's Report – Jim Donnelly

- Announcement of Public Hearing for AAA Area Plan Update 2022-2023 at March 16 ACOA meeting. The Public Hearing will begin at 9:30am and then the Council will have their meeting at 10:30 after public hearing.
- Nominations to the California Senior Legislature (CSL) are now open and Contra Costa County has three seats. Council members Shirley Krohn and Lorna Van Ackeren are current members of the CSL. They will reapply for their seats. There is one vacancy to fill.
- Anthony will send documents to ACOA members on how to apply for CSL seats
- Consent Item: Appoint Dale Harrington to member-at-large (MAL) seat #13. Erin Partridge made a motion to approve Dale Harrington to MAL #13. Gerry Richards seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Presentation: California Senior Legislature (CSL) – Shirley Krohn

- PDF of PowerPoint presentation attached.

Public Comment

- Shirley - Senior Rally Day scheduled on May 3, 2022.
- Nuru – AARP volunteers will visit with State legislators on Feb 22 to gain support of bills affecting seniors (medical issues, housing, utilities, nursing homes long-term care and supports services).

Next ACOA Meeting is on Wednesday, March 16, 2022.

Jim adjourned the meeting at 11:25 am.