

**Contra Costa County Advisory Council on Aging
Technology Group Minutes
Wednesday, May 10th, 2023**

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

Present (virtual): Cate Burkhart, Jim Donnelly, Sam Sakai-Miller, George Lee, Steve Lipson, Erin Partridge

Staff: @conference

Approval of Agenda/Minutes

- Approval of Today's Agenda: Sam made a motion to approve the agenda. Jim seconded the motion. Agenda was approved unanimously.
- Sam asks for addition of "Web" to electronic resources and an in process AI policy from Dominican College report. Jim made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected. George seconded the motion. The corrected minutes were unanimously approved.

Tech Corner - AI Update

- Erin reported on the AI in process report from Dominican College for faculty and staff as they begin to try to formalize and codify how AI can and can't be used by students. They began using "turn it in" software to detect and identify AI generated papers except it seems to identify original work as AI generated as well.
- George mentions Geoffrey Hinton from Google speaking out to regulate AI and George's own experiments with ChatGPT and was very impressed.
- Erin mentions Sporkhole podcast and voice generation in AI.

Senior Rally Day Report

Jim reports out that the event was uneventful but it gave participants the opportunity to express support for older adults. Senior Rally Day also allowed legislators to talk about how they support older adults and issues relevant to older adults.

Measure X/ATT Grant/ Update

The group discussed that participating organizations and the county have to deal with changing requirements for the grants and that the time frame for disbursement has been compressed for the ATT grant. The problems are compounded by (lack of) staffing in the county. The county is currently juggling technology resources from the grants and has numerous iPads, for example, but lacks the mechanisms for distribution. Service organizations for the ATT grant have less than 6 months to meet the requirements of the grant.

Sam suggests building a template for the recipients of these types of grants so that they will be able to accommodate them when they receive resources. If the work group - or the county - puts together this kind of document, service organizations will be better prepared for success.

George suggests using an A.I model to assist in the creation of such a template.

Web/Electronic Resources Important for Older Adults

The group discussed resources and websites relevant to older adults. They include organizations (and associated resources) that contract with the county and those that don't. The work group will be able to present these to the county. The county can determine what, if any, resources they want to include on the county website. Sam has set up a website where anyone can suggest a resource. (cocoelders411.net)

Brown Act and Attendance Issues Discussion: Pending Legislative Solutions

Jim mentions upcoming Advisory Councils of California and everyone is working on this

- AB 817 promised a reset back to teleconferencing options - - it got tabled.
- AB544 — This is a Bagley Keene bill which is state wide and doesn't address the Brown Act
- SB411: A local bill that applies only to LA County local councils — it is proceeding.
- AB2449 - Is the current bill that says you can only attend two meetings online - that's what is in effect.

If a bill passes it goes into effect in January 1, 2024. If anything is proposed as an urgency statute, that goes into effect immediately, but an urgency statute requires a 2/3 vote and if it doesn't get 2/3 it is tabled until the next year.

Steve wrote an individual letter to the ACLU with cc's to Choice in Aging, Justice in Aging, and Disability Rights California identifying the current policy as discriminatory towards older adults, the disabled, caregivers, and the poor. He hasn't received a reply yet.

Tech Training, Older Adult Education, and Public Health: Resource Discussion

- In 2009 the State de-funded older adult education.
- Older adults have **minimal** access to technology training and their digital literacy suffers.

The group discussed ways to reanimate older adult education programs throughout the county. The conversation focused on how the state education budget no longer supports older adult education and ways that gap could be filled, specifically redefining older adult education as a public health issue. These are programs separate and apart from courses/classes that may be offered through city-based senior centers.

Items for Next Meeting:

Erin mentions a projected Lafayette and Lamorinda Village Takeover — more to come
The meeting adjourned at 3:34 pm.