



CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

Committee Meeting Minutes - Draft

Advisory Council on Aging

Wednesday, May 21, 2025

10:00 AM

500 Ellinwood Way, Pleasant Hill
Boardroom
Board Room A/B

General Meeting

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10:00 Call to Order: Jim Donnelly, ACOA President called the meeting to order at 10:03 am.

Introductions: None

A moment of silence was observed for Supervisor Federal Glover who passed away this week.

10:01 Roll Call

Present

Francisco Benavides, Roger Boaz, Chalo Buckman, Cate Burkhart, Deborah Card, James Donnelly, Kevin Donovan, Marilyn Fowler, Sarah Green, Bryan Harris, Carol Kehoe, Jill Kleiner, Shirley Krohn, Thomas Lang, Steve Lipson, Nikki Lopez, Kathryn Monroy-Dexter, Richard Morisky, Brian O'Toole, Sharon Sakai-Miller, Carol Schaefer, Terri Tobey, Lorna Van Ackeren, Michael Wener, and Dennis Yee

Excused

Michelle Hayes

Absent

Candace Evans, Alan Goldhammer, and Denise Kalm

10:03 Approve April 2025 Draft Minutes

April Minutes

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Attachments: [Gen.04.16.25DraftMinutes](#)

Motion: Wener

Second: Van Ackeren

Aye: Benavides, Boaz, Buckman, Burkhart, Card, Donnelly, Donovan, Fowler, Green, Harris, Kehoe, Kleiner, Krohn, Lang, Lipson, Lopez, Monroy-Dexter, Morisky, O'Toole, Schaefer, Tobey, Van Ackeren, Wener, and Yee

Absent: Evans, Goldhammer, and Kalm

Abstain: Sakai-Miller

Result: Passed

10:05 Area Agency on Aging (AAA) Report: Tracy Murray, Director, Aging and Adult Services & Alicia Espinoza, Program Manager, Area Agency on Aging

The Program Manager updated the ACOA on the following issues:

Senior Nutrition RFPs – Awards are scheduled to be announced by the end of next week.

The Age-Friendly Campaign is designed to counter age bias and to reflect the spectrum of aging. Radio ads and social media site are scheduled to launch in July.

Transition to Zoom Webinars – to preserve the integrity of our meetings and prevent inappropriate behavior by virtual attendees, we are required to change the format of our meetings. They will still be in Zoom but will be in a “webinar” format. AAA staff are working on the transition and we expect implementation in August.

Staff Updates – new Analyst starts in July, new HICAP staff assistant has been named, and AAA secretary will be in place soon.

The Director gave a brief overview of the funding picture. It appears that there will be reductions in funding from the Older Americans Act (Federal) and Modernizing Older Californians Act (State) allocations. We are finalizing contract budgets and hope to have finalized numbers next week

10:30 Presentation: Ellen Shirgul, Psy.D. Mental Health Program Supervisor, Older Adult Mental Health, Contra Costa Health - Older Adult Mental Health programs.

See Slides.

Older Adult Mental Health Programs Presentation

[25-2014](#)

Attachments: [Older Adult Mental Health](#)

11:00 Break

11:10 Committee Reports: Chairs (3 min each).

Membership: Julie Ortega/Logan Robertson

Sharon Maxwell fully approved -

Three interviews will be held at the meeting this month

Currently, there are no MAL seats open, 6 city seats are open (Pittsburg, San Pablo, San Ramon, Antioch, and Brentwood), and 4 alternate seats are open.

Planning: Jill Kleiner

The Planning Committee reviewed their section of the goals and objectives of the Area Plan, reviewed bids for Senior Nutrition, worked on a ACOA recruitment flyer, planned the next Focus Group Follow Up event at Monument Crisis Center on June 26.

Health & Elder Abuse Prevention: Terri Tobey/Michael Wener

Judge Alan Goldhammer made a presentation regarding Mandated Reporting at the last meeting. Brian O'Toole to present on Medi-Cal at next meeting.

