



CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

Committee Meeting Minutes - Draft

Advisory Council on Aging

Wednesday, August 20, 2025

10:00 AM

500 Ellinwood Way, Pleasant Hill, CA
Boardroom

ACOA General Meeting

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PUBLIC ACCESS INSTRUCTIONS:

The public may attend this meeting in person at the above location. The public also may attend this meeting remotely via Zoom. Login information is provided above. ACOA members will also be participating from the following locations: 324 El Divisadero Ave, Walnut Creek | 165 Natalie Dr. Moraga | 2950 Buskirk Ave, Suite 330, Walnut Creek | 14720 Byron Highway #4, Byron | 26 Orinda Wy., Orinda | 400 El Cerro Blvd., Danville | 2756 Lily Ct. Antioch | 1954 Pomar Way, Walnut Creek | 3014 Grey Eagle Dr., Walnut Creek

10:00

Call to Order/Introductions: Lorna VanAckeren, ACOA Vice - President - called meeting to order at 10:06am

10:01 Roll Call conducted and 30 members qualified to be counted toward a quorum. Therefore, a quorum was established.

Present

Francisco Benavides, Roger Boaz, Chalo Buckman, Deborah Card, Cesar Court, Brock Dubbels, Kevin Donovan, Holly Frates, Marilyn Fowler, Alan Goldhammer, Sarah Green, Michelle Hayes, Riki Juster, Bryan Harris, Carol Kehoe, Denise Kalm, Jill Kleiner, Shirley Krohn, Thomas Lang, Steve Lipson, Sharon Maxwell, Nikki Lopez, Kathryn Monroy-Dexter, Richard Morisky, Brian O'Toole, Deanna Perry, Inderpit Sekhon, Logan Robertson, Carol Schaefer, Sharon Sakai-Miller, Victoria Snyder, Uche Uwahemu, Lorna Van Ackeren, Elaine Welch, Michael Wener, Dennis Yee, and Deborah Wiener

Excused

Cate Burkhart, and Terri Tobey

Absent

Candace Evans

Guests:

Theresa Anderson, Assemblymember Grayson's Office | Bryan Harris, Richmond Commission on Aging | David Linnell, Meals on Wheels Diablo Region | Jennifer Quallick, Office of Supervisor Andersen | Caitlin Sly, Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano | Amy Thurmond, Meals on Wheels Diablo Region | Debbie Toth, Choice in Aging | Teresa Wright, prospective ACOA member | Diego Colmenares, Opportunity Junction Intern | Kimberly Esparza, Opportunity Junction Intern | Julie Nguyen, Opportunity Junction Intern | Sheleina Novicio, Opportunity Junction Intern | Katy Thiongave, Opportunity Junction Intern

Staff:

Tracy Murray, Director of Aging and Adult Services | Nhang Luong, Program Manager, Senior Information & Assistance | Alicia Espinoza, Program Manager, Area Agency on Aging | Susan Jamerson, Health Insurance Counseling & Advocacy Program (HICAP) | Eugenia Hidalgo-Malacas, HICAP | Jenny Lam, Area Agency on Aging | Cristina Ugaitafa, Area Agency on Aging | Jenn Gomes-Figueira, Area Agency on Aging | Jeanne Polk, Area Agency on Aging | Glenda Pacha, Area Agency on Aging | Thomas Weisbrich, Area Agency on Aging | Dexter Peralta, Area Agency on Aging

10:0 Approve June 2025 Draft Minutes

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This Discussion Item was approved.

Motion: Robertson

Second: Wener

Aye: Boaz, Buckman, Card, Donovan, Fowler, Green, Hayes, Kehoe, Kalm, Kleiner, Lang, Lipson, Lopez, Monroy-Dexter, Morisky, O'Toole, Robertson, Schaefer, Sakai-Miller, Van Ackeren, Wener, Yee, and Wiener

Absent: Dubbels, Goldhammer, Juster, Harris, Krohn, Perry, Snyder, Uwahemu, Welch, and Evans

Abstain: Benavides, Court, Frates, Maxwell, and Sekhon

Result: Passed

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

Alicia Espinoza, The Division Manager reported:

- Senior Nutrition West County RFP 1226 -- See attachment
- Contract Renewals Status – 25-26 OAA contracts have been submitted to Contracts Unit for processing.
- Transition to Webinars and ACOA meeting room changes -- See attachments – ACOA meeting room changes and 500 Ellinwood 1st Floor Map
- Staffing Updates
- AAA is now fully staffed

Tracy Murray, The Director of Aging and Adult Services reported:

- Director Murray shared a statement from the California Welfare Directors Association (CWDA) analysis of EHSD impacts and a summary of the Personal Responsibility Act.

