



The Unified Voice for Older Adults in Yolo County

Advocacy Committee

MINUTES

Thursday, May 6, 2021, 10:00am – 12:00pm

VIA ZOOM CONFERENCE CALL

PRESENT:

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| Marianne Boyer (Winters-Yolo Aging Commissions) | Kaelea Lucas (Resources for Independent Living) |
| Saira Delgado (Assemblymember Aguiar-Curry office) | Pam Miller (Agency on Aging Area 4) |
| Charlotte Dorsey (BBCAN, CA Sr. Legislator) | Emily Miyaoka (RIL) |
| Cynthia Van Nostram (Partnership Healthplan) | Dawn Myers (YHAA Board/Yolo ADHC) |
| Jaana Elina (AAA4) | Elaine Roberts Musser (Yolo Aging Comm.) |
| JR Fujita (AARP) | Valerie Olson (Yolo Co. Health Council) |
| Lindsey Hall (Yolo D.A. Elder Abuse Protection) | Ali Padua (YHAA, CSUS Gero intern) |
| Gabriela Herrera (Congressman) | Debra Palmer (Winters/Yolo Aging Comm.) |
| Patti Huston (YHAA Board) | Nancy Schaezlein-Zipse (Senior Advocate) |
| Anson Houghton (AAA4) | Jeffrey Tardaguila (RIL Board) |
| Nia Jones (Congresswoman Matsui's office) | Ana Vasquez (Senator Dodd's office) |
| Curleene Langman (YHAA, CSUS gero intern) | Sydney Whitesel (Assemblymember McCarty office) |
| Elizabeth Lasensky (Davis Aging Comm.) | Sheila Allen (YHAA staff) |
| | (26 people on call) |

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1. **Welcome, introductions and approval of agenda**
2. **Approval of the minutes of 4/1/21 MOTION:** Move approval. Moved by Marianne Boyer, Patti Huston 2nd, passed unanimously.
3. **Affordable Low Income Housing Programs and Application Processes for Older Adults (Curleene Langman, YHAA intern, CSUS Gerontology Program)** See Powerpoint presentation. Discussion of the need for advocacy for additional funding for vouchers and ways to decrease the wait time.
4. **YHAA Master Plan for Aging Town Hall meetings**
Woodland-Heard from Garamendi and Supervisor Dodd, rural transportation, internet access, availability of computers, mobile vet for pets, affordability of long term care. Garamendi-hoped that

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Medicare would support additional mobility and dementia care in the future. Three more town halls each Friday.

- a. **Master Plan report:** <https://mpa.aging.ca.gov/>
- b. **Local Playbook:** <https://mpa.aging.ca.gov/LocalPlaybook>

5. Reports from elected officials' offices

- a. Assemblymember Aguiar-Curry (Saira Delgado) – bills going through comm AB14/AB42 telehealth passed committee and heading to other house.
- b. Assemblymember McCarty (Sydnie Whitesel) present-bills in committee-she is in district office and EDD issues. Almost everyone doing unemployment work.
- c. Senator Dodd (Ana Vazquez) also working on many EDD SB 281 we are in support. SB108 CalFresh
- d. Senator Pan (Karen Abrego) not present
- e. Congressman Garamendi (Aaron Lotta) not present
- f. Congresswoman Matsui (Nia Jones) Infrastructure Plan still forming-Task Force on Aging and Families fighting to keep caregiving in the package. Newsletter related to tax season. If not received your stimulus payments you must file taxes. Mental Health awareness introduced Suicide Prevention Act for ER. Resources for CDC to work with local health offices.

6. Report from Legislative Subcommittee

Federal

- HR321 FEED Act-**MOTION:** Move to support. Moved by Dawn Myer, Marianne Boyer 2nd, passed unanimously.
- American Job Plan (not yet proposed legislation)-amend letter to include voucher funding support.
- HR1474/S56 Alzheimer's care and training-**MOTION:** Moved by Charlotte Dorsey, Dawn Myers 2nd. **FOLLOW UP:** Nia will ask Congresswoman Matsui to support
- **FOLLOW UP:** Nia checking if broadband consolidating

State

- Governor's Broadband Executive Order <https://www.gov.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/8.14.20-EO-N-73-20.pdf>
- SB555 Watch
- AB41-CalTrans-Support with more information
- AB97 Insulin affordable – watch
- AB978- has been amended to only apply to a few Southern CA mobile home parks. **MOTION:** Move to remove opposition. Moved by Marianne Boyer, Charlotte Dorsey 2nd, passed unanimously.
- AB1400-shelved no funding

7. **Report from Yolo County Health Council** (Valerie Olson) Working on annual report to BOS-5 categories, employment-mentorship programs, incentives, etc. Housing-affordable and accessible. Infrastructure. Nibble models of care, extending food programs.

8. **The California Collaborative for Long Term Services (CCLTSS)** (Jon Sugarman) no update

9. **Agency on Aging Area 4 update** (Pam Miller) Free Google Home devices for persons over 60 are still available. Today getting Yolo District Attorney update on VITALS Program, voluntary sign up by

community members and caregivers to identify at risk individuals (such as dementia, autistic, etc.) so law enforcement can assist if lost or other interactions. Continue to provide food for Project Room key to end of June.

10. Resources for Independent Living (April Wicks) Increased efforts to increase equity. Website has video on a COVID story. Doing work via phone and Zoom. In Sept. plan hybrid staffing model. Advocacy through CFILC with similar priorities as YHAA. Positive response to in home vaccine access in Yolo County. Hired COVID ambassador-assisting with presentations about vaccine equity. MyTurn now allows to sign up for accessible transportation.

11. Report from California Association of Retired Americans (CARA) (Jeff Tardaguila) members providing advocacy at capitol for their legislative agenda.

12. YHAA report on current projects: (Sheila Allen)

- a. **Phone Friends for Seniors** – If you know of any isolated older adults or volunteers please contact Sheila for orientation and matching. Charlotte reminder to not talk down to older adults.
- b. **Yolo Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC)** Funding through CA for first time last year as an emerging ADRC. CARES Act funding for rapid assessment of how community is responding to COVID. There will be funding for ADRCs next year. Expanding ADRCs statewide is ranked as #1 priority for CCLTSS funding request. 1 more year of funding is available to Yolo ADRC in the “emerging” status. Invitation to all to join the YADRC Advisory Committee. There are over 500 ADRCs in the U.S. but only 6 in CA.
- c. **Healthy Parks-Healthy People**-Education video coming out in June to educate providers and the public on the positive health impact of getting out in nature in conjunction with Parks RX national program.
- d. **Kaiser grant**-funds our many programs that connect people to needed services
- e. **Expansion of Yolo Adult Day Health Center**-Discussing how to move back in person to incrementally beginning in June and fully back in Sept. Big expansion of YADHC project is moving forward, in June start renovation with opening in 2022!
- f. **COVID Vaccine Outreach and Education**-YHAA has a grant from the county to continue outreach to older adults and caregivers that are not yet vaccinated with a focus on West Sacramento.
- g. **Big Day of Giving** is today. Please remember YHAA and the many great non-profits in your giving.

13. Announcements and upcoming events-

- Jeff reported that there is an effort to fund infrastructure for light rail that is more accessible. Terry Bassett, long time director of Yolo Bus recently retired.
- Nancy reported there is a new resource to decrease the cost of broadband for low income persons through the Emergency Broadband program-can get \$50 off per month. getemergencybroadband.org

14. Future Agenda Items – Older adult nutrition in Yolo County, input into use of American Rescue Plan at county and city levels.

15. Next meeting date: Thursday, June 3, 2021, 10am-noon via Zoom