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Advisory Council on Aging

AGENDA

**ACOA Advisory Council Virtual Meeting
July 6, 2021 - 10:00 AM Pacific Time**

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NAPA/SOLANO AREA AGENCY ON AGING MEETING PROTOCOL IN RESPONSE TO CORONAVIRUS COVID 19

California Governor Gavin Newsom issued Executive Order N-25-20 on March 12, 2020, relating to the convening of public meetings in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Napa/Solano Area Agency on Aging hereby provides notice that it will continue to convene its regularly scheduled public meetings of the Oversight Board and the Advisory Council telephonically, as provided in the publicly posted agenda notice, and until further notice. Pursuant to the Executive Order, and to maintain the orderly conduct of the meeting, the Napa/Solano Area Agency on Aging will allow Board members and Council members to attend the meetings telephonically and to participate in the meetings to the same extent as if they were present.

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Napa/Solano Area Agency on Aging
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CALL TO ORER – 10:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

This is your opportunity to address the Advisory Council on a matter not listed on the Agenda, but it must be within the subject matter jurisdiction of the ACOA. Please limit your comments to three minutes. Items from the public will be taken under consideration without discussion by the Advisory Council and may be referred to staff.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 1, 2021 MINUTES

MEMBER CHECK-INS - Opportunity for Members to share activities and updates.

WELCOME AND APPRECIATION

- Welcome New Council Member Janice Burger, representing Napa County
- Welcome Verneal Brumfield, Vice Chair 21-22
- Thank you and appreciation to Dane Reeves for two terms as Vice Chair

REPORTS

- **Executive Committee:** – Quarterly Activity Report -- Richard White
- **New Member Recruitment and Selection** – Donna Altes
 - Recommendation of Fern Yaffa, candidate representing Napa
 - **ACTION:** Approve Fern Yaffa for Council Membership
- **Ad Hoc By Laws** - Verneal Brumfield
- **AgeWell** – Cheryl Johnson
- **Advocacy** – Tony Provine
 - **ACTION:** Approve support Letter for SB515 – Long-term Services and Supports (LTSS)
 - **ACTION:** Approve support Letter for AB 911 – Long-term Services and Supports (LTSS)
- **Adopt-a-Provider** - Report on Share the Care Napa Valley – Donna Altes
- **Equity** - Call for interested Members to develop Advisory Council Equity statement
- **Staff Report** – Elaine Clark

OLD BUSINESS

- Update on vaccination outreach to Communities of Color

NEW BUSINESS

ADJOURN – 12:00 p.m.

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DRAFT MINUTES
June 1, 2021

CALL TO ORDER: 10:04 a.m.

PRESENT: Elaine Clark, Program Staff; Richard White, Chair; Dane Reeves, Vice Chair; Susan Ensey, Secretary; Donna Altes; Verneal Brumfield; Mina Diaz; Donna Harris; Cheryl Johnson; Arnold Koenig; Tony Provine. Excused: Julie Spencer. Absent: Jerry Castanon; Brenda Crawford. Guests: Gwendolyn Gill, Public Health, Solano County; Laurie Hartmann, Executive Director Meals on Wheels, Solano

INTRODUCTION: Mina Diaz, new Council Member representing Solano County, introduced herself and the Council welcomed her.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: None

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Motion to add topic of ACOA support to services in case of Suisun's Senior Center closure under New Business made by Dane Reeves; Seconded by Donna Harris; Approved. Motion to approve the Agenda as amended by Donna Harris; Seconded by Donna Altes; Approved.

APPROVAL OF THE MAY 4, 2021 MINUTES: Motion by Donna Altes; Seconded by Verneal Brumfield; Approved.

MEMBER CHECK-IN: Brief comments by Members.

