

**Contra Costa County
Advisory Council on Aging
Minutes for June 21, 2023 Meeting**

Call to Order: Jill Kleiner, President, called the meeting to order at 10:03. She led the group in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Jill introduced new members Marilyn Fowler, City of Concord & Michelle Hayes, MAL #3.

Present (in-person)	Martin Aufhauser, Mike Awadalla, Swamini Bajpai, Michelle Berman, Jagjit Bhambra, Cate Burkhardt, Deborah Card, James Donnelly, Kevin Donovan, Jennifer Doran, Candace Evans, Marilyn Fowler, Jody Iorns, Carol Kehoe, Jill Kleiner, Steve Lipson, Nuru Neemchwalla, Brian O’Toole, Sam Sakai-Miller, Lorna Van Ackeren, Michael Wener, Dennis Yee
Virtual (Just Cause)	Sara Shafiabady
Virtual (Emergency)	
Virtual	Erin Partridge, Michael Rigsby
Absent	Kacey Carterelliot, Rudy Fernandez, Michelle Hayes, Shirley Krohn, Thomas Lang, George Lee, Ramapriya Raju
Leave of Absence	Mary Bruns, Terri Tobey
Guests	Caitlin Sly - Meals on Wheels Diablo Region Debbie Toth - Choice in Aging Melody Saint-Saens, Claudia Gonzalez, Oravanh Thammassen – Alliance to End Abuse Susannah Meyer – Empowered Aging
AAA Staff	Ana Bagtas, Glenda Pacha

Roll Call: Candace Evans conducted the roll call and noted 22 members present which established a quorum.

Approval of Agendas:

- Jim made a motion to approve the May 17, 2023 and the June 21, 2023 agendas. Mike W. seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes:

- April 2023 - Jennifer made a motion to approve the April 2023 minutes. Jagjit seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.
- May 2023 – Brian O’Toole was in attendance and Jennifer Doran was not in attendance. Jagjit made a motion to approve the May 2023 minutes as corrected. Michelle Berman seconded the motion. The corrected minutes were approved unanimously.

Area Agency on Aging (AAA) Program Manager’s Report – Ana Bagtas, AAA Program Manager

- Thank you to those members who helped review RFPs.
- IMPACCT (Implementing the Master Plan for Aging in Contra Costa Together) committee working with Collaborative Consulting (CC).
- CC will make a presentation at the next Providers Network meeting. Contact Glenda if you want link to that meeting.

- Staffing – AAA continues to be short staffed, Temporary Upgrade (TU) published soon. Bringing on Senior Nutrition staff on July 1st, David, will stay with the Health Department. His position is critical. Another Senior Staff Assistant will backfill while we figure out how to fill his position. The clerical position is being worked on also.
- Tracy Murray, Director of Aging and Adult Services is transitioning to the Workforce Services Bureau within Employment and Human Services Department (EHSD). Carolyn Foudy (currently Deputy Director of Aging and Adult Services) will serve as Interim Director until a new person is hired.
- Question about Brown Act training – Ana has no information about the training. Direct your questions to County Counsel.

Presentation: Alliance to End Abuse, Claudia Gonzalez & Melody Saint-Saens

- See attached slides

Committee and Work Group Reports:

Membership Committee – Jagjit Bhambra

- An orientation for new ACOA members was held on April 10th. The next orientation is scheduled for Tuesday, 8/8 from 12:30-2 pm.
- Working to renew the ACOA seats that expire on 9/30/2023. Thank you to Marty and Nuru for their service.
- The following Buddies have been assigned to our new members:

New Member	Buddy
Marilyn Fowler	Michelle Berman
Michelle Hayes	Steve Lipson
Cate Burkhardt	Candace Evans
Thomas Lang	Jagjit Bhambra

Planning Committee – Michelle Berman

- Members assisted with Title III E Family Caregivers Support Program RFP review.
- The Committee continues discussion about Needs Assessment for 2024-2028 Area Plan. CDA (California Dept. of Aging) survey + focus groups will be used to gather data. The focus groups will be designed to reach the seniors with the greatest need. We need the help of ACOA members to conduct the focus groups.

