



*The Unified Voice for Older Adults in Yolo County*

**Advocacy Committee**

**MINUTES**

**Thursday, April 1, 2021, 10:00am – 12:00pm**

**VIA ZOOM CONFERENCE CALL**

**PRESENT:**

Sheila Allen (Executive Director, YHAA)	Aaron Lotta (Congressman Garamendi office)
Brandi Bluel (Resources for Independent Living-RIL)	Kaelea Lucas (Resources for Independent Living)
Lydia Bourne (AAA4 Advisory Comm.)	Pam Miller (Agency on Aging Area 4)
Blanca Castro (AARP)	Emily Miyaoka (RIL)
Saira Delgado (Assemblymember Aguiar-Curry office)	Dawn Myers (YHAA Board/Yolo ADHC)
Christine Dicker (Partnership Healthplan)	Elaine Roberts Musser (Yolo Aging Comm.)
Jaana Elina (AAA4)	Ali Padua (YHAA CSUS Gero intern)
JR Fujita (AARP)	Debra Palmer (Winters/Yolo Aging Comm.)
Lindsey Hall (Yolo D.A. Elder Abuse Protection)	Nancy Schaezlein-Zipse (Senior Advocate)
Patti Huston (YHAA Board)	Mary Schleeter (AAA4)
Anson Houghton (AAA4)	Jon Sugarman (YHAA Board of Directors)
Nia Jones (Congresswoman Matsui's office)	Jeffrey Tardaguila (RIL Board)
Elizabeth Lasensky (Davis Aging Comm.)	Sheila Allen (YHAA staff)
	(26 people on call)

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**1. Welcome, introductions and approval of agenda**

**2. Approval of the minutes of 3/4/21 MOTION: Move approval as written. Moved by Elizabeth Lasensky, Dawn Myers 2<sup>nd</sup>, passed unanimously.**

**3. Yolo County COVID Vaccine Rollout and Outreach to Unvaccinated Older Adults**

Dr. Aimee Sisson reports that as of Monday Yolo County has vaccinated 79% of people age 65 years and older. YHAA continues to receive reserve appointments each week for older adults, caregivers and health care providers of older adults. The YHAA phone number is listed on the county website as a resource and we continue to receive a few calls each day. As of today, all persons age 50 years and older are eligible for the vaccine in CA. Starting on April 15 all people 16 years and older will be eligible. This is all happening without a significant increase in the amount of doses available but this is expected to increase in April. YHAA is able to connect people who are homebound to home-based

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vaccine delivery via Yolo County. We are one of the few counties in CA doing this. The lowest vaccine uptake for older adults is in zip code 95605 in West Sacramento (Bryte/Broderick are). Yolo County is offering grants to non-profits for vaccine outreach and YHAA has applied to reach out to the older adults in this area and utilize Spanish and Russian speaking community outreach workers in the effort. We have many posters (thanks to Healthy Davis Together) speaking to the availability, safety and effectiveness of the vaccine with the 211 and YHAA phone numbers. The MyTurn app was piloted in Yolo County. It was effective for automatically uploading vaccine administration information but the appointment side was less effective. There is not a way to sort for Yolo County residents so 1/3 of 100 people in the pilot pod were not from Yolo Co. Yolo Co. is not yet able to utilize MyTurn for appointments for their clinics. They continue to use their website and Eventbrite appointments. Free transportation is available to vaccine appointments through Partnership Healthplan (if you are a member-almost all persons with MediCal have Partnership in Yolo Co.) or through Yolo Bus. Winters would like more outreach. Shortage of vaccine.

**4. YHAA Master Plan for Aging Town Hall meetings**

- a. **Master Plan report:** <https://mpa.aging.ca.gov/>
- b. **Local Playbook:** <https://mpa.aging.ca.gov/LocalPlaybook>  
Winters-Spanish included

