



The Unified Voice for Older Adults in Yolo County

Advocacy Committee

MINUTES

Thursday, February 4, 2021, 10:00am – 12:00pm

VIA ZOOM CONFERENCE CALL

PRESENT:

Sheila Allen (Executive Director, YHAA)	Elizabeth Lasensky (Davis Aging Comm.)
Brandi Bluel (Resources for Independent Living)	Kaelea Lucas (Resources for Independent Living)
Lydia Bourne (AAA4 Advisory Comm.)	Pauline Martinez (Healthy Davis Together)
Marianne Boyer (Yolo/Winters Aging Comm.)	Pam Miller (Agency on Aging Area 4)
Seth Brunner (Yolo Aging Comm.)	Emily Miyaoka (Resources for Independent Living)
Saira Delgado (Assemblymember Aguiar-Curry office)	Dawn Myers (YHAA Board/Yolo ADHC)
Christine Dicker (Partnership Healthplan)	Dawn Myers (YHAA Board/Yolo ADHC)
Katie Dineen (Assemblymember Aguiar-Curry office)	Elaine Roberts Musser (Yolo Aging Comm.)
Jaana Elina (AAA4)	Valerie Olson (Yolo Co. Health Council)
Moises Gamboa (AAA4)	Ali Padua (YHAA CSUS Gero intern)
Lindsey Hall (Yolo D.A. Elder Abuse Protection)	Nancy Schaezlein-Zipse (Senior Advocate)
Patti Huston (YHAA Board)	Jon Sugarman (YHAA Board of Directors)
Anson Houghton (AAA4)	Kristin Weivoda (Yolo Co. Emergency Medical)
Curleene Langman (YHAA CSUS Gero Intern)	(26 on call)

1. Welcome, introductions and approval of agenda

2. Approval of the minutes of 1/7/21 MOTION: Move to accept as written by Elizabeth Lasensky, Marianne Boyer 2nd, passed unanimously.

3. Yolo County COVID Vaccine Rollout (Kristen Weivoda, Yolo Co. Emergency Medical Services)
 This week finishing second round doses at long term care facilities so that all that were willing and able will be fully vaccinated. Majority 50-80% uptake. Some adult residential care facilities were not interested in participated and provided access to vaccine through another mechanism. CVS/Walgreens are giving vaccine to some senior housing locations. But did not do long term care facilities in Yolo County.
 Everything vaccine dose that we get we use each week. We recently obtained additional unused doses from state jails. Tuesday added some additional slots and expanded those who are eligible to any

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Yolo resident who is 65 years and older. Still doing specific outreach to 75+ because they are most at risk of dying from a COVID infection. Finished Esparto (200 drive through and 100 walk up) and Knights Landing (drive up and walk through). Sat. had a drive through in West Sacramento for 1200 residents 65 yrs and older. Next week 1st and 2nd dose in Woodland, Davis and Esparto (first dose). All clinics have a Yolo County resident requirement. Working with Woodland Hospital for homeless outreach, there are 155 homeless individuals age 55 yrs and older identified. Dignity has an additional clinic on the 12th for more homeless outreach. Dignity going out with Yolo County and UCD health system to Knights Landing. Going door-to-door. Dignity is also assisting with senior living communities including Rancho Yolo (Davis), Courtside Towers (Woodland) and Winters Senior Housing (note: this changed to Winters Healthcare). AMR ambulance service providing vaccines to homebound elderly that are bedbound or other restrictions. This service started yesterday from a list of those who called into 2-1-1 (4 people). Have list of 12 more to do next week.

Focusing on equitable distribution. Eventbrite online appointment signups have limitations, especially with older adults. Rural communities have limited digital access and tend not to online sign ups so expanded to walk up vaccinations without an appointment for Knights Landing residents.

Questions and comments:

- Pauline from UCD Healthy Davis Together program would like to work with county efforts. Connected to Kristen through this meeting.
- Homeless outreach throughout all of Yolo County through Yolo HHS. Will there be a mobile vaccination effort? No, not from county. Dignity is doing some mobile outreach.
- Dawn Myers noted how fortunate we are in Yolo County. Yolo ADHC has a participant who is homebound. Refer this person to 211 to add to the list for home delivered vaccination.
- Is there consideration to bumping up those under the age of 65 who are very disabled? Not at this time.
- All of Yolo County (the county and healthcare systems) are receiving about 1500-1900 doses each week. Currently 65 years and older then move to essential workers. Persons with disability or pre-existing being discussed.
- Will farm workers be bumped up? We do have a county worker group meeting weekly with an ag representative as a part of the planning group.
- When will there be appointments in Winters? Winters pod is only for residents of Winters Senior Apartment. Working with Winters Healthcare Foundation to create a clinic on Sat. Feb. 20 for persons 65 and older.
- How will people get 2nd dose? When you receive the first dose you get a 2nd dose appointment.
- Logistically hard to get dose from a different provider. You should get both from same provider and make sure to receive the same type of vaccine for first and second dose.
- As of this morning you can sign up through Sutter Health online. Still asking for people to get their vaccine from their own health care provider as first approach to getting appointment.
- Caregivers of any age (paid and unpaid and family) are eligible now through healthcare worker tier. No proof required. Trusting people will be honest.
- All drive through clinics are by appointment only. Don't just show up. Need to week-to-week planning because we find out how much vaccine Yolo County will receive on Tuesday night. Will release appointment dates today for next week.

