

Contra Costa County Advisory Council on Aging (ACOA)
Health Work Group Minutes
Thursday, May 12, 2022

Call to Order: Jennifer Doran called the meeting to order at 9:30 am.

Present: Jennifer Doran, Eric Freitag, Jim Donnelly, Nuru Neemwuchwalla, Marty Aufhauser, Sara Shafiabady, Susan Frederick, Dennis Yee Brian O'Toole, Michelle Berman

Absent: Michael Wener, Penny Reed, Candace Evans, Caitlin Sly, Terri Tobey, Nancy Leasure

Approval of Agenda/Minutes

- Approve Today's Agenda – Marty made a motion to approve the agenda. Eric seconded the motion. The agenda was approved unanimously.
- Approve April minutes - Eric made a motion to approve the minutes. Marty seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Update: Tips for Selecting a Nursing Home informational flyer

- Lorna suggested adding the link to Empowered Aging's website to Tip #3 where information on Ombudsman program is first mentioned in the brochure.
- Jennifer explained the brochure content was finalized but she will check to see if this change can be added.

Presentation: Adult Protected Services (APS) - Daisy Gallegos,

- PDF of Power Point of presentation attached to minutes.

Member Reports:

- Nursing Homes – Susan Frederick
 - Susan reported on efforts by President Biden's administration to improve Nursing Home safety.
- Disparity in Health Care – Dennis Yee
 - Dennis shared information from the article on Covid 19 hospitalizations by race and ethnicity among Medicare beneficiaries Jan 1-Sept.30, 2020.
 - Using Medicare claims data confirms the association between hospitalization for Covid 19 illness and chronic conditions differ among racial/ethnic groups in the US.
 - You can go to article by clicking on this link
<https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s40615-020-00960-y>.

Discussion: Future Presentations

- June: No presenter scheduled at this time.
- July: Recess
- August: Dr. Sara Levin, Contra Costa County Deputy Health Officer
- September: Hospice Services in Contra Costa

Public Comment

- Sara Shafiabady – Mark Rober, a scientist, has developed some interesting machines to catch scammers.
- Sara - Cancer Support is partnering with John Muir and UCSF on May 21 from 10am to 12pm at Heather Farms for a charity walk.

Future Meetings: Next meeting Thursday, June 9, 2022.

The meeting adjourned at 11:33am.