



*The Unified Voice for Older Adults in Yolo County*

## **Advocacy Committee**

### **MINUTES**

**Thursday, February 6, 10:30am – noon**

**600 A Street, Room 101, Davis, CA**

**PRESENT:** Denise Peach (Chair/YHAA Board of Directors), Jon Sugarman (YHAA Board of Directors), Julie Bates (AARP), Elizabeth Lasensky (Davis Senior Citizen Commission), Wally Pearce (Winters Commission on Aging/AAA4 Advisory Council), Marianne Boyer (Winters Commission on Aging), Nancy Schaezlein-Zipse (Senior Advocate), Seth Brunner (Yolo County Commission on Aging), Anson Houghton (AAA4), Mary Schleeter (AAA4), Charlotte Dorsey (BBCAN/CA Senior Legislator), Dawn Myers (YHAA Board of Directors/Yolo Adult Day Health Center), Fran Smith (CARA representative), Valerie Olson (Yolo Co. Health Council), Saira Delgado (Assemblymember Aguiar-Curry office), Aaron Lotta (Congressman Garamendi office), Alanna Kennedy (YHAA Intern-CSUS Public Health), Monique Gomez (YHAA Intern-CSUS Gerontology), Lysette Marshman (Senator Dodd office), Sheila Allen (YHAA Executive Director)

- 1. Welcome, introductions and approval of agenda-**chair Denise Peach called the meeting to order. Agenda approved by acclamation.
- 2. Approval of the minutes of 12/5/19 MOTION:** Move approval of minutes as written. Moved by Elizabeth Lasensky, Jon Sugarman 2<sup>nd</sup>, passed unanimously.
- 3. Yolo Healthy Aging Alliance Grant Updates**
  - a. Census Outreach-** outreach to Yolo Co. older adults
    - a. Rancho Yolo will be receiving a presentation from Yolo County (Elizabeth Lasensky)
    - b. Julie Bates of AARP shared printed materials for outreach to seniors
  - b. Healthy Parks Healthy People-Dignity Community Foundation-**in collaboration with Cache Creek Conservancy and Putah Creek Council. Will educate health providers and public on positive health outcomes associated with nature. Special outreach days at each location with additional days for persons with dementia and their caregivers.
  - c. SCAN Foundation-Rally Day** at capitol (investigating co-sponsoring with CSL Lobby Day), continued with the CA Collaborative of Long Term Services and Supports and town halls in Yolo after release of Master Plan for Aging in Oct.

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- d. Dignity- Adult Day Health Center Expansion-community engagement and advocacy to achieve expansion.

#### 4. Status of Follow up items from 12/5/19-none

5. **Launch of YHAA updated website:** [www.yolohealthvaging.org](http://www.yolohealthvaging.org) Sheila Allen provided a tour of the site. All members asked to review the site and provide input. Suggestion to add a navigation at bottom of page to return to top of the page. Interns are reviewing all resources for accuracy and function.

#### 6. Yolo County Senior Town Hall Series Update (Sheila Allen)

From forced choice list of items that AAA4 can pay for, transportation listed in every city as number one priority. Discussion of possible ways to address this need:

- a. Advocacy for transportation. **FOLLOW UP:** Invite Yolo Bus come to talk to us about their plans that are being updated. Invite Via model in West Sacramento (Sarah Strand).
- b. Reciprocity for paratransit between jurisdictions. **FOLLOW UP:** Discuss with Yolo Bus, SACOG and Aguiar-Curry office.
- c. Single regional or statewide application form for paratransit.

Another important area is Housing. **FOLLOW UP:** Send link for Wednesday Webinar for Master Plan for Aging on Housing. Possible recommendation from Master Plan is to have all of CA to be an age friendly state which includes transportation and housing.

