

**Contra Costa County
Advisory Council on Aging
Minutes for September 20, 2023 Meeting**

Call to Order: Jill Kleiner, President, called the meeting to order at 10:03 am. She led the group in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present (in-person)	
Virtual (Just Cause)	
Virtual (Emergency)	
Virtual	Marty Aufhauser, Swamini Bajpai, Michelle Berman, Cate Burkhart, Debbie Card, Jim Donnelly, Kevin Donovan, Rudy Fernandez, Marilyn Fowler, Michelle Hayes, Carol Kehoe, Jill Kleiner, Shirley Krohn, Thomas Lang, George Lee, Steve Lipson, Brian O’Toole, Michael Rigsby, Sam Sakai-Miller, Sara Shafiabady, Lorna Van Ackeren, Michael Wener, Dennis Yee
Absent	Mike Awadalla, Kevin Donovan, Jody Iorns
Leave of Absence	Terri Tobey
Guests	Theresa Anderson, Assemblymember Grayson’s Office Dara Dunn, Choice in Aging Matt Hulse, Contra Costa Senior Legal Service Lori Magistrado, Prospective Member Mary Serrano, Community Health Fund Caitlin Sly, Meals on Wheels Diablo Region Debbie Toth, Choice in Aging
AAA Staff	Ana Bagtas, Jenn Gomes-Figueira, Glenda Pacha

Roll Call:

- Roll call was conducted and 24 members were virtually present (due to last minute COVID outbreak in the building where the meeting was originally to be held). A quorum was not established.

Approval of Agendas/Minutes:

- Due to the lack of quorum, the approval of the agenda and minutes will be postponed to a later meeting.

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

- Implementing the Master Plan for Aging in Contra Costa Together (IMPACCT) Steering Committee met last week. They dove deep into formation of subcommittees. Lots of engagement moving forward as we develop local Playbook. ACOA will hear from Collaborative Consulting soon.
- Jenny Lam returning from maternity leave on October 16. As of yesterday, list is ready to schedule interviews for two Senior Staff assistant positions.
- Upcoming: 1) Measure X RFP for Senior Activities and to fund orgs and groups already working with seniors and 2) Organizational Capacity Building to strengthen the aging network.

- Focus Groups: 9 of 13 scheduled. First one is next Thursday in Bay Point. Other sites include Rainbow Center, Oakley, Monument Crisis Center, Antioch, San Pablo, and Independent Living Resource Center. Pending: N Richmond, Miraflores in Richmond, Veterans, ILRC in Antioch.

Presentation: Caitlin Sly, Meals on Wheels Diablo Region

- See attached

Committee and Work Group Reports:

Membership Committee – Jill Kleiner

- Thank you to all our new membership committee members: Carol Kehoe, Candace Evans, Michelle Berman and George Lee. During last month's meeting, we updated our applicant interview questions to make them clearer on ACOA commitments. Everyone's input was very helpful.
- The city of Pinole's 9/19/23 agenda had an approval item for appointing Lori Magistrado as their representative.
- We recently interviewed a candidate for MAL and received 2 more applications. Also, Mary Bruns resigned.
- After BOS approval for all other in progress activities, we will have 11 vacancies: 5 MALS, 5 Cities: Brentwood, Lafayette, Pittsburg, San Pablo, Walnut Creek & Senior Nutrition
- At our membership committee meeting today, we'll be discussing recruiting activities.
- Our Nominating Committee has reached out to ACOA members to confirm interest in running for Office. So far they've contacted 80% of our members. The slate of officers will be presented at the October general meeting.
- Ana & Jill held new member orientation on September 6. Orientations are now scheduled quarterly.

Planning Committee – Michelle Berman

- The Committee's focus is on the Needs Assessments/Four Year Area Plan including the Focus Groups, Data Analysis, and establishing Goals & Objectives.

Health Workgroup – Jennifer Doran

- ACOA member Thomas Lang made a presentation about Osteoporosis – Causes and Diagnosis. Lots of great information.
- Looking to have a CalAIM speaker at a future meeting.
- Aging in Place brochure is in the hands of the reviewers. Thanks to Sara & Michelle for their assistance on the brochure.

Housing Workgroup- Kevin Donovan

- Jamie Jennett who is an Engagement Specialist for the County's Health, Housing, Homeless (H3) Services Group provided a very comprehensive review of the County's support systems for homeless and people who are potentially homeless. The H3 strategies are based upon the needs and resources of the homeless and near homeless individuals and families. During 2022 H3 and the Continuum of Care program served 7,725 families (10,600 individuals), a 3% increase from 2019, the last pre-Covid year. The 2022 budget for the services provided and staffing amounted to \$50MM, with \$17MM from the Federal government's Dept. of Housing

and Urban Development. Reflective of the Work Group's interactions with the H3 staff, Jamie's presentation was comprehensive and professional.

