



The Unified Voice for Older Adults in Yolo County

Advocacy Committee

MINUTES

Thursday, June 3, 2021, 10:00am – 12:00pm

VIA ZOOM CONFERENCE CALL

PRESENT:

Sheila Allen (Executive Director, YHAA)	Dawn Myers (YHAA Board/Yolo ADHC)
Saira Delgado (Assemblymember Aguiar-Curry office)	Elaine Roberts Musser (Yolo Aging Comm.)
Christine Dicker (Partnership Healthplan)	Debra Palmer (Winters/Yolo Aging Comm.)
Charlotte Dorsey (BBCAN, CA Sr. Legislator)	Wally Pearce
JR Fujita (AARP)	Nancy Schaezlein-Zipse (Senior Advocate)
Lindsey Hall (Yolo DA Elder Protection)	Mary Schleeter (AAA4)
Anson Houghton (AAA4)	Fran Smith (CARA)
Nia Jones (Congresswoman Matsui's office)	Jeffrey Tardaguila (RIL Board)
Elizabeth Lasensky (Davis Aging Comm.)	Ana Vasquez (Senator Bill Dodd office)
Aaron Latta (Congressman Garamendi Office)	Liz Yeh
Kaelea Lucas (Resources for Independent Living)	Sheila Allen (YHAA staff)
Sara Martinez (Agency on Aging Area 4)	(21 people on call)
Pam Miller (Agency on Aging Area 4)	
Emily Miyaoka (RIL)	

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- 1. Welcome, introductions and approval of agenda**
- 2. Approval of the minutes of 5/6/21 Add Wally, MOTION:** Move to approve as written. Moved by Dawn Myers, Elizabeth Lasensky 2nd, passed unanimously.
- 3. Reports from elected officials' offices**
 - a. Assemblymember Aguiar-Curry (Saira Delgado) Tomorrow is house origin deadline-need to make sure all pieces of legislation get heard if they are not passed original house, they cannot move forward. Broadband and telehealth passed yesterday so off to Senate side.
 - b. Assemblymember McCarty (Sydney Whitesel) not present.
 - c. Senator Dodd (Ana Vazquez) SB556 passed the Senate, SB281 support position. Still need to send letter of support.
 - d. Senator Pan (Karen Abrego) not present.

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- e. Congressman Garamendi (Aaron Lotta) Working on transportation omnibus bill (Biden's American Job Plan bill) coming to House transportation and infrastructure committee which he sits on. Includes earmarks (every member put in 10 projects). Ability for it to pass comes down to a few people in the Senate. House version is much larger. Budget reconciliation process will be easier. Could try multiple bills to increase bi-partisanship.
- f. Congresswoman Matsui (Nia Jones) Infrastructure (American Job Plan)-housing as a big concern and broadband. Broadband is infrastructure. Broadband update: most recent work-letters regarding FCC to expand programs to increase access to broadband.

FOLLOW UP: Request to re-submit letters of support when moves to other house.
Last day for any bill to pass is Sept. 10

4. Report from Legislative Subcommittee

Federal

- a. **S56-Klobuchar + HR 1474 (Waters)-Alzheimer's Caregivers Act. FOLLOW UP:** Nancy writing letter with data from Dawn. Alzheimer's Day Care Centers-working on a draft for state level. Alzheimer's May 19 Co-sponsor HR1474
- b. **FEED-**Still has not moved forward. COVID is still emergency so this legislation applies now.
- c. **American Jobs Plan-**Broadband is most likely to stay. Still time for these additional items that we support to make it in. Suggestion to look for support in additional areas of the country since our legislators are already on board. Start with all of CA delegation. Fran will ask CARA to support. Each office had the opportunity for 10 earmarks (will likely get 3 at the most) Matsui-City of West Sacramento-bike path and levee.

State

- a. **SB281-**Debra writing letter
- b. **SB556- (check if sent letter)**
- c. **SB107-** Weiner asked for it to go to suspense file (on hold as of Tuesday) it has to be moved before the end of the day.
- d. **AB665-** look closely for next month.
- e. **AB 97-** Insulin cost. AARP is in support.

Local

- a. County received federal funds-American Rescue Plan Act
 - a. Request to fund installation of wifi in new Winters Senior Apartments and Winters Senior Center.
 - b. From Yolo Commission on Aging- YHAA Expand Phone Friends and Intergenerational Digital Support program for seniors.
- b. City of Woodland has not had a functioning Aging Commission for over 2 years. **MOTION:** Move that YHAA write a letter to the Woodland City Council requesting they re-start the Woodland Commission on Aging. Move by Elizabeth Lasensky, Nancy Zipse 2nd, passed unanimously.

- 5. **Report from Yolo County Health Council** (Valerie Olson) (written report to committee) COVID Ad Hoc Committee - Aimee Sisson (Health Officer) reported yesterday on the California incentive plans to encourage vaccination, and tracking those over 65 who still need dose two. Brian Vaughn (public health manager) spoke about a schedule for "Communities of Practice" which was an Ad Hoc idea that staff have taken over with vaccine hesitancy being the first topic. UCSF will support the early events. Valerie mentioned at Ad Hoc the need for a consistent and increased public health budget beyond one-time money for COVID, and spoke to the need for more public health nurses for the elderly

and disabled, mentioning that both Health Council and Healthy Aging Alliance could be advocates of increased public health money to support more in-home services. Support was welcomed by Brian, and community advocacy supported by Supervisor Saylor.

6. **The California Collaborative for Long Term Services (CCLTSS)** (Jon Sugarman) not present.
7. **Agency on Aging Area 4 update** (Pam Miller) Looking for bricks and mortar location for Yolo ADRC. Looking at a location in Woodland. Winding down meals for Project Roomkey ending June 30. Finished RFP process-Drewski's is doing 50% of congregate meals, looking for non-profit to partner with in Yolo Co.
8. **Resources for Independent Living** (Emily Miya/Kaelea) Those with speech difficulty continuing to receive support and technology. More funding received for disaster prep. PSPS work-working on technology. Isabelle Areola is new COVID outreach worker.
9. **Report from California Association of Retired Americans (CARA)** (Fran Smith) Legislative Advocacy visits with 100 members on lobby day related to 3 issues. LTSS for people above the poverty level to get care in their own home. CA Dept. of Insurance is setting up a LTSS Task Force to build a funding source.
10. **YHAA report on current projects:** (Sheila Allen)
 - a. **Phone Friends for Seniors**
 - b. **Yolo Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC)**
 - c. **Healthy Parks-Healthy People**
 - d. **Kaiser grant-connection to services**
 - e. **Expansion of Yolo Adult Day Health Center**
 - f. **COVID Vaccine Outreach and Education**
11. **Announcements and upcoming events**

Charlotte-City of West Sacramento included more benches in parks after Age Friendly input.
Nancy-Emergency Broadband Benefit for low income now available through fcc.gov.
Jeff-CARA- is having a press conference for AB1400; CA4SSI coalition is advocating for a 6% increase budget proposal.
12. **Future Agenda Items** – Older adult nutrition in Yolo County
13. **Next meeting date:** Thursday, July 1, 2021, 10am-noon via Zoom