



The Unified Voice for Older Adults in Yolo County

Advocacy Committee

MINUTES

Thursday, January 7, 2021, 10:00am – 12:00pm

VIA ZOOM CONFERENCE CALL

PRESENT:

Sheila Allen (Executive Director, YHAA)	Julie Bates (AARP)
Lydia Bourne (AAA4 Advisory Comm.)	Marianne Boyer (Yolo/Winters Aging Comm.)
Seth Brunner (Yolo Aging Comm.)	Saira Delgado (Assemblmember Aguiar-Curry office)
Christine Dicker (Partnership Healthplan)	Charlotte Dorsey (AAA4 Advisory/CSL/BBCAN)
Jaana Elina (AAA4)	Lindsey Hall (Yolo D.A. Elder Abuse Protection)
Anson Houghton (AAA4)	Patti Huston (YHAA Board of Directors)
Nia Jones (Congresswoman Matsui office)	Curleene Langman (YHAA CSUS Intern)
Elizabeth Lasensky (Davis Aging Comm)	Kaelea Lucas (Resouces for Independent Living)
Pam Miller (AAA4)	Valerie Olson (Yolo Health Council)
Debra Palmer (Yolo/Winters Aging Comm.)	Elaine Roberts Musser (Yolo Aging Comm.)
Nancy Schaezlein-Zipse (Senior Advocate)	Mary Schleeter (AAA4)
Jon Sugarman (YHAA Board of Directors)	Jeff Tardegia (CA4SSI/RIL)
April Wick (RIL)	(26 on call)

1. Welcome, introductions and approval of agenda

2. Approval of the minutes of 12/3/20 MOTION: Move to approve as written. Moved by Jon Sugarman, Dawn Myers 2nd, passed unanimously.

- 3. Yolo County COVID Vaccine Rollout** (Kristen Weivoda, Yolo Co. Emergency Medical Services)
- Started on Dec. 18 administering to 2 hospitals-now second doses 1A tier: long term care, first responders, (congregate residents now and last week LTC staff), last night first responder drive through clinics all completed.
 - 3 drive through clinics this Wed., Fri. Sat. for 1A-community health clinics and any other patient interactions, dentists, ophthalmologists. Finishing this tier next week.
 - 1B-schools (supporting with school nurses), law enforcement, jails, then 75 years and older. This tier includes about 12,000 people. 75+ population includes 2000 in long term care (already completed) leaving 10,000. Looking to roll out through providers, drive through clinics and

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limited home visits. (NOTE: since the meeting governor changed this tier to include persons 65+ years)

- Following tier includes 50 and older and 16 and older that are medically fragile.
- Looking into partnerships with pharmacies for distribution.
- Have not wasted any vaccine and ensure that every dose gets into an arm.

Committee Questions

- How notify 75 years or older? Deep in planning-media messages, including emergency messaging modes
- Elizabeth Lasensky is a resident at Rancho Yolo in Davis-offering their facility and will help get word out. Can talk to manager about making this happen.
- Yolo Co. not doing single dose approach to spread first dose further. Do 2nd dose scheduled when receiving first.
- Dawn Myers-Yolo Adult Day Health has 90 high risk participants-ask that this population be looked at for vaccines
- How insure vaccination is available in alternate information such as braille? Working with PIO. All sites would need to be ADA compliant. Need to update vaccine information to make more easily understandable. County launching new website soon.
- How reach homebound persons? Combination of partnering with IHSS or other home care providers and working on a plan for limited home provided vaccines.
- Document screening form from State of CA. Get a CDC vaccination card for both doses.
- No 1B tier sites set yet.
- Do they need assistance for vaccinators? Yes, all kinds of help needed for clinics. Sign up by emailing volunteer.coordinator@yolocounty.org
- Post-shot precautions? 15 minutes after shot watched for reaction, if they have a history of reactions 30 min., even for drive through events. Have epipens for reactions.
- If receive vaccine, will people have to tell their health care provider they received the vaccine? Using California Immunization Registry (CAIR2)
- Currently using Moderna vaccine but first was Pfizer.

If you have further questions, can connect to Kristin through Sheila.

- 4. YHAA 2021 Legislative Agenda**-Review of process for the year. YHAA Advocacy Committee develops suggested topics for the Legislative Agenda based on past work, current priorities and suggested legislative idea and requests from our elected official offices. These are forwarded to YHAA Board of Directors for approval. Once set, advocacy (or opposition) letters and communications can be sent without board action. The agenda may be edited throughout the year. **FOLLOW UP:** Legislative Subcommittee to draft suggestions for February Advocacy Committee meeting.
- 5. Report from Legislative Subcommittee** Between this meeting and last a Federal COVID Relief Bill was signed that included \$600 per person, funding for some limited expansion of broadband, transportation funding and an increase Medicare fee reimbursement. This will likely be the last bill before the new administration is put in place on Jan. 20.
- 6. Reports from elected officials' offices**
 - a.** Assemblymember Aguiar-Curry (Saira Delgado) No update on proposed legislation yet. Expecting to come back next week, barring new COVID restrictions, starting Monday. CA Master Plan for Aging released yesterday. **FOLLOW UP:** send press conference link. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o3rm7ROhDX4&t=388s>

