

**Contra Costa County Advisory Council on Aging
Legislative Workgroup Minutes
Tuesday, April 13, 2021**

Call to Order: Shirley Krohn called the meeting to order at 9:30 am.

Present: Shirley Krohn, Nancy Leasure, Geral Richards, Steve Lipson, Lenore McDonald, Jim Donnelly

Absent: Jagjit Bhambra, Frances Smith, Lorna VanAckeren, Sara Shafiabady

Staff: Anthony Macias

Approval of Today's Agenda: make addition that support letter, SB281, be added agenda;
Jim motioned to approve, Steve motioned second, agenda approved by all present.

Approval of February minutes: Review and approval of March minutes postponed to May meeting.

Note: *Members report on research they have done since last months meeting. Discussion on their decisions to "support" "oppose" or "watch"*

- Aging & Long Term Care Committee (ALTC) Hearing- Shirley Krohn
Shirley: update on her testimony; held on 4/6 AB 383; Salas/Fresno has introduced this bill; bill passed at ALTC committee hearing unanimously; will move on to the Health Committee of the legislature.

Update from last meeting discussions:

- Nancy reported that the Health WG will be following the following Bills:
 - SB 107 Weiner: Simplified CalFresh application; allows benefit application by phone.
 - AB 323 Kaira: Long-term care facilities: Accountability. Updates long-term-care facility penalties and standards for negligent care to safeguard residents.
 - SB 56 Durazo: Medi-Cal for all eligible despite immigration status.
 - SB 281 Dodd: CA Community Transitions: helps people transition from nursing homes to own homes.
- Steve: Broadband bill is pretty dense; will probably write a letter of support. AB14.
- Motion to write and submit support letters for AB 523 Jim motioned first, Steve motioned second, all approved.
- Motion to write and submit support letters AB 540 Jim motioned first, Nancy motioned second, all approved to move to Executive Committee, May 5th meeting.
- Motions to write and submit support letters SB107- Jim 1st, Nancy 2nd, all approve to move to Executive Committee, May 5th meeting.
- Motions to write and submit support letters for from Nicole Ombudsman for budget – Jim first, Candace second all approve to move to Executive Committee, May 5th meeting.
- Nancy read draft letters of support for AB323 and SB 56; Jim motioned first, Steve motioned second, all approved.
- Above letter must go to policy and planning of EHSD then will go to E-C.

Public Comment:

- Steve- asked Candace to introduce herself. Candace talked about her background.
- Shirley- Candace has chosen to be a member of the Legislative WG.

10:30 Adjourn