



The Unified Voice for Older Adults in Yolo County

**Collaboration, Coordination,
Information & Assistance Committee**

MINUTES

**Monday, March 25, 2019 9:00AM-11:00AM,
Community Room, Yolo Co. Gonzales Building
25 N. Cottonwood St., Woodland 95695**

PRESENT: Alysa Meyer (chair/Legal Services of Northern CA), Rachel Foster (Senior Link of Yolo County), Craig Blomberg (Sutter Davis Nurse Case Management), Michelle Nevins (Del Oro Caregiver Center), Clara Cazares (Dignity Outpatient Mental Health), Beth Conn-Ossenfort (Yolo Adult Day Health Center), Lora Barrett (Yolo Conflict Resolution Center), Stacy Vu (MSSP), Kevin Clark (Yolo County District Attorney office-Elder Protection Unit), Lindsey Hall (Yolo County District Attorney office), Isaac Blackstock (Yolo County Housing), James Kreidler (Meals on Wheels-Yolo County), Rossana Vigil (Yolo HHSA-Public Authority), Laurie Haas (Yolo HHSA-Public Guardian/APS), Teja Payne (Agency on Aging-Area 4), Kevin McClory (WeCare4Yolo), Brandi Bluel (Resources for Independent Living), Alexandra Weisgerber (Alzheimer's Association), Guadalupe Lugo (Yolo County Children's Alliance), Sheila Allen (staff)

1). Introductions and announcements (Alysa Meyer, chair)

2). Approval of Agenda MOTION: Craig Rosanna, and Approval of Minutes of 1/28/19 MOTION: Move to approve the minutes as written. Moved by Michelle Nevins, Craig Blomberg 2nd, passed unanimously.

3). Presentation-Medicare 2019 updates and enrollment (Carolynn Washington, HICAP) deferred to next meeting-presenter not available

4) Yolo District Attorney Office – Older Adult Abuse Prevention and Services Program (Kevin Clark)
“XE Elder Abuse Victims Grant”

Yolo Co. DA office applied and was approved for grant by CA Office of Emergency Services.

- Focus is on Senior Abuse and Fraud Victims
- Only 8 counties received a grant-\$200,00 per year (3 years, with option for up to 5 years)
- What it will fund:
 - 1 Advocate/Case Manager (co-located in the DA office and APS) who will provide support and case management for fraud or abuse victim where there are charges and when there is not.

Yolo Healthy Aging Alliance - The Voice for Older Adults in Yolo County

Supervisor Jim Provenza, Chair - Sheila Allen, Executive Director

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- 1 paralegal. (Civil and criminal cases-co-located with Legal Services of Northern CA) assist with legal actions beyond the DA office.
- \$25,000 yearly directly to clients for transportation, emergency funds for temporary housing, emergency kits, hygiene kits.
- Going to Board of Supervisors tomorrow for final approval of funds and positions.
- There is a local evaluator who will be writing the plan: Dr. Sarah Watt from Chico State.
- Goal will be 6 months (June-Dec.) to create and start providing services.
- A Deputy District Attorney will be assigned to the program to increase the number of convictions.
- Request committee members help get the word out to seniors to come forward when program is up and running.
- Elder Abuse Law Clinic at McGeorge Law School will take 3-5 cases a year to supplement the project.
- Can look at serving 55 and older. Now focus is 65 and older.

ACTION: Steering Committee members needed to plan implementation of program. Recruiting from YHAA Advocacy and Collaboration Committees and funded partners. Criteria: someone who works directly with seniors.

Commitment: 2 four hour planning days and then ongoing will be one time per month. Looking into video conference opportunities. Start approximately first week of May.

Looking for about 10 people.

FOLLOW UP: If you are interested: contact Kevin at kevin.clark@yolocounty.org.

5). Provider spotlight: New Programs - none

6). Round table discussion from participants-report on services and updates from continuing members (all)
Meals on Wheels (James Kridler)-New Program "Yolo Yackers" 4 volunteers calling isolated home delivered meal clients. Continue to provide congregate meals 5 days a week at 4 senior centers and home delivered meals to homebound seniors. Grocery delivery service continues for end of month for low income participants.

Yolo Housing (Issac Blackstock) Spring Fling event will be rescheduled to mid-April due to rain. Beamer St. housing is full.