Title IIIC Senior Nutrition Program West County - RFP 1226 [25-3376](#)

Attachments: [Title IIIC Senior Nutrition Program West County - RFP 1226](#)

ACOA meeting room changes [25-3377](#)

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500 Ellinwood 1st Floor Map [25-3378](#)

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Statement from CWDA + analysis of EHSD of impacts [25-3379](#)

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10:30 Presentation: Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (Susan Jamerson, Eugenia Hidalgo – Malacas, Pam Brown) insert HICAP PPT -- See slides in agenda packet.

HICAP PPT 8.20 [25-3380](#)

Attachments: [HICAP PPT 8.20](#)

11:00 Caucus for Nominating Committee Membership

Members caucused by district to appoint the following representatives to the Nominating Committee.

District	Nominating
1	Thomas Lang
2	Michael Wener Deborah Wiener (alternate)
3	BRoger oaz
4	Denise Kalm
5	Kathryn Monroy-Dexter Indy Sekhon (alternate)

Members were informed of the responsibilities of each ACOA officer.

ACOA members by district

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ACOA officer roles

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11:15 Break**11:25 ACOA Vice - President's Report: Lorna VanAckeren**

- Effective August 4, 2025, Jim Donnelly resigned from the ACOA. Lorna thanked him for his 11 years of service to the ACOA. Due to his departure, Lorna assumed role as President.
- Lorna, after consultation with the Nominating Committee, will appoint a Vice President to serve through 2025.
- Next ACOA Orientation will be held on August 27 at 1 pm. Please attend if possible.
- As President, Lorna will attend TACC and C4A meetings.
- New ACOA representative from Danville is Steve Freshman.

11:30 Committee and Workgroup Reports: Chairs

Membership: Lorna VanAckeren/Jill Kleiner

- Welcome new members in attendance.
- Teresa Wright to be recommended as Alternate #4.
- One alternate will be promoted to vacant MAL #9 seat.
- No vacant MAL seats.
- 6 vacant city seats:
 - City of Pittsburg | City of San Pablo | City of San Ramon | City of Clayton | City of Antioch | City of Pinole
- One ACOA candidate will be interviewed today.

Planning: Jill Kleiner

- Focus Group meeting was held at the Monument Crisis Center
- Looking for topics to present to community
- The Committee will organize site visits to Community Based Organizations – beginning with Choice in Aging.

Health & Elder Abuse Prevention: Terri Tobey/Michael Wener

- No meeting in August
- September meeting: Speaker - ACOA member Denise Kalm

Housing: Kevin Donovan

- On June 30, the County released data on their annual Point in Time (PIT) count. The data shows 2,118 people experiencing homelessness on a given night. That is a 26% decrease from 2024. Part of the decrease may be due to increases in temporary shelters.
- At the last meeting the Committee received a report on housing policy & real estate housing market.
- At the next meeting, the Bay Area Housing Finance Authority will report on evictions and legal representation.

Legislative: Shirley Krohn/Steve Lipson

- SB 707 – legislation to revise the Brown Act was put into the suspense file.
- California Senior Legislature is preparing a version to present next year.

Technology: Steve Lipson

- The Committee received a presentation from Annette Balter, Well Connected Program of Front Porch.
- Steve talked about the increased media coverage of AI/mental health issues and legislation about AI.

Transportation: Bryan Harris for Candace Evans

- No September meeting due to Labor Day
- The Committee has proposed a Transportation Workshop in November.

11:50 Regional Coalition Update: Debbie Toth

The Regional Coalitions is an Advocacy & Access effort to promote Community Based Services and Supports with a focus on lived experience which is organized by the California Collaborative for Long Term Services and Supports.

11:55 Consent Items: None**11:56 Public Comments / Announcements**

- Bedford Block Party – Oct. 25, 2025 in Antioch
- \$1 million in ARPA funding per Supervisorial district was approved at the October 21, 2025 Board of Supervisors meeting. A letter from Food Security Collaborative requesting funding was presented for individual ACOA members to sign if they desire.
- LGI Homes are affordable homes.
- Alzheimer's Association funded Caregiver Respite Program offered by Caregiver OneCall.
- Disaster Festival is scheduled for the Crockett/Port Costa community.
- Steve acknowledged Sam Sakai-Miller for "unaffiliated website" she will be on leave.

New Business for Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 17, 2025.

12:00 Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 12:14 a.m.

Public comment on any item under the jurisdiction of the Committee and not on this agenda (speakers may be limited to two minutes).

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