Housing: Kevin Donovan

Kevin reported that Victoria Snyder, Contra Costa Senior Legal Service, presented at the last meeting.

No Place to Call Home presentations were made in Martinez, to the Concord City Council, Rossmoor Democratic Club, and to Brentwood Age and Disabilities Friendly Communities Committee

Legislative: Shirley Krohn/Steve Lipson - CA SB239 | BillTrack50

The Committee is tracking a series of 22 State bills coordinated by Senator Buffy Wicks that will standardize local housing requirements to improve the speed of new housing approval. Senator Wicks' staff member will present at the next meeting.

Note: No meeting in June. The next meeting is Monday, July 21, 2025.

Technology: Steve Lipson

The California Digital Equity Program, which was to bring CAL Dep grant was terminated by Trump administration.

SB 239 – Brown Act revision bill passed the Judiciary Committee and moving forward. SB 707, a competing bill, is struggling due to costs involved in implementation.

Transportation: Jim for Candace Evans

At the last meeting, the Contra Costa Transit Authority presented at the Accessible Transportation program.

11:35 ACOA President's Report: Jim Donnelly

The Older Americans Act 60th birthday party is Monday, July 14, from 2-4 at Los Medanos. 60, Susan DeMarois, Director of the California Department of Aging is Keynote Speaker. Please join us for this celebratory event!

The East Bay Express featured ACOA member Thomas Lang and honored his service to the El Sobrante Municipal Council

11:40 Consent Items:

Approve LOA for:

Michelle Hayes (May 2025)

Logan Robertson (May 2025)

Sharon Maxwell (May 2025)

Julie Ortega (June 2025)

Thomas Lang (June 2025)

Motion:

Lipson

Second:

Van Ackeren

Aye:

Benavides, Boaz, Buckman, Card, Donnelly, Donovan, Fowler, Green, Harris, Kehoe, Kleiner, Krohn, Lang, Lipson, Lopez, Monroy-Dexter, Morisky, O'Toole, Sakai-Miller, Schaefer, Tobey, Van Ackeren, Wener, and Yee

Absent:

Evans, Goldhammer, and Kalm

Abstain:

Burkhart

Result:

Passed

11:45 Regional Coalition Update: Debbie Toth

On Legislative Day, meetings were held with 5 State and Federal Legislators. As a result of these meetings, local Town Hall meetings on Aging are being considered

The State May Revise proposes several changes that will negatively affect our seniors including eliminating the ability for undocumented seniors to apply for Medi-Cal, reinstatement of the Medi-Cal asset limit, cuts to IHSS. These proposals will force 112,000 Contra Costa seniors off Medi-Cal.

11:55 Public Comment/Announcements

Steve – Thanks to Theresa Anderson from Senator Grayson office for your continuous attendance at our ACOA meetings.

Pleasant Hill Commission on Aging presents “Understanding Alzheimer's: Signs, Support, and Strategies” on Monday, June 9 at 10 (in-person and on Zoom)

Elder Abuse Awareness Fair, Wednesday, June 4, 9:30-1:30 Concord Senior Center

“Aging in America: Survive or Thrive” is on PBS

Caregiver OneCall Awareness Event, Friday, June 13 from 5:30-7:30 at Tre Vista in Antioch.

Choice in Aging presented a Mental Health Workshop in Solano County. Debbie suggests reaching out to neighboring counties to increase service options.

11:57 New Business for next meeting:

Wednesday, June 18, 2025 – Elder Abuse Prevention Month & review AP goals and objectives
No meeting in July.

12:00 Adjourn: Jim Donnelly adjourned the meeting at 11:58 am

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For additional information contact: Alicia Espinoza (925) 655-0771 or aespinoza@ehsd.cccounty.us

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The Contra Costa County Advisory Council on Aging is appointed by the Board of Supervisors to advise the Area Agency on Aging on all matters related to the development and administration of the annual Area Agency Plan and operations conducted thereunder, in accordance with mandates from the Older Americans Act. Any comments or recommendations made by the Council or its individual members do not represent the official position of the County or any of its officers.

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