



CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

Committee Meeting Minutes - Final

Advisory Council on Aging

Wednesday, August 6, 2025

10:00 AM

400 Ellinwood Way, Pleasant Hill
Room 303 (Third Floor)

Executive Committee

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PUBLIC ACCESS INSTRUCTIONS:

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10:03 Call to Order/Roll Call/Introductions - Lorna VanAckeren

Present	Kevin Donovan, Michelle Hayes, Jill Kleiner, Steve Lipson, Lorna Van Ackeren, Candace Evans, and Michael Wener
Excused	Terri Tobey
Absent	Shirley Krohn

10:00 Approve June 2025 Draft Minutes

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<u>Attachments:</u>	EX.06.04.2025DraftMinutes-1
Motion:	Kleiner
Second:	Donovan
Aye:	Donovan, Hayes, Kleiner, Lipson, Van Ackeren, Evans, and Wener
Absent:	Krohn
Result:	Passed

10:10 Area Agency on Aging Report – Tracy Murray, AAA Director and/or Alicia Espinoza, AAA Program Manager

West County RFP

Request for Proposal for Senior Nutrition Services in West Contra Costa County (C1 Congregate and C2 Home Delivered meals) to web post tomorrow, 8/7/25, here: [Contracting Opportunities | EHSD](#)

Mandatory Letter of Intent (LOI) due 8/22/25. Proposals due 8/26/25. AAS Bureau Review projected to take place 9/16/25 – 9/25/25 and award notifications to be sent out immediately following AAS Bureau Review.

Age-Friendly Campaign Update

Campaign to launch 9/15/25. Goals of campaign include to counter age-bias and promote age-friendly communities via digital billboards, social media posts, and radio. Procurement process being finalized.

Contract Renewal Status

Contract Renewal Status: Upon receiving the State budget, about 22 contract renewals with CBOs have been submitted by AAA staff as we enter the new fiscal year reflective of continued services provided in community to older adults, adults with disabilities, and family caregivers.

Transition to Webinars and ACOA meeting room changes

County mandate to convert all public-facing meetings to Zoom Webinars aiming to preserve meeting integrity now in effect. ACOA members, committee members, and speakers on the agenda to receive unique panelist links while public attendees are to access Webinars via public link in published agendas. Furthermore, all ACOA meetings will take place at 500 Ellinwood in Pleasant Hill, 9/2025 forward. 500 Ellinwood is more accessible and new meeting locations will better safeguard PII.

500 Ellinwood Floor diagram

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Attachments: [1st floor 500 Ellinwood](#)

ACOA meeting updates

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Attachments: [ACOA meeting room changes](#)

Webinar Links

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Attachments: [Webinar Links](#)

10:30 Committee Reports

Membership & Nominating Committee – Jill Kleiner

Jill will be interim membership chair.

Membership committee recommended Teresa Wright to be an alternate (to be included with September Executive committee consent items).

Resignations since last meeting: Jim Donnolly, Lori Magistrado, Julie Ortega

Openings: 6 cities, 1 MAL, 1 Alternate

1 interview scheduled for August 2025.

Planning Committee – Jill Kleiner

4th focus group revisitation site at Monument Crisis Center in Concord was not well attended probably due to ICE. Committee considering future presentation at Oakley and potential new topics (e.g. Medicaid partnering with HICAP)

Discussed starting CBO site visits late October/early November.

Housing Committee – Kevin Donovan

The Housing Committee's next meeting will be Monday, August 18. The meeting will focus on Steve Wertheim's review of the status of the "fast track housing strategy " he is managing for Assemblymember Wick's. This strategy has 22+ separate bills going through the California legislature at one time on a bicameral and bipartisan basis to streamline the approval process throughout the state for new housing developments. Additionally, Oscar Wei, chief economist of the California Association of Realtors will present a statewide update of the residential real estate market.

In September Alex Werth of the Bay Area Housing Finance Committee will present detailed studies of evictions and the availability of tenant legal services in the nine county Bay Area. Finally in October a representative of the County's H3 group will present the recently released report on the 2025 Point in Time Homeless Count and the yet to be released 2024 Annual Report from the Continuum of Care.

Health Workgroup – Mike Wener

Next speaker will be on Elder Abuse

Committee membership is growing.

Legislative Workgroup and California Senior Legislature Update –Steve Lipson for Shirley Krohn

In October CSL will put forth top 10 bills.

SB707 still moving forward.

Technology Workgroup – Steve Lipson

Next meeting: Annette from WellConnected will present.

Senior Mobility Action Council (Transportation Workgroup) – Candace Evans

Hosting Annual Senior Transportation and Mobility Workshop event in November

10:55 President's Report – Lorna VanAckeren
Lorna read a letter informing the committee that Jim Donnelly is no longer an ACOA member and that she is assuming her role as President.

11:05 Break

11:10 AB 474 & challenges in moving forward
Alicia & Tracy are working on it. Tracy sent to policy for approval. AAA will provide the ACOA a template for future advocacy use.

11:20 Future Meeting Presentations
HICAP – August
Family Justice Center – September
IHSS - October

11:30 Consent Items

Approve LOA for Terri Tobey thru September 2025

Motion: Wener
Second: Lipson
Aye: Donovan, Hayes, Kleiner, Lipson, Van Ackeren, Evans, and Wener
Absent: Krohn
Result: Passed

11:35 Public Comment
Jill shared that Nikki Lopez, ACOA member & Caregiver OneCall founder, was the key article in the August 3rd East Bay Times Economy section.

11:45 Next Executive committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 3, 2025, 10 am - 12 pm.

11:49 Adjourned

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