



The Unified Voice for Older Adults in Yolo County

Advocacy Committee

MINUTES

Thursday, September 2, 2021, 10:00am – 12:00pm

VIA ZOOM CONFERENCE CALL

PRESENT:

Marianne Boyer (Yolo and Winters Aging Commission)	Pam Miller (Agency on Aging Area 4)
Brandi Bluell (Resources for Independent Living)	Emily Miyaoka (RIL)
Saira Delgado (Assemblymember Aguiar-Curry office)	Arzoo Mojadedi (Northern Valley Indian Health)
Robb Davis (Yolo Food Bank)	Dawn Myers (YHAA Board/Yolo ADHC)
April Dawson (Resources for Independent Living)	Elaine Roberts Musser (Yolo Co. Aging Comm.)
Danaka DeBow (consultant to Cache Creek Conserv)	Mike Novak (consultant to Cache Creek Conserv)
Christine Dicker (Partnership Healthplan)	Nancy Schaezlein-Zipse (Senior Advocate)
Charlotte Dorsey (BBCAN, CA Sr. Legislator)	Mary Schleeter (AAA4)
Jaana Elina (AAA4)	Mathew Shigihara (consultant to CCC)
JR Fujita (AARP)	Jeffrey Tardaguila (RIL Board)
Elizabeth Lasensky (Davis Aging Comm.)	Keith Wilson (landscape architect-CCC)
Casey Liebler (Yolo County)	Liz Yeh
Kaelea Lucas (Resources for Independent Living)	Sheila Allen (YHAA staff)
Ella Manashil (Yolo Food Bank)	(25 people on call)
Petrea Marchand (consultant to Cache Creek Conserv.)	

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- 1. Call to order and introductions**
- 2. Approval of the minutes of 7/1/21** Moved by Elizabeth Lasensky, Dawn Myers 2nd, passed unanimously.
- 3. Cache Creek Nature Preserve Visitor Center-input requested** (Danika DeBow) Yolo Co. applying for grants from state to fund the visitor center. Consultants working with Cache Creek Conservancy and Yolo County to receive input on the center and immediate surrounding area. Committee members providing input on making the facility more age friendly.

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4. Reports from elected officials' offices

- a. Assemblymember Aguiar-Curry (Saira Delgado) Session ends on Sept. 10. All bills must be through both houses by then to get to the governor who has until Oct. 10 to sign or veto.
- b. Assemblymember McCarty (Sydney Whitesel) not present
- c. Senator Dodd (Ana Vazquez) not present
- d. Senator Pan (Karen Abrego) not present
- e. Congressman Garamendi (Aaron Lotta) not present
- f. Congresswoman Matsui (Nia Jones) not present

5. Report from Legislative Subcommittee-new federal legislation

Federal Legislation

- a. "Digital Equity Act" **MOTION:** Move to support and write letter. Moved by Nancy Schaez, Elizabeth Lasensky 2nd, passed unanimously.
- b. FEED act. Food Bank to look at and possibly support also.
- c. Build Back Better Act-Infrastructure-summary from Garamendi office-**FOLLOW UP:** Section 8 housing vouchers. Send updated letters for the separate legislation. **MOTION:** Send letters of support for Infrastructure and Build Back Better legislation. Moved by Elizabeth Lasensky, Marianne Boyer 2nd, Passed unanimously.
- d. Alzheimer's bill. Send letter of thanks to Garamendi.

State Legislation

Has to be finished to the governor by Sept. 10 with signature needed by Oct. 10. Each piece of legislation needs 3 readings and then is ready to be heard. Advocacy letters already submitted via the portal will follow the legislation to the governor.

- a. SB556 passed yesterday
- b. AB41 on senate floor
- c. AB279 is going to governor desk
- d. AB665-on governor's desk
- e. AB1400 did not move-CNA to have future action related to this Healthcare for All.

Local

- a. Age Friendly plan update still needed in West Sacramento
- b. City of Woodland has restarted their Commission on Aging.
- c. City of West Sacramento **MOTION:** Write letter to city council to support building code for senior housing with more than 1 more story, must have an elevator. Moved by Charlotte Dorsey, Elizabeth Lasensky 2nd, passed unanimously.

6. The California Collaborative for Long Term Services (CCLTSS) (Jon Sugarman) CCLTSS are providing grant funding for COVID Outreach by members.

7. Yolo Aging and Disability Resource Connection (YHAA/RIL/AAA4) final ADRC application due to Dept. of Aging in October. Still waiting to hear on Woodland property price for a bricks and mortar co-location for YADRC.

8. Agency on Aging Area 4 update (Pam Miller/Mary Schleeter) Have received 200 ipads to give to low income older adults with data plan for 2 years. Lengthy pre- and post-test with an hour interview to receive ipad. Assistance hotline included. Tuesday Townhall meeting-discussion of reconfiguration of Agency on Aging "Hub and Spoke model" on website for questions and responses.

9. **Resources for Independent Living** (April Wicks/Brandi Bluell) Working remotely. Have received additional grants for emergency preparedness and emergency power shut off preparation and assistance. Still have some battery backup devices. If effected by PSPS event call them. If charging doesn't work out, then can pay for transportation and hotel room. Voice Options Program for persons with a speech difficulty through apps and give long term loan. Have loaned out 39 ipads for this program already.
10. **Report from California Association of Retired Americans (CARA)** (Fran Smith) not present
11. **YHAA report on current projects:** (Sheila Allen)
 - a. **Phone Friends for Seniors**
 - b. **Yolo Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC)**
 - c. **Kaiser grant-connection to services**
 - d. **Expansion of Yolo Adult Day Health Center**
 - e. **COVID Vaccine Outreach and Education**
 - f. **Annual Cross Training-YHAA Collaboration Committee, Monday, Sept. 27, 8:30am**
12. **Announcements and upcoming events**
 - a. **YHAA Annual Fundraiser moved to Sunday, April 3, 5pm, Galileo Place**
 - b. **November 2-4 at Sacramento convention center statewide transit conference.**
13. **Future Agenda Items** – Older adult nutrition in Yolo County-Alternative Congregate Meals, NVIH update
14. **Next meeting date:** Thursday, October 7, 2021, 10am-noon via Zoom