

**Contra Costa County Advisory Council on Aging
Technology Group Minutes
Wednesday, March 8, 2023**

Call to Order: Steve Lipson called the meeting to order at 1:35 pm.

Present: Jill Kleiner, George Lee, Steve Lipson, Sam Sakai-Miller
Guest: Cate Burkhart, Jim Donnelly, Penny Reed
Staff: Jenny Lam

Approval of Agenda/Minutes

- Approval of Today's Agenda: Jill made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. George seconded the motion. Agenda was approved unanimously.
- Approve February 2023 minutes: Jill made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. George seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Public Comments

- Kevin resigned as Planning Committee Chair and will now become Chair of Housing Workgroup

Post Pandemic Transition to In-Person Meeting: Group Discussion

- ACOA possibly shifting 9:30 am meetings to 10:00 am based on survey that will be sent to all ACOA members
- In person meetings tough for individuals with disabilities or individuals in West County
- Commute may be an issue for some who do not have transportation or are unable to drive and parking may be an issue for those with disabilities or mobility issues
- Sam suggested having both in person and virtual meetings

Website Update: - Steve Lipson

- Limiting listing to current providers/contractors may not be helpful enough to seniors
- Producing unaffiliated site independent of the ACOA may be an effective alternative

Bay Area Digital Inclusion Coalition Update – Steve Lipson

- Various counties are concerned about the Brown Act attendance issues and are speaking to their Boards of Supervisors regarding in person meetings

CHAT/ATT/Measure X Update – Jenny Lam

- CHAT units are slowly being distributed with many barriers, such as survey requirements and inability to reach interested individuals
- Access to Technology
 - AAA contracts are currently being drafted for Senior Centers
 - Will work on developing technology training RFP and iPad distribution process
- Measure X RFP

- Review panel has been formed
- Met on 3/8/2023 to orient reviewers to various bid packet items
- Will send out bid packets on 3/10/2023
- Meeting with review panel to discuss scoring on 3/22/2023

Technology, Elder Education and Public Health– Steve Lipson

- Adult Education funding has decreased since 2008 and Elder Education has been cut completely
- Essential tech training programs have been eliminated for older adults and will limit older adult's ability to connect to TeleHealth appointments, transportation, etc.

Tech Corner A Look at Midjourney – Creative AI: Steve Lipson

- Midjourney - independent online platform that creates images from text descriptions
- Creator, David Holz is keeping the site independent and is not accepting venture capital

Items for Next Meeting:

- Elder Education
- In person meeting status
- Midjourney

Future Meetings:

- Next meeting: April 12, 2023

The meeting adjourned at 3:35 pm.