

# ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING

## Minutes for August 18, 2021 Public Hearing and Meeting

### ACOA MEMBERSHIP

Active Members = 35  
Vacancies = 5  
Pending = 0

Call to Order: Jim Donnelly, council President, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

### Present:

Martin Aufhauser	Kevin Donovan	Steve Lipson
Michelle Berman	Jennifer Doran	Sue Metzler
Jagjit Bhambra	Candace Evans	Brian O'Toole
Mary Bruns	Rudy Fernandez	Penny Reed
Rhoda Butler	Eric Freitag	Gerry Richards
Deborah Card	Gail Garrett	Sam Sakai-Miller
Kacey Carterelliott	Jill Kleiner	Sara Shafiabady
Megan Casey	Shirley Krohn	Terri Tobey
Jim Donnelly	Nancy Leasure	Dennis Yee

Absent: Michelle Hernandez, Arthur Kee, Joanna Kim-Selby, Nuru Neemuchwalla, Erin Partridge Summer Selleck, Frances Smith, Lorna Van Ackeren

Guests: Dale Harrington, council applicant, Walnut Creek; Bill Pelter, Ability Now; Michael Wener, council applicant, Walnut Cree/Rossmoor; Lillian Roselin, John Muir Community Health Fund (JMCHF); Debbie Toth, Choice in Aging

Staff Present: Ana Bagtas, Program Manager, Area Agency on Aging, Glenda Pacha and Anthony Macias

Roll Call: Anthony Macias called roll; quorum established as 27 members present.

### Announcements:

- None

### Approval of Today's Agenda:

- Approval of meeting agenda motioned by Gerald Richards, motioned second by Shirley Krohn. Motioned carried.

### Approval of May 2021 Minutes:

- Approval of June 2021 minutes, motioned by Rudy Fernandez, motioned second by Gerald Richards. Motion carried.

## Area Agency on Aging (AAA) Program Manager's Report –

Ana Bagtas, Program Manager, Area Agency on Aging

- Participated on June 24 Master Plan for Aging (MPA) local playbook kickoff meeting; 15 priorities identified to support MPA 5 bold goals. Fifteen Area Plan (AP) objectives for FY 2021-22 are in alignment with the priorities. AAA and ACOA will further evaluate the activities that may be implemented to support the MPA and fulfill the AP objectives.
  - Ana, Tracy Murray, Jim Donnelly, and Debbie Toth met on Friday, July 16. At this meeting, decision to follow the State's process and will create an IMPACT (Implementing the Master Plan for Aging in California Together) committee, which will serve as a steering committee. IMPACT will provide structure and decide on subcommittees to be formed. The subcommittees is where the work happens and will identify concrete deliverables to advance the MPA bold goals in Contra Costa County.
- Contra Costa County Adult and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC) development. Core partners comprising of the AAA and Independent Living Resources (ILC) are required for the development of ADRC and must submit an evaluation assessment, to be approved by the State.
  - Ana, Tracy, Susan Rotchy (ILC), Lillian Roselin (JMCHF), and Dr. Michelle Hernandez (ILC, ACOA, JMCHF) met on July 29 to discuss how we want to move forward.
  - First priority is to secure a consultant to help develop a plan to implement CCC's ADRC.
  - John Muir Community Health Fund has generously offered to provide funding support for the consultant. Funding will go through the Independent Living Resource Center.
  - Glenda is reaching out to other AAA's. Ana and Susan are also doing the same with their network.
  - Susan and Ana are developing a job description for the consultant and will send out to potential contractors, then start vetting them and make a selection.
- AAA held its first of what we hope to be an annual meeting of services providers. We discussed a lot of housekeeping items and introduced some new processes to streamline reporting and billing, which will set us up for the monitoring of providers this FY. The AAA is also gearing up for monitoring by the State in June 2022.
  - Council members have a role in monitoring, which has not been done before. Sonoma County's Advisory Council website has information on the role of the Advisory Council regarding monitoring of contractors that can be used as an example: [Programs Monitoring Instructions | About Us | Advisory Council to Area Agency on Aging | County of Sonoma \(ca.gov\)](#)
  - The AAA will conduct an orientation to monitoring for ACOA members.
- Other AAA reports
  - FY 2020-21 year end. Special thank you to AAA staff for doing a great job running programs and working with the contractors during a challenging time. Also thanks to the service providers for their patience and commitment in spite of the constant changes, uncertainty, and new requirements the pandemic brought to programs and organizations.
  - The Great Plated Delivered program ended in July. During the 15 months of the program, 307,749 meals were served to 415 individuals.
  - New project: Connections, Health, Aging, and Technology (CHAT) project – Distribution of 131 iPads allocated by the California Department on Aging.