Note from Yolo County PIO: The State has prioritized vaccine groups based on their list:

<https://covid19.ca.gov/vaccines/>. The State has specifically said that those 65 and older need to be

prioritized right after health care workers (<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/OPA/Pages/NR21-015.aspx>). There are more than 28,000 residents who are 65+ and we are getting 1,000-2,000 doses a week, this means that it will take time to vaccinate this group before we move onto the other groups in Phase 1B, Tier 1. We are following the state's guidelines and since we only have so few doses a week, we need to concentrate the doses on where we can save the most lives. A vaccine given to someone 75+ is 3 times more likely to save their life than a dose given to someone 65-74.

- 4. Healthy Davis Together COVID Testing Update** (Pauline Martinez, UC Davis) Joint effort between UC Davis and City of Davis. New York Times article: best example of university going above and beyond. In Davis there are 3 locations with free testing: Vets, Senior Center and Mondavi. Healthy Davis Together is also providing COVID testing at all Yolo Co. long term care facilities 2 times per week for free. About ½ took them up on the offer. Also testing at Eleanor Roosevelt Circle low income senior housing and Creek Side low income housing, Yolo Food Bank and day shelters. Talking to CHOC to expand to there. Looking into add Migrant Camps. Outreach to vulnerable populations. If anyone has recommendations for mobile testing, she is the contact. Planning and implementation with goal to assist with getting schools open. Hope to offer vaccine soon. Can supply PPE. If someone tests positive, program offers isolation resources including hotel, home delivered food, social services and health education. Working with Rob Davis and Todd Nesbitt on the outreach.

5. YHAA 2021 Legislative Agenda

This legislative agenda is based on the YHAA Strategic Plan, the California Master Plan for Aging and the Yolo Aging and Disability Resource Connection COVID Response Survey results. These are not in priority order.

1-Nutrition support

2-Support for Caregivers, especially related to care of persons with Alzheimer's/dementia

3-Planning and funding for transportation

4-Affordable and accessible housing

5- Addressing the digital divide-especially rural community

6-COVID issues

- access to vaccines and any boosters needed
- education of older adults
- treatments

7- Long term care planning and financing

8- Creating and supporting age friendly communities

The Master Plan for Aging's Five Bold Goals for 2030

Housing for All Ages and Stages. We will live where we choose as we age in communities that are age-, disability-, and dementia-friendly and climate- and disaster-ready. Target: Millions of New Housing Options to Age Well.

Health Reimagined. We will have access to the services we need to live at home in our communities and to optimize our health and quality of life. Target: Close the Equity Gap in and Increase Life Expectancy.

Inclusion and Equity, Not Isolation. We will have lifelong opportunities for work, volunteering, engagement, and leadership and will be protected from isolation, discrimination, abuse, neglect, and exploitation. Target: Keep Increasing Life Satisfaction as We Age.

Caregiving That Works. We will be prepared for and supported through the rewards and challenges of caring for aging loved ones. Target: One Million High-Quality Caregiving Jobs.

Affording Aging. We will have economic security for as long as we live. Target: Close the Equity Gap in and Increase Elder Economic Sufficiency.

MOTION: Move to approve the draft 2021 YHAA Legislative Agenda to be present to the YHAA Board. Moved by Elizabeth Lasensky, Nancy Schaezlein-Lipse 2nd, passed unanimously.

