



CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

Committee Meeting Minutes - Final

Advisory Council on Aging

Wednesday, February 19, 2025

10:00 AM

500 Ellinwood Way, Pleasant Hill
Boardroom

General Meeting

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10:00 Call to Order/Introductions: Jim Donnelly, ACOA President

10:01 Roll Call:

Roll call was conducted, and 23 members qualified to be counted toward a quorum. Therefore, a quorum was established.

Present	Francisco Benavides, Roger Boaz, Deborah Card, James Donnelly, Kevin Donovan, Candace Evans, Marilyn Fowler, Michelle Hayes, Denise Kalm, Carol Kehoe, Jill Kleiner, Shirley Krohn, Thomas Lang, Steve Lipson, Lori Magistrado, Brian O'Toole, Julie Ortega, Logan Robertson, Terri Tobey, Michael Wener, and Dennis Yee
Excused	Richard Morisky, and Sharon Sakai-Miller
Absent	Cate Burkhart, Alan Goldhammer, Nicola Lopez, Kathryn Monroy-Dexter, and Lorna Van Ackeren

10:03 January 2025 minutes

Approve January 2025 Minutes

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Attachments: [Gen.01.15.25DraftMinutes](#)

Motion: Krohn

Second: Kehoe

Aye: Benavides, Boaz, Card, Donnelly, Donovan, Evans, Fowler, Hayes, Kalm, Kehoe, Kleiner, Krohn, Lang, Lipson, Magistrado, O'Toole, Ortega, Robertson, Tobey, Wener, and Yee

Absent: Burkhardt, Goldhammer, Lopez, Monroy-Dexter, and Van Ackeren

Result: Passed

10:05 Area Agency on Aging Report:

Division Manager Espinoza:

RFP 1212 wrapping up the process and allocations are forth coming. Thank you to ACOA members who participated in review panels. The March 19th ACOA meeting is the Public Hearing. AAA staff will present the Area Plan Update. The 2025 Senior Resource Directory has just been published is available to be ordered. Federal funding – no changes to OAA funding at this time.

Director Murray:

We are actively monitoring federal funding situation. We are concerned and will continue to monitor the situation. Contractors please send in your demands ASAP.

10:20 Susan Rotchy - Independent Living Resources

ILRSCC Presentation

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Attachments: [ILRSCC PowerPoint 2.19.25](#)

10:40 ACOA Member Introductions: all (1.5 minutes each)

ACOA Members introduced themselves.

11:05 Break

11:10 ACOA President's Report: Jim Donnelly

The revisions to the ACOA Bylaws have been approved by County Council. The final step is approval by the Board of Supervisors. A volunteer recruitment event will be held at Rossmoor on Feb 27, 10-1

The Triple A Council of California (TACC) is collecting information about each Planning and Service Area (PSA) and their structure.

11:20 Committee and Workgroup Reports: Chairs (3 min each)

Membership: Julie Ortega/Logan Robertson

Assigned buddies for new members, they are interviewing for new members. There are 14 open seats at this time.

Planning: Jill Kleiner

The Committee members reviewed bids for RFP 1212 Measure X Capacity Building.

Partnering with Nhang to bring resources to seniors (North Richmond March 6 and Antioch March 14).

Reminder to Committee Chairs – final review of Area Plan Updates due Friday.

Health & Elder Abuse Prevention: Terri Tobey/Michael Wener

Amber Carroll, Front Porch presented at the last meeting (communities, nutrition, Well Connected, Home Match, Social Call, etc.)

Housing: Kevin Donovan

At the January meeting the Committee heard from Housing Authority of Contra Costa County. The HACCC houses 11,500 families which is composed of 30,000 individuals, and the wait list has over 45,000 households.

At the February meeting, the Committee will discuss the Master Plan for Aging, “No Place to Call Home” presentations, Home Match Contra Costa, and 2025 topics and goals.

Legislative: Shirley Krohn/Steve Lipson - CA SB239 BillTrack50

SP 4 is now SB 239 – Brown Act revision. CSAC is the lead sponsor and C4A has endorsed it. Steve will provide form Letters of Support and a link to submit them.

Technology: Steve Lipson

The Committee discussed AI stuff, Deep Seek, AI studio, ChatGPT

Transportation: Candace Evans

Meeting cancelled due to lack of quorum

Meeting date changed: 1st Monday of the month 1:00-2:30 pm

11:45 Regional Coalition Update: Debbie Toth

Transitions out of Skilled Nursing – Independent Living Resources handles younger, disabled, looking on engaging in community and work while Choice in Aging specializes in older, frail adults.

February 27 – legislative briefing opportunity to learn about LTSS, policies and gaps.

May 5 Senior Rally Day (probably virtual).

11:50 Consent Item: None

11:55 Public Comment/Announcements

Consumer Financial Protection Bureau is on hold.

Feb 25 Justice in Aging workshop (info@justiceinaging.org)

Disability Rights California – <https://www.disabilityrightsca.org/>

Next month is Public Hearing so it is important that we have a quorum at the meeting.

11:57 New Business for Next Meeting:

Wednesday, March 19, 2025

Public Hearing

12:00 Adjourn

Jim Donnelly adjourned the meeting at 12:02 pm.

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