Health Workgroup – Jennifer Doran

- At the last meeting, the Order of Malta (health clinic in Oakland but serve Contra Costa) made a presentation. They serve 100-150 residents (mainly from eastern part of the county and undocumented) per year. They have specialist services.
- HICAP presentation in August.
- Next week, a workshop about Elder Abuse Prevention/Scams will be held at San Pablo Senior Center.
- Still working on Aging in Place brochure.

Housing Workgroup- Kevin Donovan

- On Jan.25, the County completed its annual Point in Time survey of documented people experiencing homelessness. Preliminary results reflect 2,372 people were homeless which represents a 4% increase over the 2020 Point in Time homeless count of 2,277. The full report is expected to be completed by the end of June.

Legislative Workgroup – Steve Lipson for Shirley Krohn

- 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.

Technology Workgroup – Steve Lipson

- New developments in AI.
- Latest scams.
- Brown Act attendance discussion.
- RFI for tech training.
- Online resources for adults.

Senior Mobility Action Council (SMAC) Transportation Workgroup- Jim Donnelly

- Reviewed Disability and Aging Community Living Advisory Committee (DACLAC) committee information about barriers for the visually impaired.
- Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) is working to develop what bus stops should look like.
- SMAC working to develop Lessons Learned during pandemic and how it affected transportation providers.
- Please join us! We want to “drive” into the future.

Nutrition Task Force – Jim Donnelly

- Jim is proposing a Senior Nutrition Advisory Council – to provide oversight, develop policies/procedures for the Senior Nutrition the program. We also need to develop documentation for approval by the Board of Supervisors. Let Jim/Glenda know if you are interested.

ACOA President’s Report – Jill Kleiner

- Reminder of Attendance Requirement

Jill reminded the ACOA members that membership requirements include attending the monthly general meeting. Members are allowed to miss up to 3 general meetings a year without jeopardizing their membership.

Please note, that if you are not present at the meeting you will be counted as absent (even if you attend virtually) unless you have an approved leave of absence or permission for “emergency” or “just cause” remote attendance.

While this is our current understanding, we'll verify this and learn more at the 6/28 1pm zoom meeting on Updated Brown Act Rules on in-person meetings with county counsel. If you can, please attend the 6/28 meeting.

- Report from TACC meeting
TACC (triple A council of CA) last meeting was held 5/1. There are 33 public service areas (PSAs) that attend and TACC meetings are held 4 times a year. At the May meeting, presentations were from Charlotte Dickinson on Village Movement CA: Building Intergeneration Communities of Care and from Dustin Plotkin, from Oliver Wyman, on AB 567 feasibility report (AB567 is for statewide long term care insurance program - so far 2 year taskforce).
- OAA changes
The Administration on Community Living (ACL) is proposing updates to OAA regulations and seeks your input. Link for further information: [Input needed: Proposed Update to Older Americans Act Regulations | ACL Administration for Community Living](#)

Presentation: See me. Hear me.™ Awareness Campaign – Susannah Meyer, Empowered Aging

- Campaign landing page: <https://empoweredaging.org/2023/06/01/see-me-hear-me/>
- video on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G9fvS-IX0s8&t=23s>
- See attached slides

Consent Items:

- Jim Donnelly made a motion to accept the two consent items. Micheal Wener seconded the motion. The consent items were approved unanimously.
 - Appoint Gerald Richards, ACOA Member Emeritus.
 - Appoint Thomas Lang from Alternate #4 to MAL #1.

Regional Coalition Update – Debbie Toth

Resources from the California Collaborative for Long-Term Supports and Services regarding affording care:

- [PowerPoint Presentation \(mcusercontent.com\)](#)
- [Affording Care As We Age: Exploring a Statewide Insurance Program for LTSS - YouTube](#)

Public Comment

- None.

New Business for Next Meeting:

- Next meeting – Wednesday, August 16, 2023

Jill adjourned the meeting at 12:01 pm.