GUEST SPEAKER: Cristal Little, Vallejo Housing Justice Coalition (VHJC) Organizer; Sarah Scruggs, Stewardship and Education Coordinator/Co-director of Policy, Northern California Land Trust (NCLT); and Faris Jessa, Project Manager NCLT. Topic: The panel presented slides introducing the VHJC and the NCLT, outlining the purpose and activities of the Northern California Land Trust (NCLT), and focusing on housing issues and affordability. They also outlined their work towards bringing CLT's to Vallejo. Cristal requested that the Council become knowledgeable and supportive of their efforts. NCLT has joined with other organizations to advocate for funding of SB1079 which allows properties to be purchased by people who live on and occupy the land. Follow-up discussion by many Council Members including Richard White, Dane Reeves, Donna Harris, Donna Altes, and Mina Diaz. Mina said she intends to add this valuable information and presentation to the agenda of the Vallejo City Council.

REPORTS:

Executive Committee: Richard White reviewed topics discussed in the Committee. Julia Orr will be the speaker on Elder Abuse in July. Regarding continuing Zoom Meetings, Elaine clarified that she is waiting to hear back on the start of requirements for in-person meetings.

Ad Hoc New Member Committee: The Committee recommends Janice Burger to fill the opening representing Napa County. Janice was recruited and recommended by Donna Altes. Arnold Koenig, Tony Provine and Susan Ensey interviewed Janice and are quite impressed and recommend her highly.

ACTION ITEM: Motion to approve Janice Burger for Advisory Council Member representing Napa County by Susan Ensey; Seconded by Dane Reeves; Approved.

Ad Hoc By Laws Committee: Verneal Brumfield, Co-Chair reported that the Committee has met and has outlined some initial changes. They will meet a second time, and will provide a draft to the full Council for review in July.

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Active Projects:

Adopt-a-Provider: Richard White requested feedback on how the program is working. Donna Harris, Verneal Brumfield and Donna Altes mentioned issues. Dane Reeves and Donna Altes recommended that Members present Provider activities as part of the Agenda. The Executive Committee will plan the dates for Member presentations on the Internal Calendar. Elaine Clark suggested Members at a minimum get on the email lists of their Providers.

AgeWell – Quality in Aging: Cheryl Johnson reminded Members that articles are due by June 15th for the July issue. Elaine Clark reported that the newsletter will reach all registered voters 60 and over with email addresses in Solano County, and that Supervisor Monica Brown is reaching out to Napa for their contact list. The purpose is to Inform people about AAA programs and services and to offer resources. Mina Diaz asked about language translations. Elaine explained that there is no budget for translators or printing. Mina offered to do a Spanish translation. Dane Reeves offered to inquire about a Tagalog translation.

Advocacy: Tony Provine referred to the detailed spreadsheet of legislation which was emailed to all Members. Tony reported that the main bills we are tracking are moving forward through the legislative process. A total of about 45 Bills are pertinent, with about 24 being selected as having some level of priority, and our Council is most interested in about 12 of those 24. Tony anticipates that the legislative bodies will reduce the 45 down to 12, with priority given to those with funding attached.

STAFF REPORT: Because of time, Elaine Clark asked Members to review her written report. Elaine reported that reopening senior centers and congregate meals for Napa County are expected to start very soon, and that she is hoping to get an answer to dates and protocols in a day or so. She anticipates that Solano County openings will be sometime this summer.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Update on Member recruitment activities for Napa County representatives.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Donna Altes reported on the Napa Monarch Justice Center opening which is a one-stop shop for victims of abuse and crime.
- Quarterly ACOA updates for Napa and Solano BOS meetings. (Deferred because of time.)
- Letter of ACOA support to Mayor of Suisun City regarding possible closure of the Suisun Senior Center: Richard White read the letter of support which advocates continued senior services in the event of the closure.
ACTION ITEM: Motion to approve letter of support by Tony Provine; Seconded by Dane Reeves; Approved.
- Equity Project Team: **ACTION ITEM:** Motion to create project team to develop an Equity statement by Susan Ensey; Seconded by Dane Reeves; Approved.
- Vaccination rates and outreach to communities of color and remote areas: Elaine Clark sent an email announcing Solano County's vaccination rates and increased outreach efforts. Donna Altes urged members to continue to push vaccinations in communities of color. Mina Diaz explained what she is personally doing and described other efforts to reach out. Mina advised Members to be understanding with people who are reluctant to get vaccines and that education is key. Gwendolyn Gill mentioned that the Solano County website provides updates each day.

