

**Contra Costa County Advisory Council on Aging (ACOA)
Senior Mobility Action Council (SMAC) Workgroup
Tuesday, February 21, 2023 • 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.**

Call to Order: Jim Donnelly called the meeting to order at 9:32 am.

Present: Rashidi Barnes, Steve Cox, Jim Donnelly, Kevin Donovan, Candace Evans, Riki Juster, Rosa Noya, Joanna Pallock, DeAnna Perry, Drennen Shelton, Debbie Toth
Staff: Glenda Pacha

Approval of Agenda/Minutes -

- Approve Today's Agenda – Kevin Donovan made a motion to approve the agenda. Joanna Pollack seconded the motion. The agenda was approved unanimously.
- Approve January minutes – Kevin Donovan made a motion to approve the minutes. Rosa Noya seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

COVID Updates -

- Due to the end of the state of emergency, in person meetings return starting next month. Stand by for further information.

Accessible Transportation Bill (AB 540) Social Service Transportation Improvement Act:
Coordinated Transportation Services Agencies

- Discussion of the bill and how best to support it
- ECCTA/County Connection/WestCAT are all in favor of the bill
- Suggest ACOA/SMAC send a Thank You letter to Assembly Member Wicks for her support of the bill
- Suggest ACOA/SMAC ACOA Letter of Support to Assembly /Senate Transportation Committees, Legislative Leadership, local Assembly Members and Senators, Governor's Senior Advisor on Aging Disability and Alzheimers (Kim McCoy Wade)
- Debbie/Jim/John Cunningham will draft key points by March 10

Program Updates and Announcements -

- Debbie gave background on the [Disability and Aging Community Living Advisory Committee \(DACLAC\)](#):
 - to advance community living, inclusion, and integration across California. California is committed to community living for all, rooted in both the Olmstead Supreme Court decision of 1999 and in California's values of inclusion, access, and equity.
 - In addition, the Committee will ensure the involvement of individuals with physical and intellectual disabilities, older adults, and/or other partners who provide services or represent consumers.
 - The Committee will advise the California Health & Human Services Agency (CalHHS), in addition to other state entities, on community living policies and programs, including but not limited to long-term services and supports, transportation and housing, and employment opportunities.

- **Choice in Aging** - applying for Measure X funding for transportation funding for shopping program
- **County Connection** - struggling with going back to in-person meetings, launched travel training, ridership trending up, introduced sedans into their fleet
- **Tri Delta Transit** – MedVan service (42 patients) transferring from MediCal to Contra Costa Health Plan (CCHP) so they have to transition payment/billing process to CCHP
- **Lamorinda Spirit** – training new staff mandated reporting, and driver training available to other staff – March 13
- **Mobility Matters** – hiring another driver, storm damage to their office facility so they are working remotely. Possibility of needing to relocate in the near future.
- **West Contra Costa Transportation Advisory Committee (WCCTAC)** – in talks to bring non-ADA residents to medical facilities in Martinez/Alameda County – thanks to Debbie for keeping this issue in the forefront
- The **Master Plan for Aging's** Aging and Long-Term Care Committee meets today at 3 pm

Advisory Council on Aging Updates -

- Area Agency on Aging's Annual Plan Update will be presented at the Advisory Council on Aging's meeting on March 15.
- The March ACOA Meeting also includes a public hearing on the AAA annual update to their 4 year plan.

Public Comment -

- None

Next Meeting -

- Tuesday, March 21, 2023

Future SMAC Presentations/Agenda Items -

- Sharing info from Danville Transportation Survey
- Letters of support AB 540
- Debbie will invite Wicks representative
- SMAC Glossary

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 am.