



Contra Costa County
Advisory Council on Aging
Legislative Workgroup

MINUTES
Second Tuesday
May 11, 2021
9:30 to 11:30

Join Zoom link:

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- I. Welcome and Announcements – Shirley Krohn, Chair called the meeting to order at 9:32am.
- II. Attendance – ACOA Members in Bold:
Shirley Krohn, Jagjit Bhambra, Jim Donnelly, Candace Evans, **Megan Cacey, Nancy Leasure, Steve Lipson**, Lenore McDonald, and **Debbie Toth**.
- III. Approve Today's Agenda
Motion by Jagjit, second by Nancy to accept today's agenda; Vote unanimous.
- IV. Approve March 9, 2021 and April 13, 2021 Legislative Workgroup Minutes.
Motion by Candace, second by Megan to approve March and April Minutes; Vote unanimous.
- V. Legislative Workgroup membership
We are revising the Workgroup Membership list and ask members to let us know that they will not be attending or ask if they want to remain on the mailing list and continue receiving agendas.
- VI. Legislation update from last meeting
 - A. Nancy reported that the Health Workgroup is following four bills:

AB 323 Log-term care facilities: Accountability:
Updates long-term-care facility penalties and standards for negligent care to safeguard residents. Passed the Health and Appropriations committees. Has been read the second time and ordered to the third reading. Letter written from the Health work group approved by the Executive Committee and placed on the consent calendar for the next general ACOA meeting. See also remarks in paragraph D. below.

SB 56 Health4All Seniors: Medi-Cal for immigrants:
Placed in the Appropriations Committee suspense file on March 22. Letter written from the Health work group approved by the Executive Committee and placed on the consent calendar for the next general ACOA meeting.

SB 107 Easy Access to CalFresh:
Simplified CalFresh application; allows benefit application by phone. To be "watched" by the Health work group.

SB 281 California community transitions:
helps people transition from nursing homes to their own homes. Passed the Appropriations Committee. Read the second time and ordered to the consent calendar. To be "watched" by the Health work group.

- B. SB 8 Housing Crisis Act of 2019:
Lenore reported that the Housing Workgroup is looking at SB 8.
- C. SB 675 Property Taxation Monthly Installment Payments:
Has been re-referred to the Committee on Government and Finance.
- D. Debbie is tracking all bills that Cal Advocates for Nursing Home Reform (CANHR) supports and any that are inclusive of the Master Plan on Aging (MPA).

AB 279 Intermediate care facilities and skilled nursing facilities: COVID-19.
This bill would prohibit the owner of an ICF or SNF from ceasing to deliver or making significant changes to the nature of residential care services, or from transferring a resident to another facility, during any declared state of emergency relating to the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), except if the owner files for bankruptcy.

AB 1502 Freestanding Skilled Nursing Facilities
Would reform ownership and management of skilled nursing facilities by establishing suitability standards for persons and entities seeking to own, operate, or manage skilled nursing facilities in California and directing the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) to thoroughly screen all applicants and related parties.

SB 650 Skilled Nursing Facilities
This bill would require an organization that operates, conducts, owns, manages, or maintains a skilled nursing facility or facilities to prepare and file with the office an annual consolidated financial report that includes data from all operating entities, license holders, and related parties in which the organization has an ownership or control interest of 5% or more and that provides any service, facility, or supply to the skilled nursing facility. The bill would also require management companies and property companies that are not related by ownership or control to one of those organizations, but that contract with, or have entered into leases with, one of those organizations, to file an annual consolidated financial report. The bill would require the office to post those reports and related documents to its internet website.

AB 323 Log-term care facilities: Accountability: This bill would redefine a class “AA” violation as a class “A” violation that the department determines to have been a substantial factor, as described, in the death of a resident of a long-term health care facility. The bill would increase the civil penalties for a class “A,” “AA,” or “B” violation by a skilled nursing facility or intermediate care facility, as specified. The bill would delete numerous references to the “patients” of a long-term health care facility. See also remarks in paragraph A. above.

AB 749 Skilled Nursing Facilities: medical director certification

This bill would prohibit a skilled nursing facility from contracting with a person as a medical director if the person is not, or will not be within 5 years, certified by the American Board of Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medicine as a Certified Medical Director. By expanding the scope of an existing crime, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

AB 849 Skilled Nursing Facilities: intermediate care facilities: liability:

This bill would make the licensee liable for up to \$500 per violation.

AB1042 Skilled nursing facilities: unpaid penalties: related parties (Accountability)

Establishes shared liability for entities that share ownership or control of nursing homes. Related parties will be liable for unpaid state monetary penalties for citations and unpaid Quality Assurance Fees.

VII. Senior Rally Day 2021 Update.

Shirley stated it was a pretty incredible experience conducted virtually where in the past it has been held on the lawn at the State Capital. All of the legislators had promised to speak about the Master Plan for Aging at the afternoon visits. The next day was Coalition Advocacy Day. Shirley used the opportunity to advocate for AB383 with Assembly Member Rudy Salas from Bakersfield.

VIII. Public Comment

Debbie Toth asked about the purview of this committee; is it State as well as local? The Measure X Advisory Committee is meeting tomorrow night Wednesday 5/12 at 5pm.. Measure X is the half cent sales tax that passed in November 2020 and the topic will be Aging, Disability, and Veteran’s services. Caitlyn Sly (MOWDR), Nicole (Ombudsman of Contra Costa County), and Tracy Murray (CCC EHSD Aging & Adult Service Bureau Director) are going to speak to services and programs for seniors. Debbie would like individuals to show to be a voice and advocate for the disabled. The Measure X money is an ongoing process that will continue for the next 20 years.

IX. Adjournment at 10:23am

Minutes recorded by:

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NEXT MEETINGS – Second Tuesday of each month:

Tuesday June 08, 2021 at 9:30am

Tuesday July 13, 2021 at 9:30am

Tuesday August 10, 2021 at 9:30am

(recesses September to December)

The ACOA meets currently on Zoom on the third Wednesday of the month from 9:30am to 11:30am and recesses in July, and November. Work Group and Committees: SMAC, Elder Abuse Prevention, Health, Housing, Legislative, Membership, Nutrition, Planning, and Technology.

The Contra Costa County Advisory Council on Aging and its committees will provide reasonable accommodations for persons with disability planning to attend the above noticed meeting if the call 925-602-4172 and ask for Anthony Macias at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting.

Contra Costa County Advisory Council on Aging members are appointed by the Board of Supervisors to advise the Area Agency on Aging on all matters related to the development and administration of the annual Area Agency Plan and operations conducted thereunder, in accordance with mandates from the Older Americans Act. Any comments or recommendations made by the council or its individual members do not represent the official position of the County or any of its officers.