ADJOURNED 12:20

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July 2021 Quarterly Highlight Report

Covering April - June

Area Plan

- Reviewed, made recommendations, and approved the 4 Year Area Plan update
- Hosted a community meeting to present the Area Plan and seek community input
- Recommended AAA purchase emergency kits to be distributed to at-risk older adults in Solano County, using CARES Act funds
- Individual members met with assigned service providers to better understand their needs and how the ACOA/AAA can assist
- Agreed to assist with leading the effort to localize the Master Plan and incorporate local priorities into the Area Plan

Advocacy

- Issued support letters for the following pieces of legislation:
 - ✓ AB98 - Health Care: Medical Goods; Re-use & Distribution (Frazier)
 - ✓ SB258 - include HIV among the list of groups with the “greatest social need” (Laird)
 - ✓ SB281 – Medi-Cal; Community Transition Program Federal Alignment (Dodd)
- Issued support letter to the Suisun City Council urging the continuation of needed services for 5,000 older adults residing in the city
- Created comprehensive list of Bills and elected officials
- Met with elected officials to inform and support key legislative priorities

Communications

- Created *AgeWell*, a quarterly ACOA/AAA electronic newsletter focusing on issues and programs for older adults in Napa and Solano Counties
- Disseminated information on vaccines, especially focusing on outreach to communities of color
- Participated on KVON Senior Moments program, focusing on the work of the ACOA and need for Napa members
- Susan Ensey and Donna Altes wrote PSA to air on KVON, recruiting ACOA members, Dane reached out to his cousin to record a PSA for recruitment

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Education

- Hosted a webinar on Community Land Trusts (CLT) presented by Cristal Little (Vallejo Housing Coalition), accompanied by Sarah Scruggs and Faris Jessa of the Northern California Land Trust (NCLT)
- Hosted a community presentation on COVID eviction resources/supports

Membership

- Recruited, interviewed, and welcomed two new members to the ACOA: Mina Diaz (Vallejo) and Jerry Castanon (Dixon) representing Solano County
- Elected 2021-2022 officers: Richard White (Chair); Verneal Brumfield (Vice-Chair); Susan Ensey (Acting Secretary)
- Reached out to Napa County Supervisors for assistance in recruiting Napa ACOA members
- Recommended the re-appointments of Verneal Brumfield (Solano), Donna Harris (Solano), Arnold Koenig (Napa)
- Bylaws project team formed and completed draft of changes for approval.

Recognition

- ACOA recognized departing members: Deanna DuPont (Solano); Robert Padilla (Solano); Brenda Burke (Napa); and Fran Rosenberg (Napa)
- Cheryl Johnson designed the *AgeWell* newsletter and coordinated publication

Looking Forward

Moving into the 2021-2022 year, we are looking forward to building upon the excellent work and results achieved by our members. We are excited and passionate about taking an active lead in implementing the Area Plan and localizing the Master Plan for Aging. As we further our stated mission of advocating for and enhancing the quality of life, health, independence, and dignity of older adults, we are committed to embracing diversity, equity and inclusion in all we do.

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AGENDA

July 6, 2021 – 12:00–12:30 – Zoom Meeting

CALL TO ORDER 12:00

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF JULY 6, 2021 AGENDA, AND MINUTES FROM JUNE 1, 2021

EXECUTIVE REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF REPORTS AND TOPICS COVERED IN JULY ACOA MEETING

PLAN AGENDA FOR AUGUST ACOA MEETING

OTHER DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS

- Review Adopt-a-Provider lists and plan future dates for reviews by Members
- Progress on tracking letters of support and other advocacy activities against outcomes.

ADJOURN 12:30

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

From June 1, 2021 – Zoom Meeting

CALL TO ORDER: 12:10

ROLL CALL: Richard White, Chair; Dane Reeves, Vice Chair; Susan Ensey, Secretary; Elaine Clark, Staff.