Hwy 128 crosswalk in Winters follow up-new Winters City Manager is aware of issue. Dodd and Aguiar-Curry offices are in contact with Supervisor Saylor's office who is in contact with CalTrans. Assemblymember will likely have some telehealth legislation. AAA4 reps noted they are working on distribution of low cost tablets. Sheila noted that the Yolo Co. library has some hot spots for loan using your library card when curbside service re-opens when COVID improves. Charlotte Dorsey noted that the California Senior Legislature supporting AB34 (Muratsuchi) 2022 Communication Broadband for All with a bond.

- b. Assemblymember McCarty (Sydney Whitesel) not present
- c. Senator Dodd (Lysette Marshman) not present-reported through Saira.
- d. Senator Pan (Karen Abrego) not present
- e. Congressman Garamendi (Aaron Lotta) not present
- f. Congresswoman Matsui (Nia Jones) New administration-bill as not as comprehensive as it should be so there will be more to come. Direct relief up to \$75,000, unemployment for \$300 for 11 weeks, mixed resident status households are eligible for \$600 if have ss number. Small businesses PPP, nutrition-EBT cards for school age children, \$5 million tech support for SNAP purchasing program. \$175 emergency funds for nutrition through older adult act. Federal extension on ejection moratorium. Rent missed is not waived. There is a new program to address

7. **Report from Yolo County Health Council** (Valerie Olson) Valerie is a part of a 10-member COVID adhoc committee of Health Council that is looking at best practices, outreach and communication, testing and tracing. Recommendations so far focused on the dashboard, related to LTC section to include more updated information (can't see dates or recent information) and no information related to deaths. Understanding and articulating the expectations of long term care facilities. Vaccine communication-this would be a good area for their committee and our committee to work together. **FOLLOW UP:** Sheila to facilitate an electronic discussion of ideas for information distribution.
8. **The California Collaborative for Long Term Services (CCLTSS)** (Jon Sugarman) Late Dec. quarterly member update extensive update of accomplishment and goals. 2020 accomplishment examples: new bylaws, ethics pledge, process to incorporate and become a non-profit, Master Plan workgroup, quarterly member meetings, bi-weekly COVID-19 webinars (well attended), Facebook and Twitter active presence. 2021 goals- expanding board from 6-10 members, work on incorporation, monthly webinars. Selecting 1-2 policy priorities in 2021 with messaging.
9. **Agency on Aging Area 4 update** (Pam Miller/Mary Schleeter) Entering 2021-2025 program cycle that will include RFPs for supportive services, peer counseling, legal, information and assistance, congregate meals and home delivered meals and transportation. March 17 applications due. New services begin July 1. AAA4 direct meals- Project Roomkey 84 people served over 8000 meals since start. In December eliminate Yolo Meals on Wheels waitlist using CARES Act funds with 52 people served over 2000 meals. Now 23 of these people have already transitioned to home delivered program through MOW and will add 15 more. River City Community College drama department to provide gift bags for Project Room Key participants. Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC)- Yolo ADRC is for people of all ages to connect to services using a no wrong door approach. Yolo ADRC is working toward full recognition by CA Dept. of Aging.
10. **Resources for Independent Living** (April Wicks/Brandi Bluell) Wrap up first phase of disaster prep-including PSPS education and back up battery distribution and disaster kit distribution. Will be having additional funds in Feb. IHSS and OES will help store and distribute emergency go kits to IHSS

participants. 500 kits available for this project so far. While RIL is not a disaster response organization, they provide and focus on technical assistance and preparedness. RIL is also recruiting providers for their “Quick Match” program to enroll providers and teach persons with disabilities how to hire and train. RIL staff interview them and tell them how to do a live scan screening.

11. Report from California Association of Retired Americans (CARA) (Fran Smith) not present

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
- f. Master Plan for Aging Town Halls 2021

13. Announcements and upcoming events

- Novavax looking for volunteer older adults and those with predisposing conditions to test through UCD.
- Winters Commission has 2 new commissioners. Age Friendly Community issue coming back.
- California Senior Legislature is recommending that governor develop cross department committee to implement the Master Plan for Aging.
- AAA4 Person Center Counselors have funding from HealthNet-Walmart gift cards up to \$245. Eligibility 55 and older or disability and less than 200% poverty. Need to somehow be related to COVID. Contact Jaana Elina at jelina@agencyonaging4.org.

14. Future Agenda Items

February - COVID vaccine rollout, Master Plan for Aging and local town halls

March - Older adult nutrition in Yolo County

April – Yolo District Attorney Elder Abuse Prevention update

15. Next meeting date: Thursday, February 4, 2021, 10am-noon via Zoom