

**Contra Costa County Advisory Council on Aging  
Technology Group Minutes  
Wednesday, June 8, 2022**

**Call to Order:** Steve Lipson called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm. Meeting conducted using the Zoom meeting platform.

**Present:** Steve Lipson, Kevin Donovan, Jim Donnelly, Penny Reed, Jill Kleiner, Erin Partridge, Sam Sakai-Miller, Candace Evans, Priya Raju

**Absent:** Kacey Carter-Elliott

**Staff:** Anthony Macias

**Approval of Agenda/Minutes**

- Approval of Today's Agenda – Jim made a motion to approve the agenda. Candace seconded the motion. Agenda was approved unanimously.
- Approve May 2022 minutes – Jim made a motion to approve the minutes. Kevin seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

**Technology Corner** – Steve Lipson

- Various music and art applications can open up other areas of interest (music, art) for older adults to start using technology. Older adults can use simple applications on the web to be creative.

**ACOA Website/ Workgroup Outreach Plan** – Steve Lipson

- Steve will forward ACOA Website Questionnaire in order for him to send to workgroup members. Technology workgroup liaisons will assist workgroup chairs with the questionnaire.
- Objective is to keep workgroup chairs engaged in the process for providing content/resources for website.

**Bay Area Digital Inclusion Coalition/ Association of Bay Area Governments Update** – Kevin Donovan

- The Access to Technology (ATT) grant program was discussed at the Bay Area Digital Inclusion Coalition. The purpose of this program is to provide grants directly to county human services agencies that opt-in to participate in the pilot program, to increase access to technology for older adults and adults with disabilities to help reduce isolation, increase connections, and enhance self-confidence.
- Proposed ATT grant program funding allocation is \$1,449,700 for Contra Costa County.

**Center for Information Technology Research in the Interest of Society (CITRIS)/Banatao Institute Lighthouse Program** – Steve Lipson

- Center for Information Technology Research in the Interest of Society (CITRI and the Banatao Institute is a University of California research center focused on creating IT solutions that generate social and economic benefits for everyone.

- “Lighthouse for Older Adults” (Lighthouse), a public-private initiative to pilot access to telehealth and internet services to low-income seniors launched by CITRIS.
- Lighthouse aims to equip older adult residents of affordable housing communities with internet access, telehealth tools, and digital literacy skills they need to access information, health care services, and social connections.

#### **Future Presentations** – Discussion

- Workgroup discussed inviting presenters to meetings who have successfully implemented programs for older adults and technology.
- Recommendations of who to invite included CITRIS, Contra Costa County Emergency Services, Justin Lola from Center for Elder Independence (CEI), AAA providers/contractors who use technology.
- Erin will reach out to Labrador Systems, who develop assistive robots.

#### **Action Items for Executive Committee**

- None

#### **Public Comments**

- None.

#### **Future Meetings:**

- Next meeting: August 10, 2022

The meeting adjourned at 3:00pm.