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

- a. **Assemblymember Aguiar-Curry (Saira Delgado)** Fact sheets for broadband and telehealth, it is spring recess. Valerie-cost of broadband-assemblyfellow Brook can answer question. SB556 (Dodd) surcharge/bond (companion). Jeff-make sure includes accessibility. White House proposal. infrastructure proposal. Many broadband bills.
- b. **Assemblymember McCarty (Sydney Whitesel)** not present
- c. **Senator Dodd** – Ana Vasquez, new staff member will attend next month.
- d. **Senator Pan (Karen Abrego)** not present
- e. **Congressman Garamendi (Aaron Lotta)** Stimulus checks-SSI or railroad it will be in your account or mailed April 7. For VA beneficiaries by April 15. If you have problems, contact him in the office. Transportation and Infrastructure committee related to infrastructure proposal. Give them transportation priorities. Community funding opportunities. Stop Department of over drafting survivor benefits, after person dies they take funds back and over draft account. 2-3 week new version of fair COLA for social security and other fed. To consumer price index. Doing a lot of federal constituent work, reach out early. Call Davis or DC office- If on SSI and didn't complete taxes they will still get stimulus. 6-8 month wait time if amended tax. If SSI should not have to do anything. "Recovery rebate" to missed stimulus checks. get Free Tax providers for federal. Irs website VITA-through United Way. May 17 taxes extended.
- f. **Congresswoman Matsui (Nia Jones)** Yesterday-infrastructure plan to boost jobs and fix infrastructure. Includes improving in home care. Older Americans 400 billion home and community based programs (delivery of LTC), e.g. IHSS raises. Congresswoman on committee that on broadband. Getting calls those on SSI and haven't received 3<sup>rd</sup> check-going out end of this week. Some of these might be a card. Share the survey of our 3 findings with her office. Go to her website-for coronavirus.

**6. Report from Legislative Subcommittee**

American Rescue Plan-  
HR535-include special districts to access American Rescue Plan funds  
Infrastructure proposal-affordable housing? Broadband? Long term care services-not a bill yet.

**MOTION:** Support American Job Plan (Infrastructure bill)-home and community care, broadband, affordable. Moved by Nancy Schaezlein-Zipse, Dawn Myers 2<sup>nd</sup>, passed with Blanca Castro, AARP abstaining

Nutrition-FEMA and restaurants.

SB 107-AARP-**FOLLOW UP:** get their letter Blanca sending me sample

AB97 (Nazarim) AARP position in support

**AB14 (Aguiar-Curry) MOTION:** Move to support AB14 Elizabeth Lasensky moved (hearing on 14<sup>th</sup> for committee) Blanca Castro 2<sup>nd</sup>, passed unanimously. **FOLLOW UP:** LETTEER get written AB279 (CA Advocate for Nursing Home reform sponsor) not allow transferred out of facility-result of pandemic "PROTECT plan"

**AB978 Quirk Silva MOTION:** Move to oppose AB978 and write letter. Moved by Elizabeth Lasensky, Dawn Myers 2<sup>nd</sup>, passed unanimously.

7. **Report from Yolo County Health Council** (Valerie Olson-written report) Census update added approximately 2000 new 65 years+ Yolo County residents but did not remove approximately 2000 deaths in this age group. Percent of vaccinated should stay at 79%.
8. **The California Collaborative for Long Term Services (CCLTSS)** (Jon Sugarman)
9. **Agency on Aging Area 4 update** (Pam Miller/Mary Schleeter)  
Project Roomkey-West Sacramento purchased hotel and took over meals, Woodland and Davis – AA4 coordinating meals and paid for by yolo Co. One-day conference April 22 CA Coming Together, Assistive Technology \$55. C4A met with CA Commission on Aging-focusing on innovative models of LTSS, equity inclusion. Ellen Schmeding. New commissioner CDA change Nakno asst. director. Today at 1pm, Mary, Pam, Randy meeting with Yolo DA VITAL information to 1<sup>st</sup> Responders-West Sacramento, Winters SNAP. Pam will follow up. Google home devices-FOLLOW UP send flier to this committee. 430 iPads to give out as part of a study for social isolation-still planning (feder. Get Set Up-participation was high to decide which classes to get set up. Subscribe to youtube.
10. **Resources for Independent Living** (Brandi Bluell) Voice Options-get an ipad to communicate. Programs ends in June. So far have loaned out 22. Caregiver support group today at 2pm. Independent Living classes, Add flier for programs on caregiver educational program. Intersection of Black and Disabled send link. Will be doing more COVID outreach.
11. **Report from California Association of Retired Americans (CARA)** (Jeff) working on bill positions and support he will forward to me. Lobbying in May. April 21 Single Payer legislation. Looking to start a CARA area chapter.
12. **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-its happen!!**
13. **Announcements and upcoming events**  
ADHC social work position is open  
AARP-looking at how to partner to recruit more older adult (gerontology, nursing, other fields for older adult work) suggest paid interns.

**14. Future Agenda Items** – Older adult nutrition in Yolo County

**15. Next meeting date:** Thursday, May 6, 2021, 10am-noon via Zoom