

**Contra Costa County Advisory Council on Aging  
Technology Group Minutes  
Wednesday, June 14, 2023**

Call to Order: Steve Lipson called the meeting to order at 1:34 pm.

Present (in-person)	Jill Kleiner, Steve Lipson, Sam Sakai-Miller
Virtual (Just Cause)	
Virtual (Emergency)	
Virtual	Cate Burkhart, Jim Donnelly, Candace Evans, Justin Lola, Erin Partridge
Absent	
Leave of Absence	
AAA Staff	Glenda Pacha

**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.
- Sam made a motion to approve the minutes. Cate seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

**Public Comment:**

- None.

**Tech Corner:**

- New AARP Scam and Storage Scam
  - There is a new scam with an AARP email which wants you to click on a link.
  - Another Scam is the “Storage Scam”. The message tells you that you’re out of storage.
- Artificial Intelligence (AI) Updates
  - Today the European Union has come up with a framework for AI regulation. In response, the CEO of Open AI said they will just remove themselves from EU.
- California Senior Legislature (CSL) AI Legislation
  - Preliminary legislative proposals are being submitted, including a Brown Act proposal
- Chat GPT 3.5 vs. 4.0
  - Chat GPT 3.5 is free while ChatGPT 4.0 which has faster, fuller response is \$20/month.
- Erin reported that podcast “Science vs” has a recent episode AI with lots of great information.
- Justin reported that are email attacks (which include malware) coming from known vendors.
- “AI Voice” can generate an audio message sounding like your voice. This being used in very scary ways.

**Legislative Report:**

- SB 411 is proceeding, local to LA county. The bill allows local councils to follow pre-pandemic Brown Act rules.
- AB 817 is tabled. Opposed by ACLU. If it returns, it won't be until 2025.
- Steve and Shirley Krohn are proposing legislation/framework to California Senior Legislature that allows commissions/councils/committees that are strictly advisory in nature (no financial or policy decision making) to return to COVID Brown Act rules.
- It is not being presented as an urgency statute.
- Discussion of insufficient services for visually impaired.

#### **Bay Area Digital Inclusion Coalition (BADIC) Updates Report:**

- A small group met and all counties are reporting on Brown Act access issues.

#### **ATT/CHAT/Measure X/-follow up funding/RFI 767:**

- Access to Technology (ATT) – funds still not out but organizations are being notified. Deadline has not been extended past Jan 1, 2024. The RFI 767 for training issued, but timing, due to the January 2024 end date, is difficult.
- Connections, Health, Aging & Technology (CHAT) – at last Executive Committee meeting, Ana reported CHAT program open to everyone. Ipads with service plans (valid to end of year) are available older adults should contact the county. Nhang is handling the program and ipads are only available to housing authority. Now being disbursed to Mira Flores and other housing centers.
- Measure X – contracts are being negotiated for RFPs.

#### **Web Resources for Older Adults Discussion:**

- Steve has resources that he will share with Sam (Disability Rights California, Elder Justice, etc.). Information about activities: hikes, swimming, etc.
- Sam reviewed [www.cocoelders411.net](http://www.cocoelders411.net) She shared the how to share information (form button on right side of screen).

#### **Report on Broadband for All – Dept. of Technology Conference:**

- Broadband Equity Access and Deployment (BEAD) conference in Oakland. How are broadband resources going to be deployed on a statewide level? Presentations on lived experience to inform participants. Attendees include major corporate providers (Comcast, Sonic, etc.).

#### **Discussion: Surgeon General Vivek Murthy's report – "Our Epidemic of Loneliness & Isolation":**

- Loneliness/isolation can lead to anxiety, depression, heart disease, cognitive decline.
- Technology can alleviate loneliness/isolation or make it worse.
- "Together: The Healing Power of Human Connection in a Sometimes Lonely World" is the book written by Dr. Murthy which accompanies the report.

#### **Future Meetings:**

- no July Meeting
- Next meeting: Wednesday, August 9, 2023

The meeting adjourned at 3:20 pm.