DISCUSSION TOPICS

- Julia Orr confirmed for Guest Speaker on topic of Elder Abuse
- Changes to Adopt-a-Provider list. Schedule to review at next Executive Committee Meeting.
- Discuss purpose of new Equity project and ask for volunteers at July Meeting.
- Keep topic of update on vaccinations to COC on Agenda under Old Business
- Internal Calendar to be revised each July and January. July 2021 calendar will include January 2021 through June 2022.
- Add request for volunteer timekeeper at beginning of each meeting.
- Richard and Elaine to meet with Cheryl Johnson to discuss article assignments for *AgeWell*.

ADJOURNED 12:40

Internal Calendar - Napa / Solano Advisory Council on Aging - JAN - DEC 2021

Updated 06/01/21

Month/Year	Meetings / Membership	Project & Advocacy Milestones	Key AAA / Contract Activities
JANUARY	-1/5 Speaker: Lauren Rolfe, California Senior Assembly Member. Subject: CSL -New Website overview	-Approved Advocacy Project -Newsletter and Alerts	New AAA website launch New COVID Relief Bill reviewed
FEBRUARY	-2/2 Speaker: Julie Bates: Livable Communities and Livability Index -Molly's Angels Update by Susan Ensey	-Newsletter and Program Themes Calendar teams activating Calendar themes and topics into the Newsletter. -Capital Day February 28	Approved reallocation of PD&C funding; and allocation of additional One-Time-Only and Realignment funding
MARCH March for Meals	-Officer Nomination Committee Members approved.	-Approved <i>AgeWell</i> for Newsletter name. -Advocacy team tracking multiple state and Federal Bills.	Start review process for Area Plan and Provider allocations Proposed Budget for 21-22
APRIL	-Officer appointments: Richard White, Chair; Verneal Brumfield, Vice Chair; Susan Ensey, Acting Secretary. -New Members: Mina Diaz and Jerry Castanon. -Members 2nd 2-year terms approved: Verneal Brumfield, Donna Harris, and Arnold Koenig. -Members leaving Council on 4/30.	-Presentation and review of updated Area Plan by Elaine Clark. -Spreadsheet of tracked Legislative Bills sent to Members.	Update Area Plan: Public Hearing on Area Plan.
MAY Older Americans	-Welcome new Council Members for Solano: Mina Diaz and Jerry Castanon.	-Ad Hoc Team formed to review By Laws. -Ad Hoc Interview Committee formed.	Present budget and funding for Service Providers to Members.. Area Plan submitted to CDA.
JUNE Gay Pride / Elder Abuse / Alzheimer's	-6/1 Speakers: Vallejo Community Land Trust -Janice Burger approved by Council for Membership for Napa -Terms end for current Officers 6/30.	-Support Letter re: Suisun Senior Center. -Council Approved Equity Project.. - <i>AgeWell</i> articles due 06/15.	
JULY	-Officers begin term -		FY21-22 Provider Contracts begin
AUGUST			
SEPTEMBER Fall Prevention	-9/25 Napa Alzheimer's team walk		
OCTOBER Emergency Preparedness	-10/6 Solano Alzheimer's team walk		
NOVEMBER Family Caregiver			
DECEMBER	12/06 Joint OB/ACOA Meeting - Fairfield		

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The Honorable Richard Pan
State Capitol, Room 4070
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: SB515 – Long-term Services and Supports (LTSS)

Dear Senator Pan:

On behalf of 150,000 older adults in Solano and Napa counties, we appreciate your leadership in introducing SB515, and I am writing to express the Napa/Solano Area Agency on Aging's Advisory Council strong support for this bill. SB515 will determine the members of the proposed LTSS task force that would oversee a future LTSS benefit to help millions of Californians cover the cost of LTSS. This program would help to meet the needs of California's growing population of older adults and persons living with disabilities.