Yolo Co. DA Victim Services (Kevin Clark and Lyndsey Hall) will introduce new people at future meeting. His office works in cooperation with Yolo Co. Office of Emergency Services to plan responses to emergency events and mass evacuation. Currently the Yolo County Commission on Aging is providing input on this service with focus on older adults and persons with disabilities. All are welcome to attend Aging Commission meetings or Sheila with input to pass onto commission.

MSSP (Stacy Vu) There is no wait list for MSSP services in Yolo County.

Yolo Conflict Resolution Center (Lora Barrett) For families who are having difficulties to discuss issues to preserve relationships.

Yolo Adult Day Health Center (Beth Conn-Ossenfort) 53 people on the wait list. Still in process for facility expansion to address the need. Their Woodland location has a dual license and provides MediCal Adult Day Health Care program but they also have an Adult Day Program, which is private pay or will help to find them funding. Also have a contract with Veterans Administration.

Dignity Mental Health Outpatient Program (Clara Cazares) Their clinic also provides care to geriatric population. They now have a psychologist who will provide neuro-assessments at the request of the psychiatrist, the psychologist will not care for dementia-only patients (no mental health diagnosis).

- Agency on Aging-Area 4** (Teja Payne) Needs assessment public input will end in a month. On-line or paper available surveys available.
- Del Oro Caregiver** (Michelle Nevins) Still have funding for respite for caregivers in Yolo Co., can choose Adult Day, assisted living in Davis (Carlton), private home care or personally selected caregiver. They are still waiting for additional funds from AAA4 that will need to be spent by June 30. AAA4 criteria over 60 if they need 2 ADL or more. If on MediCal cannot utilize these respite funds.
- Yolo County Children Alliance** (Guadalupe Lugo) Free tax assistance at West Sacramento family resource center or call 211 they can find a local place to assist seniors. YCCC now has staff at each county office for those who need assistance completing MediCal and CalFresh forms. County does not help anyone in person anymore (over the phone only). Doing presentations at Senior Housing to educate them on the new opportunity for persons with SSI can receive CalFresh starting June 1.
- Sutter Health Nurse Case Management** (Craig Blomberg) Sutter and Dignity are funding Haven House for transition out of hospital for homeless individuals. Tomorrow is Sutter Davis “Continuum of Care Forum” –twice a year-designed for skilled nursing and assisted living facilities and other parts of the continuum of care.
- Senior Link** (Rachael Foster) Information and Assistance for older adults and their caregivers.
- Legal Services of Northern CA** (Alysa Meyer) Serve low income people of any age and persons over 60 years regardless of income, housing, public benefits, consumer help, education, unemployment, immigration. Very basic estate planning (no trusts) and power of attorney for client only. Courts.ca.gov for conservatorship. *Gap in service: there is a need for mobile assistance for durable power of attorney, including notary.* Annual Fair Housing Conference April 9-filled to capacity: speaker is Kevin Kisch, Director of Fair Housing.
- Alzheimer’s Association** (Alexandra Weisgerber) have up to \$1000 respite grant for family caregivers for in-home, adult day or in the community care. May use private caregivers but encourage using licensed providers. Provide funds right to the person providing care. Upcoming public presentation: Understanding Dementia May 7 10am-11:30, at Woodland Community and Senior Center. Family Caregiver Conference in Sacramento on April 18.
- Public Guardian/Adult Protective Services** (Laurie Haas) Excited to be partnering with DA on new project (see above).
- Yolo Co. Public Authority** (Rosanna Vigil) PA moved to the Gonzales Building. Currently hiring more IHSS caregivers. Have been enrolling people to be part of the registry (caregiver list for IHSS recipients) and Home Care Now (for emergency backup caregivers). For Home Care Now, need 2 years of experience, receive a stipend, mileage and paid for care time.
- WeCare4Yolo** (Kevin McClory) Receiving some referrals from Collaboration Committee-thank you. Their agency is fully licensed with providers that are background checked. Provide full spectrum of care, from companionship to end of life care.

7). Update on Yolo Healthy Aging Alliance activities (Sheila Allen)

Annual Fundraiser-Sunday, April 7, 4p-7p-Sponsorships encouraged www.yolohealthyaging.org

Updating website- Collaboration Committee tab will include educational presentations from our meetings.

8). Future agenda items (all)

Public Guardian and HICAP

9). Next regular meeting-Monday, May 20, 9am-11am Community Room, 20 N. Cottonwood St., Woodland

NOTE: 3RD Mon. of the month due to Memorial Day Holiday