



# CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

## Committee Meeting Minutes - Draft

### Advisory Council on Aging

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Wednesday, June 18, 2025

10:00 AM

500 Ellinwood Way, Pleasant Hill  
Board Room A/B

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#### General Meeting

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

Introductions

Roll Call

#### Present

Chalo Buckman, Deborah Card, Brock Dubbels, Kevin Donovan, Marilyn Fowler, Alan Goldhammer, Michelle Hayes, Riki Juster, Bryan Harris, Carol Kehoe, Denise Kalm, Jill Kleiner, Shirley Krohn, Steve Lipson, Sharon Maxwell, Kathryn Monroy-Dexter, Brian O'Toole, Deanna Perry, Logan Robertson, Carol Schaefer, Sharon Sakai-Miller, Victoria Snyder, Terri Tobey, Uche Uwahemu, Lorna Van Ackeren, Elaine Welch, Michael Wener, and Dennis Yee

#### Excused

Roger Boaz, Sarah Green, Thomas Lang, Nikki Lopez, Richard Morisky, and Candace Evans

#### Absent

Francisco Benavides, and Cate Burkhart

10:00 Approve May Draft Minutes

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**Attachments:** [Gen.05.21.25DraftMinutes-1](#)

**Motion:** Van Ackeren

**Second:** Wener

**Aye:** Buckman, Card, Dubbels, Donovan, Fowler, Goldhammer, Hayes, Juster, Harris, Kehoe, Kalm, Kleiner, Krohn, Lipson, Maxwell, Monroy-Dexter, O'Toole, Perry, Robertson, Schaefer, Sakai-Miller, Snyder, Tobey, Uwahemu, Van Ackeren, Welch, Wener, and Yee

**Absent:** Benavides, and Burkhardt

**Result:** Passed

10:05 Area Agency on Aging Reports:

AAA updates: Alicia Espinoza, Division Manager  
Age-Friendly Campaign Update – will be launched in July and include billboards, social media, radio ads. Alicia will check on whether the materials will be in languages other than English.

Contracting FY 25-26 – Received budget from the State. Staff renewing contracts

Senior Nutrition RFPs – Home Delivered Meal and Congregate Meal contracts awarded to Meals on Wheels Diablo Region and J-Sei. Trio will continue to provide the actual meals. An RFP for West County will have to be reissued since we did not receive any bids for that service. In the meantime, in order not to disrupt services, a six-month extension will be issued to the existing West County provider.

Transition to Zoom Webinars – starting in August meetings, we will transition from Zoom “meetings” to Zoom “webinars”. Alicia is developing materials to aid the transition.

Staff Updates – Dixie Peralta will join AAA staff on July 1st, Eugenia Hidalgo-Malacas is our new HICAP staff member. We will also have a new Program Analyst starting on July 10th.

Tracy Murray, Director reported:

Funding for most programs Older Americans Act program is flat, but that nutrition funding is decreased. Funding from another source, Modernizing the Older Californian's Act (MOCA) is also down, and is slated to end fiscal year 2026-2027. The funding decreases will most significantly impact on the senior nutrition program, in particular the Home Delivered Meal program. Ms. Murray provided the very good news that Meals on Wheels of Contra Costa has committed \$1.6 million to help fill the gap.

She also reported on the status of state and federal legislation and noted that the California Welfare Directors Association provides excellent analysis of state budget initiatives and noted she would include their report in the next ACOA Council meeting packet. On the federal front, Medi-Cal work requirements appear to be gaining traction. On a state front, the legislature has counted Governor Newsom's proposal to reinstate Medical Asset limits of \$2,000 with a limit of \$130,000.

10:30 Presentation: Adult Protective Services (Marcy Hara - APS Division Manager)  
See slides in agenda packet.

APS PP

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**Attachments:** [APS Presentation 06-11-25](#)

11:00 Break

11:10 ACOA President's Report: Jim Donnelly  
Committee chairs to report on their goals/objectives from the Area Plan  
1.1 continued  
2.1 Jim is the community rep to food security collaborative

## 11:20 Committee and Workgroup Reports:

Membership: Julie Ortega - No report provided.

Planning: Jill Kleiner - Jill provided updates on the Planning Committee goals/objectives from the Area Plan. Next focus group revisit meeting will be at Monument Crisis Center on 6/26/25 facilitated by Marilyn Fowler with Nhang Long presenting.

