

**Contra Costa County Advisory Council on Aging
Technology Group Minutes
Wednesday, September 14, 2022**

Call to Order: Steve Lipson called the meeting to order at 1:33 pm. Meeting conducted using the Zoom platform.

Present: Erin Patridge, Jill Kleiner, Jim Donnelly, Justin Lola, Kevin Donovan, Sam Sakai-Miller, Steve Lipson

Absent: Bill Pelter, Candace Evans, Kacey Caterelliott, Penny Reed, Sara Shafiabady

Guest:

Staff: Jenny Lam

Approval of Agenda/Minutes

- *Approval of Today's Agenda* – Jill made a motion to approve the agenda. Erin seconded the motion. Agenda approved unanimously.
- *Approve August 2022 minutes* – Kevin made a motion to approve the minutes. Jill seconded the motion. Minutes approved unanimously.

Technology Corner: SF Tech Council

Steve Lipson provided information on the SF Tech Council. <https://earlystart.kaiserpermanente.org/Technology Council> from San Francisco County is a 25-member organization representing business, nonprofit, local government, academia and philanthropy. It is an advocacy group launched in 2015 to tackle digital inclusion gaps, use of technology, and connectivity issues.

PUC Draft Resolution T-17770

Steve Lipson provided information on the Public Utility Commission (PUC) Draft Resolution T-17770, which involves a proposed pilot program that will award four grants up to \$250,000 each to eligible Community Based Organizations. Grant recipients will deploy projects to bridge the digital divide by addressing gaps in broadband networks, affordability, access to personal devices and digital skills trainings.

ACOA Website Content Update

Steve Lipson provided an update on the Advisory Council on Aging (ACOA) website content. Organization's services will be listed on the ACOA website to enable users to readily find services (example transportation services). Steve provided the annotated ACOA Website Content Update Form to organizations to gather pertinent information on services offered.

Bay Area Digital Inclusion Coalition/ SF Tech Council/White Paper/ Equity and Inclusion

Kevin Donovan provided updates on the following items:

Bay Area Digital Inclusion Coalition

- Forty-one counties have applied to accept the Access To Technology funding. Those who did not apply are smaller counties without infrastructure to support programs.

- Assembly Bill 32 is awaiting the Governor's signature. It will provide reimbursement to medical groups and doctors who offer telehealth visits to seniors. Virtual visits will have same MediCal/Medicare reimbursement rate as in person visits.

SF Tech Council

- Currently handling the administrative responsibilities for the Digital Inclusion. Discussed the development of the mission statement and equity statement of the council. Statements should include all-encompassing care focusing on the senior community and the disabled.
 - Developed a White Paper on Using Tech to Reduce Isolation & Loneliness Among Diverse Populations of Older Adults. Launched small grants to pilot programs and partnered with the San Francisco Department of Disability and Aging Services on a pilot project.

Equity and Inclusion

Alameda County Council for Age-Friendly Communities conducted an Older Adult Digital Needs Assessment to identify gaps in equitable access to digital resources.

ATT Program/CHAT and Identifying Older Adult Cohorts

Steve Lipson encouraged workgroup to identify smaller senior centers or training cohorts who can provide services to seniors and disabled adults. Would like to notify these cohorts of funding opportunities available.

Request for and Discussion of County/District Reports: Senior Center/District Resources

Steve Lipson reported that the school district would like to serve as the fiscal agent to fund lifelong learning/adult education programs. Tech Workgroup will help identify more funding opportunities to help such programs be sustainable.

Items for next meeting

- Develop draft of annual accomplishments and future goals of Tech Workgroup Committee. All goals should coincide with Area Plan. ACOA Executive Committee will review draft for approval.
- Create recommendations for annual report, example: policy level, requests for additional funding for AAA.

Public Comments

- Atlas, the Lonely Gibbon: play regarding AI (Artificial Intelligence). Currently showing at Spreckels Performance Arts Center in Rohnert Park

Future Meetings:

- Next meeting: October 12, 2022

The meeting adjourned at 3:22 pm.