



CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

Committee Meeting Minutes - Draft

Advisory Council on Aging

Monday, May 18, 2026

10:00 AM

500 Ellinwood Way, Pleasant Hill, CA.
Classroom

Housing Committee

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PUBLIC ACCESS AND PUBLIC COMMENT INSTRUCTIONS:

The public may attend this meeting in person at the above location. The public may also attend this meeting remotely via webinar. Login information is provided above. The public may attend this meeting in person at the above location. ACOA members will also be participating from the following locations: Center for Elders' Independence, 1465 Civic Ct., Concord, CA 94520; Mira Flores Senior Housing, 150 S. 45th St., Community Rm., Richmond, CA 94804; Contra Costa Senior Legal Services, 2702 Clayton Rd., #202, Concord, CA 94519; 14720 Byron Highway, #4, Bryon, CA 94514

10:00 Call To Order / Welcome – Kevin Donovan, Chair

Introductions

Present Roger Boaz, Kevin Donovan, Marilyn Fowler, Michelle Hayes, Bryan Harris, Gerry LaLonde-Berg, Sonja Shepard, Victoria Snyder, and Uche Uwahemu

Absent Logan Robertson

10:05 Review/Approve: Agenda and Minutes

Motion: Harris

Second: Fowler

Aye: Boaz, Donovan, Fowler, Hayes, Harris, LaLonde-Berg, Shepard, Snyder, and Uwahemu

Absent: Robertson

Result: Passed

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10:10 Presentation: Impact of HR 1 on Older Adults – Tiffany Huyenh, Justice in Aging, Director, California Medicare and Medicaid Advocacy

Justice in Aging is a national organization that uses the power of the law to fight senior poverty. Over 2.3 million older adults and people with disabilities rely on Medi-Cal (Medicaid), and millions more are insured through Medicaid expansion. Medi-Cal is very broad and covers more than traditional medical services. Additional services include:

- Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) & nursing facilities
- In Home Supportive Services
- Non-Emergency Medical Transport (NEMT)
- Financial assistance for Medicare beneficiaries dually enrolled in Medicaid
- Vision and dental care
- Medi Cal covers long term care, but Medicare does not

Key changes from H.R. 1, the federal budget bill enacted in July 2025:

- These changes significantly impact Medi-Cal and Medicare, though not all populations are equally affected. The largest impact is on people ages 19–64 without Medicare who are enrolled through Medi-Cal’s 138% expansion group. The impacts to this group, effective Jan. 1, 2027:
 - Community engagement requirements – Enrollees must complete 80 hours per month of work, volunteering, or education, or earn more than \$560/month (2025 number). There are some exemptions exist (e.g., caregivers, “medically frail”), but definitions remain unclear.
 - 6-month Medi-Cal renewals, reduced from annual redeterminations.
 - Retroactive coverage period was reduced from 3 months to 1 month (for 19-64 138% expansion enrollees) and 2 months for everyone else.
 - Limits Medicare and federal Medicaid to only 3 groups of lawfully present immigrants only:
 - o Legal permanent residents
 - o Cubans/Haitians family reunification program entrants
 - o People residing under the Compacts of Free Association
 - o Effective Oct. 1, 2026, newly ineligible immigrants will lose federal Medicaid benefits.

Governor Newsom proposed transitioning this group to Emergency Medi-Cal.

- Impact from California’s FY 2025–26 Budget (signed June 27, 2025)
 - Asset limit restored to \$130,000/individual
 - Freeze on new enrollment into state-funded Medi-Cal for undocumented immigrants (beginning Jan. 1, 2026).
 - Elimination of dental coverage for all state-funded immigrants, with some exceptions (beginning July 1, 2026)
 - Monthly premiums for state-funded immigrants age 19-59, with some exceptions (beginning July 1, 2027)
- Estimated impact: Approximately 4 million people in California will become uninsured because of these changes.

11:00 Discuss: Screening of the Documentary “No Place to Grow Old” – Nhang Luong

- The group reached a consensus not to screen the documentary. Instead, they will explore the possibility of hosting a webinar in November, during Homeless Awareness Month, to raise awareness about homelessness among older adults and the challenges of accessing affordable housing.
- The target audience may include members of the Advisory Council on Aging, local Commissions on Aging, and community service providers.
- H3’s Homelessness 101 presentation could be adapted and used as the foundation for the webinar.

11:25 Public Comment and Information Sharing

- Senator Grayson is hosting Meet & Greet on Thursday, May 21.

11:50 Plan Next Meeting

Next Housing Committee Meeting:
- Monday, June 15, 2026 10:00am - 12:00pm

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