

Technology Committee Roster**Legislative Committee Roster**

- Steve Lipson, Chair
- Cate Burkhart
- Brock Dubbels
- Denise Kalm
- Carol Kehoe
- Jill Kleiner
- Sam Sakai-Miller
- Gerry LaLonde-Berg, Alternate

EHSD staff members Alicia Espinoza, Glenda Pacha and Jennifer Gomes-Figueiroa provided strong support to the work group throughout 2025.

Committee's Role

To support the Advisory Council on Aging (ACOA) by identifying and recommending ways to improve access and use of technologies for both the Contra Costa County older adult community-at-large as well as ACOA members. The workgroup:

- Held Regular Monthly Meetings.
- Provided ACOA Website Recommendations Edits/Updates/Additions.
- Identified non-county web resources (e.g. OATS /AARP) for use by CoCoElders411.net an unaffiliated digital resource.
- Supported the AAA in the execution of technology programming grants.
- Coordinated with the Legislative Committee on technology specific legislative proposals.
- Monitored AI (Artificial Intelligence) technologies and their impact on older adults.

Accomplishments

In 2025, the Technology Workgroup provided recommendations to the ACOA website, identified non-county resources for CoCoElders411.net (an unaffiliated website for older adults); supported the AAA in the execution of technology programming grants; provided input for SB 239/SB 707, legislation to revise the Brown Act and allow teleconferencing; monitored AI (Artificial Intelligence) technologies and their impact on older adults;

Included speakers from technology-related organizations including OATS (Older Adults Technology Services) and Well Connected and advised the AAA in the implementation of federal, state and local technology funding programs.

2026 Work Plan

- Review new technology-centric proposals for the California Senior Legislature.

- Provide recommendations to the AAA regarding technology-related funding.
- Continue to monitor AI issues as they relate to older adults and the disabled.
- Identify Educational Pathways for Older Adult Technology Training.
- Help formulate and advise on CSL legislative proposals relevant to technology education/training for older adults.
- Explore Advisory Technology Partnerships with other agencies, including Public Health.
- Continue to identify non-county resources for CoCoElders411.net.
- Identify additional speakers to help keep the Committee informed.
- Identify and support new programming that addresses goal 3 of the Master Plan for Aging local Playbook, Inclusion & Equity, and Not Isolation.

Steve Lipson

Technology Committee Chair