- The Rent Stabilization and Just Cause Ordinance for the city of Concord is being reviewed at both the City Council and Senior Commission levels. Discussions of this initiative are continuing.
- The "No Place to Call Home" flyer has been completed and it provides a concise, comprehensive overview of homelessness and the trends in housing that impact the County's seniors.
- Over the course of the next few months the Work Group will be reviewing our 2023 Annual Report, discussing our primary goals and objectives for 2024 and developing a powerpoint presentation covering housing in Contra Costa County for use by the ACOA city representatives in their annual report to their city councils and other interested individuals.
- Pending legislation regarding AB 1319 (Bay Area Hosing Finance Authority's bill to address issues in their potential bond issuances), SB 4 (streamlines the process of faith based entities and non-profit colleges using their excess land for affordable housing developments) and ACA 1 (a proposed constitutional amendment which would reduce the required majority needed to pass bond issues for affordable housing and public infrastructure development from 66.7% to 55%).were discussed. The first two pieces of legislation have both been approved by the state assembly and senate and await only the Governor's signature. ACA 1 has been approved by both houses of the legislature and the Governor and is scheduled to be on the statewide ballot in November 2024.

Legislative Workgroup –Shirley Krohn

- California Senior Legislature (CSL) is meeting to review legislative proposals. After they determine the top 10, the proposals are submitted to the legislature for adoption.
- Steve and Shirley's bill about revision to the Brown Act due to meeting access issues is being considered.
- Workgroup meetings will resume in the new year.

Technology Workgroup – Steve Lipson

- Talked about new artificial intelligence (AI) tools, the Senate meeting with technology leaders, and AI impact on older adults.
- Not giving up on remote access rules.
 - SB 411 (related to Los Angeles only) is on the Governor's Desk
 - SB 544 (related to State Advisory Councils) is also on the Governor's Desk
- Web resources for older adults – look at cocoelders411.net – thanks to Sam for creating/maintaining this site. Lots of resources for older adults. Recommend button to refer new resources.
- Bay area digital inclusion coalition – learned about an organization named Tech Soup. They provide low-cost gear and support. Steve will invite them to speak at a future meeting.

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

- What changes did transportation providers have to make during COVID? In the beginning of developing emergency plans for future.
- Want to increase SMAC membership – join us.

Senior Nutrition Task Force – Jim Donnelly

- Proposal for Senior Nutrition Workgroup responsibilities is ready for final review by Executive Committee. It will be a 3-year workgroup.
- After approval of the Executive Committee, the proposal must be approved by the full ACOA (October) then the Board of Supervisors.
- Carol, Caitlin, Candace, Michael R., Michelle interested in joining when workgroup formed.

ACOA President's Report – Jill Kleiner

- Triple A Council of California (TACC) Meeting Update
9/7/23 Triple-A Council of CA (TACC) met. All 33 PSAs (public service areas) are invited to attend to share updates about activities in their PSA. Presentations included: Mark Beckley, Chief Deputy Director, CDA on CA 2030 Initiative (to improve the CA aging network) and Tanya Bautista, Policy Chief, Division of Policy, Research and Equity, CDA on Home and Community-Based Analysis and the No Work Door.
- Implementing the Master Plan for Aging in Contra Costa Together (IMPACCT) ACOA Involvement
As an initial step to having more ACOA involvement, we are looking for volunteers to help keep stakeholders informed of the IMPACCT committee progress on developing a local playbook to implement the Master Plan for Aging in Contra Costa County. Collaborative Consulting will be helping with talking points to make sure we are providing a consistent message to stakeholders. We will be reaching out to you to help.
- December Meeting Reports from City Representatives
As a reminder, at the December meeting, members who represent a City are required to present a 2 minute report on their City and provide a 1 page written report to AAA staff.
- December Meeting potluck: We are reviving our Holiday potluck to have at the end of the December general meeting, so please plan to stay past noon. We'll provide sandwiches & salads and are asking everyone to bring either an appetizer, dessert, or drinks.

Regional Coalition Update – Debbie Toth

- Regional Coalitions supported by Scan Foundation. Working on several activities on a statewide level.

Public Comment

- Measure X Advisory Board meeting tonight. Please attend if you can.
- Richmond Commission on Aging – Safety Summit Wed 9/27 from 10-12.
- Thursday, October 5 Senior Expo in Concord from 9-2.

New Business for Next Meeting:

- Next meeting – Wednesday, October 18, 2023

Jill adjourned the meeting at 12:01 pm.