

**Contra Costa County Advisory Council on Aging
Technology Group Minutes
Wednesday, June 9, 2021**

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, Erin Partridge, Jim Donnelly, Sam Sakai-Miller, Sara Shafiabady, Candace Evans, Gail Garrett, Jill Kleiner,

Absent: Penny Reed (LOA)

Staff: Anthony Macias

Approval of Agenda/Minutes

- Approval of Today's Agenda – Kevin motioned to approve; Jill motioned second; agenda approved by all present.
- Approve May 2021 minutes- Jim moved to approve minutes as amended; K motioned second; approved as amended by all.

Announcements: Jim reminded members to register for MPA/ACOA/SCAN event on June 24.

Public Comment: None.

Technology Corner: Steve Lipson

- The digital divide: Rural vs. Urban
<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/06/01/business/rural-urban-broadband-biden.html>
- Government approach to “electrify” the grid for connections to the internet, especially to rural communities. Resources to be allocated for high-density populations (urban).
- Discussion: Returning to Work: Brown Act/Adjustments/Legislation AB's 339, 703, 361
<https://www.bbklaw.com/news-events/insights/2021/legal-alerts/03/are-virtual-public-meetings-here-to-stay>
 - Article laid out the three assembly bills for use of virtual technology at public meetings:
 - Assembly Bill 361 – Virtual Meetings for Declared Emergencies Only; Allow virtual meetings with newer, streamlined procedures, but only if the purpose of the meeting is to declare a local emergency or if the meeting occurs during a period of a declared local emergency. This means most teleconferencing after the pandemic would likely need to occur under existing Brown Act rules.
 - Assembly Bill 703 Continues Option for Virtual Meetings; Codify the Executive Order's virtual meeting opportunities, is the bill that many public officials considered a likely outcome of this year. It allows for virtual meetings indefinitely and permanently removes the existing Brown Act rules limiting virtual meetings or requiring public attendance at various physical locations.

- Assembly Bill 339 – Mandatory Virtual Meetings with Translation Services; Many local governing bodies will likely resume in-person meetings post-pandemic. AB 361 and AB 703, if passed, will provide the option for public boards to hold virtual meetings. AB 339, on the other hand, goes a step further; it will require public boards to continue to provide virtual access for the public, even if all of the board or council members attend in-person.
- Kevin- commented on a subsidy for internet connection; eligible people will receive a \$50 credit on broadband monthly service bill.
- Sam- commented that Comcast/ATT has a \$10 internet for all program.

ACOA Website Review/Revisions/Google Form + Moving Data to Website

- Sam will be the person who will initially be entering the information to the website from the submissions on the Google form.
- She will use a Save-as-doc app to create this for the website.
- Sam shared screen to demonstrate her process.

Website Content Pilot: Center for Elders Independence

- Dry run with Justin to enter information into the Google document for uploading information onto the website;
- Found a couple of bugs; issue with entering URL, only takes email address.
- Graduation from their first cohort of students who went through CEI tech 8-week training program.

Action Items for Executive Committee:

- None

Future Meetings:

- New business for next meeting: August 11, 2021
- Erin to present at next meeting

The meeting adjourned at 3:30pm.