#### 7. Report from California Association of Retired Persons-CARA (Fran Smith)

- CARA is a statewide organization representing older adults and persons with disabilities. Priority areas include increasing SSI, Health Care for All and protecting Medicare.
- Work with CADA in California advocating for stable funding for LTSS.
- Priority to get persons elected that are in line with their priorities.
- CARA and Independent Living Centers did Advocacy Day at capitol together last year. This year will be district visits. May 15 appointment with Aguiar-Curry and anyone is invited to join Fran.
- Getting signature for ballot initiative. To modify Prop 13 to increase funds for public schools, community colleges by re-assessing business properties not private home. Could yield up to \$6.5-\$9 billion. CADA doing focus group on this. **FOLLOW UP:** Fran to provide more information on this at a future meeting.
- Working with federal representatives to expand Medicare for Long Term Care. Idea of payroll tax for universal LTSS. Also look at insurance practices of current policies. Look at it as an earned benefit, like Medicare. Message-it is the right thing to do. In the future it will cover all people who have paid in.

#### 8. Yolo Adult Day Services updates (Dawn Myers)

- a. **Yolo Adult Day Health**-\$18 million price tag on current site. Have contract with \$3.2 in hand and can get to \$8 million. 8-9000 sq foot building. For license for 90-100. Current waitlist-63
- b. **Galileo Center**-social model Adult Day Program in Davis. Ground breaking mid-March with opening in likely late 2020. Add Pat Leary to workgroup

**9. The Collaborative for Long Term Services & Supports/Master Plan for Aging (S. Reed)**

Committees meeting and public input and education at <https://www.chhs.ca.gov/home/master-plan-for-aging/master-plan-for-aging-engagement-activities/>

**10. Reports from elected officials' offices**

- a. Assemblymember Aguiar-Curry (Saira Delgado) To support Yolo Adult Day Health Center expansion, meeting with Assembly and Senate Budget Committee leadership working with Patrick Blacklock, Yolo CAO. Assemblymember received Legislator of the Year from Alzheimer's Assoc. Legislation introduced: AB 2097 Improve early diagnosis of Alzheimer's, AB2048 co-author-information tool for before and after diagnosis.
- b. Assemblymember McCarty (Christine Miyashiro) no one present
- c. Senator Dodd (Lysette Marshman) SB 909-Improve emergency evacuation sirens; SB862 Public Power Shut off protection – during a PSPS require utility to reach out to persons with access and functional needs for early notice and give counties funding for this function; SB884 School districts to get funds for ADA funds lost because of fires. Have until Feb. 21 to have bills introduced. Budget ask for Board and Care Facilities.
- d. Senator Pan (Diana Douglas) no one present.
- e. Congressman Garamendi (Aaron Lotta) Chief of staff and Aging Policy Bradley Bottoms is working with Yolo County for Yolo ADHC. Now is the time for budget asks.

**11. Agency on Aging Area 4 update** (Anson Houghton) Yolo Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC) AAA4, RIL and YHAA are core partners. Working on being designated as emerging so that we are eligible for funds. Within a year hope to be designated. New AAA4 Care Consultation Program-provided via phone by person-centered counselors.

**12. Report from California Senior Legislature –** (C. Dorsey) May 11 is Senior Rally Day at the Capitol.

**13. Announcements and upcoming events**

- a. YHAA 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fundraiser-March 29. All invited to attend and/or sponsor <https://www.yolohealthyaging.org/annual-fundraiser-1> **FOLLOW UP:** Send Yolo Superstar Form for nominations.
- b. Yolo County Commission on Aging and Adult Services Emergency Preparedness and Evacuation of Older Adults and Persons with Access and Functional Needs report released. Accepted by Board of Supervisors with recommendations for BOS, additional work by Yolo County Aging Commission and work to be done by local aging commissions.
- c. Nancy Schaezlein-Zipse announced the NAMI fundraiser on Feb. 20
- d. Charlotte Dorsey attend the annual Consumer Electronics Show- examples of what she saw: wheel-chair activated by voice or touch and translator with 104 languages.

**14. Future Agenda Items-no suggestions**

**15. Next meeting date:** Thursday, March 5, 2020, 10:00 am, 600 A Street, Main Conf. Room, Davis

**NOTE:** new starting time going forward.