

**CONTRA COSTA COUNTY
ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING
Minutes for May 18, 2022 Meeting**

ACOA MEMBERSHIP

Active Members = 37
Vacancies = 4
Pending= 0

Call to Order: Jim Donnelly, council President, called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.

Present:

Martin Aufhauser	Candace Evans	Brian O’Toole
Mike Awadalla	Rudy Fernandez	Penny Reed
Swamini Bajpai	Gail Garrett	Gerald Richards
Michelle Berman	Dale Harrington	Sam Sakai-Miller
Mary Bruns	Jody Iorns	Sutter Selleck
Rhoda Butler	Jill Kleiner	Sara Shafiabady
Kacey Carterelliott	Shirley Krohn	Terri Tobey
Jim Donnelly	George Lee	Lorna Van Ackeren
Kevin Donovan	Steve Lipson	Michael Wener
Jennifer Doran	Nuru Neemuchwalla	Dennis Yee

Absent: Jagjit Bhambra, Deborah Card, Eric Freitag, Arthur Kee, Nancy Leasure, Erin Partridge, Francés Smith

Guests: Tara Cantu (Choice in Aging), Bill Pelter (Ability Now Bay Area), Caitlin Sly (Meals- on-Wheels Diablo Region), Mary Serrano (John Muir Community Health Fund), Dr. Nari Rhee (Retirement Security Program, UC Berkeley)

Staff Present: Ana Bagtas, Division Manager, Area Agency on Aging, Jenny Lam, Anthony Macias, Glenda Pacha

Roll Call: Anthony Macias conducted the roll call and noted 30 members present establishing a quorum.

Approval of Today’s Agenda:

- Shirley Krohn made a motion to approve the agenda. Marty Aufhauser seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of April 2022 Minutes:

- Gerald Richards made a motion to approve the April 2022 minutes. Sam Sakai-Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

- May 11-13, AAA staff attended the California Association of Area Agencies on Aging (C4A) Conference in Glendale. Lots of information shared from other AAAs and the California Department of Aging (CDA). The 2022-23 Area Plan Update was submitted to CDA by the May 1st deadline. Awaiting feedback from CDA.
- The AAA notified all bidders that responded to the III B Request for Proposals (RFP) about the awards. Five of the six applicants will receive funding. Case Management and Homemaker services did not receive any proposals. The AAA will revisit this and will likely release an RFP just for these services.
- The Implementing the Master Plan for Aging in California Together (IMPACT) Steering Committee established issue areas and identified champions for each topic. The role of the issue area champions is to gather as much information on the specified issue and report back to the IMPACT committee.
- The IMPACT committee is finalizing Request for Interest (RFI) for Master Plan for Aging Local Playbook consultant and hope to issue this in May.
- CDA's virtual monitoring visit of the AAA is taking place in June. The AAA submitted all requested desk review documents to CDA. Jim Donnelly will be representing the ACOA during the visit.
- Virtual monitoring of the AAA's CalFresh Healthy Living/SNAP-Ed program is taking place on June 28.
- Site monitoring of AAA contractors/providers is occurring currently. Some members of ACOA's Planning Committee volunteered to accompany staff during monitoring visits.
- Administration for Community Living (ACL) issued a Request for Information to gather input on changes to the Older Adults Act (OAA). ACOA members were encouraged to review and provide input on how to improve and streamline the OAA. Anthony will be emailing information to ACOA members.

ACOA Committee and Work Group Reports:

Membership Committee – Jill Kleiner

- Welcomed new ACOA member Dr. Swamini Bajpai, representing the City of San Ramon. Candace Evans has volunteered to be Dr. Swamini's new member "buddy".
- Ramapriya Raju was interviewed at the April committee meeting, and she is being recommended for an Alternate Member seat.
- Current vacancies include: Cities of Concord, El Cerrito, Pinole and San Pablo, as well as an opening for a Senior Nutrition Program representative.

Planning Committee – Kevin Donovan

- Welcomed Jody Irons and Michael Wener as new members to the Planning Committee.
- The Committee completed orientation training for monitoring visits with AAA contractors.
- AAA staff, accompanied by Planning Committee members, will conduct 10 monitoring visits by May 31.

Legislative Advocacy Workgroup – Shirley Krohn

- Completed letters in support of various state bills for this legislative term.

Health Workgroup – Jennifer Doran

- Members of Health Workgroup completed most of the legislation letters of support, as most were health-related.
- The county's Adult Protective Services (APS) presented at the May workgroup meeting.
- Upcoming presentations from Senior Peer Counseling Program and Dr. Sara Levin, Deputy Health Officer at Contra Costa Health Services
Senior Mobility Action Council (SMAC) Transportation Workgroup- Mary Bruns
- No workgroup meeting in May.
- John Cunningham, planner with the County's Department of Conservation and Development, will present at the June meeting.

Housing Workgroup – Gerald Richards

- Rita Curtis, Homeownership Center Director and Joanna Griffith, Director of Real Estate Development from the Community Housing Development Corporation (CHDC) presented to the workgroup.
- The Corporation has several programs, including Housing and Commercial Development, Pre and Post Purchase Homebuyer Education and Counseling, and Financial Consultation. CHDC is present in several Bay Area Counties and has been operating for more than forty years.

Technology Workgroup – Steve Lipson

- The workgroup completed/approved a final plan for gathering content from the ACOA workgroups and workgroup chairs for the ACOA web site.
- The CDA's Access to Technology Grant program has a potential \$1.45 million dollars in funding for digital divide initiatives in the county.
- The workgroup is developing a flyer for the general membership regarding specific online frauds around false invoices that lure people into responding to scammers.

ACOA President's Report – Jim Donnelly

- Consent Items- Appoint Ramapriya Raju as an Alternate Member.
Approve letters of support for AB2077, AB2548, AB1502 and SB 842.
Appoint Susan Frederick as Emeritus Member of the ACOA.
- Marty Aufhauser made a motion to approve all consent items. Michelle Berman seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Presentation: Affording Aging in California, Dr. Nari Rhee, Director, Retirement Security Program, UC Berkeley Labor Center

- See PDF of PowerPoint presentation attached to these minutes.

Regional Coalition Update – Tara Cantu, Choice in Aging

- In 2014, Choice in Aging and the Advisory Council on Aging created a partnership to develop a shared vision to reform system of Long Term System of Services and became one of the SCAN Foundation Regional Coalition partners in California.
- The Coalition is a member of the California Collaborative for Long Term Services and Supports conducting local grassroots and statewide policy advocacy.

- The coalition participated in the Senior Rally Day, on May 3, where Kim McCoy Wade, Senior Policy Advisor on Aging, Disability and Alzheimer's disease for the Governor's office spoke.
- The coalition participated in the Advocacy Day, on May 4, and met with staff from Senator Glazer, Assembly member Bauer-Kahan, and Senator Skinner's offices.

Public Comment

- Dale Harrington reported on the Paratransit Coordinating Council (PCC) meeting. The PCC recommends to the Contra Costa County Transportation Authority (CCCTA) to fund countywide transportation for seniors and disabled adults for approximately \$5 million..

Next ACOA Meeting is on Wednesday, June 15, 2022.

Jim adjourned the meeting at 11:30 am