



The Unified Voice for Older Adults in Yolo County

Advocacy Committee

MINUTES

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

VIA ZOOM CONFERENCE CALL

PRESENT:

Elizabeth Avila (AAA4 intern)	Aaron Lotta (Congressman Garamendi's office)
Drew Blaskovich (Drewski's Food Trucks)	Lysette Marshman (Senator Dodd's office)
Saira Delgado (Assemblymember Aguiar-Curry office)	Arzoo Mojadedi (Northern Valley Indian Health)
Christine Dicker (Partnership Healthplan)	Dawn Myers (YHAA Board/Yolo ADHC)
Charlotte Dorsey (BBCAN, CA Sr. Legislator)	Valerie Olson (Yolo Co. Health Council)
Jaana Elina (AAA4)	Elaine Roberts Musser (Yolo Co. Aging Comm.)
JR Fujita (AARP)	Wally Pearce (Winters Aging Comm.)
Lindsey Hall (Yolo DA Elder Protection Unit)	Nancy Schaezlein-Zipse (Senior Advocate)
Anson Houghon (AAA4)	Jeffrey Tardaguila (RIL Board)
Patti Huston (YHAA Board member)	Liz Yeh
Nia Jones (Congresswoman Matsui's office)	Sheila Allen (YHAA staff)
Elizabeth Lasensky (Davis Aging Comm.)	(23 people on call)
Kaelea Lucas (Resources for Independent Living)	

1. Call to order and introductions

2. Approval of the minutes of 9/2/21 MOTION: Moved by Elizabeth Lasensky, Charlotte Dorsey 2nd, passed unanimously.

3. New Mobile Meal Service through AAA4 funding-Drewski's Food Truck: planning and input (Sheila Allen/Drew Blaskovich) Input requested from YHAA advocates on locations, scheduling and process for new project funded through Agency on Aging-Area 4 to provide food to persons 60 years and older throughout Yolo County through Drewski's Food Truck in collaboration with YHAA. Hot meal can be served with follow up of 1-2 unique pre-packed chilled meals for a future meal. Suggest to check with Sarah Brunelle from West Sacramento Urban Garden food distribution program to assure not overlap and perhaps take over when her season ends. Agree that food truck events will be nice, especially as COVID restrictions decrease. In meantime, home delivered meals will be essential. Will need to find older adults for home delivers. In person will need some kind of estimate to assure right

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amount of food. Still need to pin down the cost per meal. An AAA4 requirement is that participants but have the opportunity to donate to offset the cost. Are the containers compostable? Not currently. Should consider a rain policy. Will be making a monthly regular schedule of times and locations throughout Yolo County. We are working with RISE in Esparto as a location and also with assistance in finding rural persons in need. Will return with schedule and asking advocates to help get the word out. AARP will help distribute information.

4. **American Rescue Plan** – Yolo Board of Supervisors has increased funds for “Seniors” from \$100,000 to \$200,000. This is still less than 1% of the funds that are available while 80% of the persons who died from COVID are 60 years and older. Current requests into county include Phone Friends (\$100,000), Digital Divide (\$200,000), IHSS provider trainings (\$200,000) and Emergency Preparation (\$100,000). There still is time to advocate for additional funds to the category.
5. **Connection to Services in Yolo County** – A request has come from the community for a updated assessment of information provided by Yolo 211. Committee members agreed to a repeat of the secret shopper calls for month of October. Yolo ADRC reports that they now are receiving regular reports on the number of calls to Yolo 211. They are a partner with ADRC and very cooperative with timely data. They also now are regularly attending the Yolo Collaboration Committee meetings. **FOLLOW UP:** Sheila will distribute the secret shopper form from last evaluation. Each member asked to make one call. Note tone of voice on the form.
6. **Reports from elected officials’ offices**
 - a. Assemblymember Aguiar-Curry (Saira Delgado) Waiting for bills to be signed. 4 out of 5 Aguiar-Curry bills on the governor’s desk have already been signed, but not broadband. (Woods broadband also awaiting signature). Recess until Jan. 3.
 - b. Assemblymember McCarty (Sydney Whitesel) not present
 - c. Senator Dodd (Lysette Marshman) 8 bills signed. Several moved to 2 year bills. Waiting for more bills on governor’s desk. Governor has until Oct. 10 to sign. If not signed will still become law unless he vetoes. Much of Senator Dodd’s focus this year was wildfire prevention, mitigation and insurance. Appropriated in budget, with Aguiar-Curry, \$1.5 million for wildfire prevention to Cal OES. **FOLLOW UP:** check if Yolo OES is applying for funds.
 - d. Senator Pan (Karen Abrego) not present
 - e. Congressman Garamendi (Aaron Lotta) Infrastructure bill is static so broadband will likely stay. Don’t know what will be in final reconciliation bill (human infrastructure items). Many of those that are important to YHAA will likely stay in final bill. Congressman involved with the negotiation. National Defense Authorization coming to vote soon but doesn’t include VA health. In month will hold Woman of the Year award-taking nominations-it will be in person-hybrid event.
 - f. Congresswoman Matsui (Nia Jones) No specific updates on Caregiver Committee. Working on Build Back Better and Reconciliation Bills. Supporting caregivers, affordable housing as important in human infrastructure bills. Still negotiating.
7. **Report from Legislative Subcommittee-** State legislative year has concluded and moving to ideas for new legislation for 2022.
Suggestions: 1) legislation for new housing to have an elevator (especially low income and senior housing). Find an example in Dodd’s district and send legislation suggestions in writing ASAP.

FOLLOW UP: Kaelea from RIL to Check with CFILC if they are taking any action in this area. Include “Aging in Place” in argument. Suggest to Kim McCoy-Wade. 2) Nursing home reform

8. **The California Collaborative for Long Term Services (CCLTSS)** (Sheila Allen) YHAA received a COVID outreach and education grant from CCLTSS that includes funds for incentives. Will be purchasing emergency prep materials for give-aways to address 2 issues at once.
9. **Yolo Aging and Disability Resource Connection** (YHAA/RIL/AAA4) Paperwork together for 21 areas for designation due end of October for designation. YHAA will be utilizing Resources for Independent Living (RIL) CILSuite database with new MOU. Looking at Woodland bricks and mortar place shared with Yolo County Housing on Main St. in Woodland. Have marketing plan, protocols, advisory committee all in place.
10. **Agency on Aging Area 4 update** (Anson Houghton) Free online educational programs: Diabetes and Stop Falls program. Preparing program for 2-year loan of ipads.
11. **Resources for Independent Living** (April Wicks/Brandi Bluell) no update
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**
 - 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 (Yolo Co., CCLTSS, YADRC)**
14. **Announcements and upcoming events**
 - a. YHAA Annual Fundraiser moved to Sunday, April 3, 5pm, Galileo Place
 - b. Connected Health Virtual Health (Charlotte Dorsey)
 - c. Redistricting process is still going on at state and county levels. Important time to be involved.
15. **Future Agenda Items**
16. **Next meeting date:** Thursday, November 4, 2021, 10am via Zoom