6. Reports from elected officials' offices

- a. **Assemblymember Aguiar-Curry** (Saira Delgado saira.delgado@asm.ca.gov) 2 weeks until deadline to introduce bills. A-C has introduced 4 bills including a broadband bill. Is considering a telehealth bill. Number of bills is limited again this year and focusing on COVID response. Vaccine supply is a concern and they are well aware of it. Trying to do what they can to streamline the process.
- b. **Assemblymember McCarty** (Sydney Whitesel)-not present
- c. **Senator Dodd** (Lysette Marshman lysette.marshman@sen.ca.gov) Jan. 11 the state senate reconvened. Virtual Town Hall Feb. 9, 6pm regarding vaccine rollouts. Senator Dodd introduced 12 bills including:
 - SB222 water assistance fund for low income persons. State Water Resources Board report consumer debt up to \$1 billion. 12% of households are behind on water bill with an average of \$150.
 - SB223 protections for customers for persons unable to pay their water bill.
 - SB52 PSPS help counties and cities to be reimbursed during power shutoffs.
 - SB281 Help older adults and disabled receive care in their homes a program to allow to receive care in home. (similar to last year SB214)
- d. **Senator Pan** (Karen Abrego) not present
- e. **Congressman Garamendi** (Aaron Latta aaron.latta@mail.house.gov; 202-380-5984) Still deep in Coronavirus Relief \$1.9 trillion plan for states and locals and stimulus checks and additional vaccine and roll out plan. Still doing casework for constituents for social security or stimulus checks. Stimulus debit cards-complex instructions and difficult to use. They are pre-paid debit cards. If card does not have funds it should contact Aaron who can help fix it. Can take card to bank of choice and put funds into your bank account. Do not want this mechanism to happen again. CARES Act funds-Telehealth funds are just being released.
- f. **Congresswoman Matsui** (Nia Jones) not present

7. Report from Legislative Subcommittee (Debra Palmer, chair, Elizabeth Lasensky, Charlotte Dorsey, Nancy Schaezlein-Zipse) (See handout)

Nancy Federal legislation: reviewed Coronavirus Relief bill areas that meet our priorities: Nutrition, financial assist, healthcare and vaccine funds and eviction moratorium.

We have support on Congress side. Need 50 votes in Senate and 60 to avoid filibuster.

MOTION: Move to write a letter of support to our federal legislators for the American Recovery Plan bill. Moved by Elizabeth Lasensky, Marianne Boyer 2nd, passed unanimously. Nancy Schaezlein-Zipse will draft letter.

Note: Broadband will be in omnibus in the transportation section in March and Garamendi on the committee. (not in the American Recovery Plan bill now)

Elizabeth Lasensky State Legislation (see handout)

- HR535 to include special districts in funding for COVID relief funds (not reintroduced yet).

- HR321-FEMA to work with local partners for restaurants to provide meals.
- ACA1 (Aguiar-Curry) constitutional amendment from 2/3 to 55%
- AB34 (Muratsusch) voter initiative for Broadband
- Housing Element-City of Davis-follow and provide input-final report due May 21.

- 8. Report from Yolo County Health Council** (Valerie Olson) COVID subcommittee is working committee to bring recommendations to full committee. Lost their chair, Dr. Michael Wilkes who was not reappointed. Have increased number of Health Council meetings each month: one general and one focused on COVID issues and other issues such as homeless for breakout groups. Communication with county staff re: COVID dashboard, especially related to more information on aging and long term care. Many volunteers for vaccine clinics but short on people who can give vaccine. Online registration and orientation to volunteer. Those who volunteer receive a vaccine.
- 9. The California Collaborative for Long Term Services (CCLTSS)** (Jon Sugarman)
Meeting of newly expanded board (now 10 people). Now at critical point for moving forward. SCAN will not continue to support (large part of the budget). Need to find new way to raise funds.
- 10. Agency on Aging Area 4 update** (Pam Miller) Feeding older adults in homeless program (Project Roomkey) in Yolo County through March when money runs out. Yolo ADRC soon will have a 530 phone number dedicated to ADRC answered by AAA4 staff.
- 11. Resources for Independent Living update** (Brandi Bluell) RIL has funding for people who have been without power-contact Brandi. Includes food, transportation and hotel stays.
- 12. Report from California Association of Retired Americans (CARA)** (Fran Smith) not present.
- 13. YHAA report on current projects:** (Sheila Allen)
 - a. Phone Friends for Seniors/Vaccine appointment assistance**
 - b. Yolo Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC)**
 - c. Dignity Health Community Foundation-Healthy Parks-Healthy People**
 - d. Kaiser Permanente Foundation grant-connection of at-risk seniors to services**
 - e. Expansion of Yolo Adult Day Health Center**
 - f. The SCAN Foundation-Master Plan for Aging Town Halls 2021**
- 14. Announcements and upcoming events** Partnership Healthplan vaccine call campaign-made over 500 calls to Yolo Partnership members, 166 members reached, 33 signed up to receive vaccine.
- 15. Future Agenda Items** – Older adult nutrition in Yolo County, Master Plan for Aging-local town halls
- 16. Next meeting date:** Thursday, March 4, 2021, 10am-noon via Zoom