Currently, almost 8 million Californians are either older adults or persons with mobility, sensory, intellectual/developmental, and/or mental health disabilities; and this population will grow significantly over the next decade. Unfortunately, long-term services and supports (LTSS) are not adequately covered by Medicare, and less than 5 percent of Californians have purchased long-term care insurance due to its high cost and ever-shifting benefits. Paying out-of-pocket for LTSS is cost-prohibitive for older Californian households, whose median income is \$50,000. Family caregivers spend an average of nearly \$7,000 a year covering the costs of care for their loved ones. For individuals and families, unanticipated costs associated with LTSS can lead to reduced

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and/or inadequate care options, psychological stress, and poverty. When informal networks of care are not available, individuals and families must pay out-of-pocket for LTSS, purchasing services provided by home care aides, adult day services, assisted living communities, and nursing homes.

The sad fact is that many are forced to spend their entire savings and even liquidate assets in order to qualify for an already overburdened Medi-Cal system. But these services come at a high price to California taxpayers.

The Advisory Council believes that California needs a new LTSS benefit program that provides benefits that are flexible and responsive to each individual's unique needs. Such a program would preserve dignity and choice for individuals and their families by providing for their service and support needs while these services are being funded by a new, sustainable source. This new program would also help relieve the increasing demographic and financial pressure on the Medi-Cal system, while bringing California families much needed-relief.

Sincerely,

Richard White
Chair, Advisory Council on Aging (ACOA)
Napa/Solano Area Agency on Aging (NSAAA)

Cc: Assemblymember Adrin Nazarian

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The Honorable Adrin Nazarian
State Capitol, Room 4146
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: AB 911 – Long-term Services and Supports (LTSS)

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Staff Report July 2021

1. Provider Updates

Met with Meals on Wheels Solano and Collabria Care I&A teams to discuss needed changes in internal structures to bring programs in compliance with Older Americans Act regulations.

Met with Innovative Health Solutions team for quarterly update on HealthRx, Disease Prevention, and Grandparent Caregiver programs. Discussed progress, needs, and additional internal compliance needs.

Met with Benicia Family Resource Center and Legal Services of Northern CA to consider possible large-scale projects and protections.

Met with Ombudsman Services of Contra Costa and Solano regarding the Visiting Program growth and plan for reopening.

2. Master Plan Playbook

Worked with Diane Kaljian to create local Playbook strategy and timeline.

3. Website

Created Volunteer web page on aaans.org site that links volunteer opportunities directly to service provider websites.

Requested and received VOAD logos from Solano and Napa organizations which will be added to the aaans.org site with hot links directly to each VOAD website.

4. Reopening

Participated in state-wide meetings to create state-wide reopening plan for congregate meals and classes and in-person visiting options. Communicated with county public health departments for local guidance.

Directed service providers wanting to reopen in congregate settings to first submit for approval, written processes for keeping clients, staff, and volunteers safe. Waiting for written guidance. Few locations anticipate opening prior to the fall. (Statewide, many organizations do not plan to reopen until the end of the calendar year.)

Confirmed with County Counsel the need to meet in-person beginning in October, coordinated with both counties to schedule meeting rooms.



Advisory Council on Aging Meeting Dates 2021-2022

Effective October 2021, all Advisory Council on Aging (ACOA) meetings will be held in-person.
Meetings will be held in Napa and Solano.

First Tuesday of the Month
Even Months – Solano
Odd Months – Napa
Meeting Times: 10:00 – 12:00

Solano County 675 Texas Street, Event Center Fairfield, CA 94533	Napa County 650 Imperial Way, First Floor Napa, CA 94559
October 5, 2021	November 2, 2021
December 6, 2021 – Special combined meeting with the Oversight Board, held on Monday	January 4, 2022
February 1, 2022	March 1, 2022
April 5, 2022	May 3, 2022
June 7, 2022	July 5, 2022
August 2, 2022	September 6, 2022
October 4, 2022	November 1, 2022
December 6, 2022 -- May be moved to Monday, December 5 and combined with Oversight Board Meeting	

Meetings may be cancelled if no business is before the ACOA.