



The Unified Voice for Older Adults in Yolo County

Advocacy Committee

MINUTES-DRAFT

Thursday, March 3, 2022, 10:00am – 12:00pm

VIA ZOOM CONFERENCE CALL

PRESENT:

Theresa Abah (CSUS Gerontology Professor)	Kaelea Lucas (Resources for Indep. Living)
Joy Cohan (Yolo Meals on Wheels)	Lysette Marshman (Senator Dodd's office)
Randy Dinning (Ombudsman)	Mary Nisson (DD/ID Parent Advocate)
Daniella Duran-Arias (NVIH)	Nancy Schaezlein-Zipse (Senior Advocate)
April Dawson (Resources for Independent Living)	Liz Yeh
Saira Delgado (Assemblymember Aguiar-Curry)	
Charlotte Dorsey (BBCAN, CA Sr. Legislator)	<u>YHAA Staff</u>
Anson Houghton (AAA4)	Sheila Allen (Executive Director)
Patti Huston (YHAA Board of Directors)	Nancy Gifford (Case Manager)
Elizabeth Lasensky (Davis Sr. Citizen Commission)	Alex Asara (UCD MPH Intern)
Aaron Latta (Congressman Garamendi office)	(22 people on call)
Kate Laddish (IHSS Advisory Committee)	

1. Welcome, introductions and approval of agenda

2. Approval of the minutes of 3/3/22 MOTION: Move approval by Elizabeth Lasensky, Patti Huston 2nd, passed unanimously.

3. Lobby/Advocacy Days - Registration Open: <https://mailchi.mp/ccltss.org/register-for-the-2022-senior-rally-advocacy-day?e=347b62146c>

- a. Virtual Senior Lobby Day, May 3 (cosponsored by CSL and CCLTSS)
- b. CCLTSS Advocacy Day, May 4 (awaiting individual meetings with state reps)

4. Reports from elected officials' offices

- a. Assemblymember Aguiar-Curry (Saira Delgado) This is Saira's last meeting ☹️ A-C Legislative overview-Ag Bills to address new invasive weed effecting tomatoes. Health related bills-HPV vaccine-requiring health plans to cover it. Voting rights bills with Secretary of State, migrant education, Telehealth licensing issues.
- b. Assemblymember McCarty (Sydney Whitesel) not present

Yolo Healthy Aging Alliance - The Voice for Older Adults in Yolo County
Supervisor Jim Provenza, Chair - Sheila Allen, Executive Director
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- c. **Senator Dodd (Lysette Marshman)** SB842 DME re-use bill, per our request Senator Dodd added Yolo County for pilot. It has passed out of first committee in Senate. SB872 Mobile Pharmacy passed out forward. SB281 Community Transitions Program not moved yet.
- d. **Senator Pan (Karen Abrego)** not present
- e. **Congressman Garamendi (Aaron Lotta)** Accepting community funding projects for 2022-2023-office accepts about 10 per year and got most of them through last year. Deadline is April 22. Non-profit or government requests accepted. Have to be shovel ready. Suggest ADRC transition program.

HR3824 SSI supplemental-received co-sponsor request from us and another constituent, is considering.

Fair COLA Act HR4315-waiting to come out of Veterans Committee. Representative Mike Thompson is on Veterans Committee so request we reach out to him. For legislation advise to write to our own representative and the chair of the committee.

Thompson and Garamendi are working very closely during this transition time. Advocacy Committee members can reach out to Thompson through local representative Lucy Brazil.

Reach out if Rep. Garamendi if they can be of any assistance: phone: 202-380-5984 Aaron.latta@mail.house.gov.

- e. **Congresswoman Matsui (Nia Jones)** not present

5. Report from Legislative Subcommittee (see 2022 Legislative Tracking form)

New Federal Legislation

S1125/HR2517 Comprehensive Care for Alzheimer's Act Co-sponsored Garamendi, Thompson and Matsui. **FOLLOW UP:** Find out why SNF excluded. Alz. Assoc., AARP, then vote next month.

S56/HR1474-send a new letter.

HR3824 Supplemental Security Act of 2021-is supported by the disability community Staff to review letters already sent and ones which we took a positions on. All recommendations are taken to the Board of Directors for vote and then send letter. There are many proposals to address SSI this year. If people are having issues with SSI they can reach out to Garamendi's office. One of their major constituent issues. We need an overview of SSI on our website and at our meeting.

New York Times article from last year gives information about SSI Restoration

Act: <https://www.nytimes.com/2021/07/30/us/politics/disability-benefits-ssi-congress.html>

FOLLOW UP: Contact Nia from Congresswoman Matsui office for information/presentation on SSI.

HR6833 passed on March 30, not more than \$35 a month

State Legislation

SB842 (Dodd) **MOTION:** move to support with including of Yolo County in pilot. Moved by Elizabeth Lasensky, Charlotte Dorsey 2nd, passed unanimously. Send letter of support ASAP.

AB1809 (Aguiar-Curry) Further regulating and limiting psychotropics in Skilled Nursing Homes. Randy Dinning (Yolo Ombudsman) suggests looking at this legislation to strengthen the current rules, to obtain meaningful consent for use of psychotropic. Issue is related to understaffing. Not looking to more sticks. Too many regulations already. **FOLLOW UP:** Hold on position while write a letter with concerns without a position.

AB2252 **MOTION:** Move to support. Moved by Elizabeth Lasensky, Charlotte Dorsey 2nd, passed unanimously.

6. **Yolo Aging and Disability Resource Connection (YHAA/RIL/AAA4)** CARES Act reports due soon, looking forward to knowing budget for next year for ADRC services. Kicking off a new Sacramento ADRC today.
7. **Agency on Aging Area 4 update** (Anson Houghton) AAA4 newsletter can be found on their website or by subscribing. Website also contains links to many educational classes such as nutrition, exercise, using digital devices.
8. **Resources for Independent Living** (April Dawson, Kaelea Lucas) Waiting for contract from PG&E for funding for emergency preparedness. Have presentations, training and go kits. Expanding services to Yolo more. Looking at space for Yolo in person meetings.
9. **Yolo County Health Council update** (Valerie Olson) nothing to report.
10. **YHAA report on current projects:** (Sheila Allen) Following is a listing of all current programs. For more information see our website: www.yolohealthyaging.org
 - 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 (YADRC)**
 - f. **Yolo Mobile Meals for Healthy Aging (YoloMMHA) food truck**
 - g. **Emergency Preparation**
 - h. **Intergenerational Project-Digital Divide (with UCD)**
 - i. **SCAN Foundation-Advocacy and Senior Town Hall Series**
11. **Announcements and upcoming events**
 - a. **NEW YHAA phone number: 530-776-5006**-will connect you directly with Nancy Gifford, our case manager during business hours or leave a phone or text message overnight.
 - b. **Big Day of Giving, May 5**
12. **Future Agenda Items**

AB1944 open and public meetings- to allow continued virtual and hybrid meetings.
13. **Next meeting date:** May 5, 2022, 10am-noon via Zoom