## **Committee and Work Group Reports:**

### **Membership Committee** – Jennifer Doran

- Jim thanked Jennifer for all her work with the Membership Committee. She will chair Health Workgroup now and Jill Kleiner will be new chair of Membership Committee.
- New MAL vacancy as of this month.
- Vacant city seats: Concord, Martinez, Pinole, San Pablo.
- New members “buddies” (mentor program: Shirley Krohn for Kacey Carterelliott and Kevin Donovan for Eric Freitag.
- Caucus for Nominating Committee later in meeting. This occurs every year to seek interest in and nominate officers for next year. The members caucus to select representatives from each county district to the nominating committee.

### **Planning Committee** – Kevin Donovan

- Presentation by Alzheimer’s Assn.; they receive approx. \$115k funding in AAA and CARES funding.
- The agency focuses on those with dementia and memory issues. Focus on early detection and caregiver support. Nationally, African Americans rate is twice that of White population and, Latinx is one and a half that of White population. This is a reflection of social/economic issues.
- Family Caregivers Alliance also presented; they receive \$200k funding from AAA and CARES.
- The provide caregiver assessments, counseling, training, public information, and respite services. Typical caregiver is aged 62, and care recipients are 80 on averag. Served 234 caregivers in Contra Costa.
- Next meeting: Mobility Matters, Master Plan for Aging
- Welcome to new committee member Michele Berman, Clayton ACOA representative

### **Health Workgroup**– Jennifer Doran

- The workgroup is developing an informational flyer regarding long-term care facilities in Contra Costa.
- Reported that 70% of care providers are now vaccinated.
- Discussion regarding the issue of “spending down” to enroll/qualify for Medi-Cal.

### **Legislative Advocacy Workgroup** – Shirley Krohn

- Workgroup is on recess until next legislative session in January 2022.
- All of the legislation that we supported are going through state legislative committees.
- Mental health bill SB383 - hope to have enough support to pass.

### **Senior Mobility Action Council (SMAC) Transportation Workgroup**- Mary Bruns

- SMAC’s goal is to assist in the development of accessible transportation for county.
- At June meeting, John Cunningham presented on Measure X; Shirley Krohn presented on proposed transportation legislation she is working on.
- In August, Uber Wave will present.
- This Wednesday and next Wednesday provide the public opportunity to advocate for Accessible Transportation to the Measure X committee.

- Candace recommended connecting with other high tech transportation providers (zoox.com, lucidmotors.com)

#### Nutrition – Gail Garrett

- No Report.

#### Housing Workgroup – Gerald Richards

- Last meeting: presentations by Lidia Gutierrez, East County Senior Initiative, Ana Bagtas, Area Agency on Aging re: Master Plan for Aging activities.
- Gerald discussed legislation affecting housing, including AB 91.
- Three matches made in Home Match Program.

#### Elder Abuse Prevention Workgroup – Terri Tobey

- Next meeting presenter: Mary Knox, Deputy District Attorney. Elder Abuse Unit
- Elder Abuse presentation seen at June’s meeting is being rolled out to organizations such as banks and credit unions.
- The Workgroup is actively booking presentations at Senior Centers.

#### Technology Workgroup – Steve Lipson

- Thank you to Sam Sakai-Miller and Justin Lola at CEI for their continued work with this workgroup.
- Santa Clara County working on digital inclusion project and regional counties are looking to do the same.
- Kevin has connected with organization working on digital divide issues and provides updates to the workgroup.
- Erin Partridge presented on her work with social robots.

#### ACOA President’s Report – Jim Donnelly

- Anthony to send list of 16 Master Plan for Aging Local goals by workgroup, and Jim asks council members not be overwhelmed, this is a ten-year plan.
- Reminder: ACOA members must also be a member of at least one workgroup or committee.
- Next, we will appoint members to the Nominating Committee by supervisory district.
- We also need one person per county district for the membership committee.

#### Caucus of ACOA Members by District to Appointment of Members to the Nominating Committee

##### Appointed Members of the Nominating Committee

- District 1 – Steve Lipson
- District 2 – Terri Tobey
- District 3 – Arthur Kee
- District 4 – Dennis Yee
- District 5 – Jagit Bhambra

Announcements and Correspondence- Jim Donnelly

- Reminder that committee and workgroup must complete a report of their activities performed this year. First draft of report is due to Anthony by Nov 1.
- Anthony will send a copy of last year's report to workgroup/committee chairs for their review.
- In the Annual Report, Jim wants to include 1-2 recommendations to Board of Supervisors.

Regional Coalition Update – Debbie Toth

- Be there tonight at 5 pm (Measure X Advisory Committee meeting).
- Master Plan for Aging is the framework that pulls all our work together.
- Debbie is adding sign interpretation to the video of the June 24 planning event. She will let us know when it is available to share.

Public Comment

- Discussion of poor care in SNFs

New Business for Next Month's Meeting:

- Presentation about ADRC's.

Next ACOA Meeting September 15, 2021.

Jim adjourned meeting at 11:26am.