Health & Elder Abuse Prevention: Terri Tobey/Michael Wener

Mike provided updates on the Health & Elder Abuse Prevention Committee goals/objectives from the Area Plan.

Housing: Kevin Donovan

Letter of Support AB 474 Home Share Act of 2025 – bill passed Assembly, edits will be made to the letter in the packet.

Motion: Kalm made a motion to approve the Letter of Support (with the minor edits). VanAckeren seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted and the motion was approved. Logan Robertson Abstain.

Kevin provided updates on the Housing Committee goals/objectives from the Area Plan.

Legislative: Steve Lipson

SB 239 deactivated and combined with SB 707. Will be heard by the Assembly Committee on Local Government.

Will send individual letter of support to ACOA members.

Steve is working with California Senior Legislature (CSL) on a bill to allow older adult educational opportunities including technology.

Technology: Steve Lipson

Will send information to ACOA members about AARP's Older Adults Technology Services

Steve provided updates on the Technology Committee goals/objectives from the Area Plan.

Transportation: Jim Donnelly for Candace Evans

Jim provided updates on the Transportation Committee goals/objectives from the Area Plan.

Letter AB474

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**Attachments:**

[AB 474 Letter 3-23-25](#)

**Motion:**

**Kalm**

**Second:**

**Van Ackeren**

**Aye:**

**Buckman, Card, Dubbels, Donovan, Fowler, Goldhammer, Hayes, Juster, Harris, Kehoe, Kalm, Kleiner, Krohn, Lipson, Maxwell, Monroy-Dexter, O'Toole, Perry, Schaefer, Sakai-Miller, Snyder, Tobey, Uwahemu, Van Ackeren, Welch, Wener, and Yee**

**Absent:**

**Benavides, and Burkhart**

**Abstain:** Robertson

**Result:** Passed

Housing Info [25-2390](#)

**Attachments:** [AB 474 to Expand Affordable Housing Options](#)

Bill Info [25-2391](#)

**Attachments:** [Bill Text CA AB474 2025-2026 Regular Session Introduced](#)  
[LegiScan](#)

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

Technology: Steve Lipson

Transportation: Candace Evans

11:45 Regional Coalition Update: Debbie Toth

Most recent work on advocacy policy. Thanks to Bryan Harris, Lorna VanAckeren, Jim Donnelly, and Michelle Hayes who reviewed all California Collaborative for Long Term Services and Supports (CCLTSS) proposed bills.

May revise proposals:

Asset test proposed to be reinstated. This would negatively affect 112,000 Californians.

Placing caps on IHSS overtime – affecting the caregiving workforce

Call your legislators!

Justice in Aging is an excellent resource for fact sheets, toolkits

OAA 60 Birthday Celebration – please join us!

Scan Foundation presented a webinar “Whats going on with Medicaid?” yesterday.

11:50 Consent Items:

Approve Alternate seats:

Indy Sekhon – Alternate 1

Deborah Wiener – Alternate 2

Holly Frates – Alternate 3

**Motion:** Lipson

**Second:** Donovan

**Aye:** Buckman, Card, Dubbels, Donovan, Fowler, Goldhammer, Hayes, Juster, Harris, Kehoe, Kalm, Kleiner, Krohn, Lipson, Maxwell, Monroy-Dexter, O'Toole, Perry, Schaefer, Sakai-Miller, Snyder, Tobey, Uwahemu, Van Ackeren, Welch, Wener, and Yee

**Absent:** Benavides, and Burkhart

**Abstain:** Robertson

**Result:** Passed

**11:55 Public Comment/Announcements:**

David Linnell, Meals on Wheels Diablo Region will fundraise to continue the breakfast bags program so those who are currently receiving breakfast will continue to receive it.

Debbie acknowledged Rhonda Rochon Smith, Contra Costa Health. Thank you for taking the time to come to this meeting.

New Business for next meeting:

No meeting is scheduled for July 2025, Committee is on recess.

Next scheduled meeting is August 20, 2025 at 10:00 am - 12:00 pm.

Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP) will present at August meeting and In-home Supportive Services (IHSS) at September meeting.

12:00 Adjourn: Jim Donnelly adjourned the meeting at 11:59 am.

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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.