



*The Unified Voice for Older Adults in Yolo County*

## **Advocacy Committee**

### **MINUTES**

**Thursday, December 3, 2020, 10:00am – 12:00pm**

**VIA ZOOM CONFERENCE CALL**

**PRESENT:** Christine Dicker (Partnership Healthplan), Patti Huston (YHAA Board member), Sydnie Whitesel (Assemblymember McCarty's office), Kaelea Lucas (Resources for Independent Living), Saira Delgado (Assemblymember Aguiar-Curry office), Nancy Schaelin-Zipse (senior advocate), Fran Smith (CARA representative), Brandi Bluell (Resources for Independent Living), Dawn Myers (YHAA Board and Yolo Adult Day Health Center), April Wick (Resources for Independent Living), Anson Houghton (AAA4), Lysette Marshman (Sen. Bill Dodd's office), Lindsey Hall (Yolo Co. DA Office, Elder Protection Unit), Jeffrey Tardaguilla (Resources for Independent Living), Debra Palmer (Yolo Co. and Winters Aging Commissions), Elizabeth Lasensky (Davis Senior Citizen Commission), Wally Pearce (AAA4 Advisory Council, Yolo Co. and Winters Commission on Aging), Emily Miyaoka (Resources for Independent Living), Lydia Bourne (AAA4 Advisory Council), Valerie Olson (Yolo Co. Health Council), Marianne Boyer (Yolo Co. and Winters Aging Commissions), Nia Jones (Congresswoman Matsui's office), Elaine Roberts Musser (Yolo Commission on Aging), Curleene Langman (YHAA intern), Ali Padua (YHAA intern), Monique Gomez (YHAA intern), Sheila Allen (YHAA Executive Director) (27 people on call)

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

**2. Approval of the minutes of 11/5/20 MOTION:** Move approval as written. Moved by Elizabeth Lasensky, Wally Pearce 2<sup>nd</sup>, passed unanimously.

**3. AAA4 Recommendations for 4-year Plan Update-report** (Patti Huston)

RFP process will proceed in Feb. for July 2021 start for 2 year contracts.

Funding levels for Yolo categories are approximately the same as previous plan.

Area 4 awards for outstanding work were yesterday-Dawn Myers received one. Board members received a presentation from Sacramento County nutrition provider, ACC who expanded services in pandemic and do not have a waiting list. **FOLLOW UP:** future agenda item to discuss nutrition/meals in Yolo County.

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

- a. Assemblymember Aguiar-Curry (Saira Delgado) Monday is swearing in for next legislative session. Thanked YHAA for meeting with assemblymember as a part of Advocacy Day. Capitol staff are working on her legislative package for next year which will include an access to broad

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band bill. Informational hearing of joint legislative committee on emergency management-hearing can be seen here: Joint Legislative Committee on Emergency Management November 30, 2020 hearing: <https://www.assembly.ca.gov/media/joint-legislative-committee-emergency-management-20201130/video>. Winters crosswalk update: working on getting more information-looking at this more closely working with Dodd's office, City of Winters, County and Caltrans. There are possible funds. Deadline to introduce new legislation is Feb. 19.

- b. Assemblymember McCarty (Sydney Whitesel) Sydney thanked YHAA for their advocacy during the budget discussion. It was impactful. Thanks to YHAA for meeting with Sydney as a part of Advocacy Day. Assemblymember's staff are still working on his legislative package. Looking forward to working with us.
- c. Senator Dodd (Lysette Marshman) Members were sworn in on Monday. Thank you to YHAA for meeting with capitol staff as part of Advocacy Day. Staff are working on legislative packages. Last year started with 21 pieces of legislation, reduced down to 9 because of COVID. Last state legislative cycle included a mobile home rental relief bill that did not pass, likely will reintroduce. Winters-Hwy 128 cross walk issue follow up: Senator is supporting funding for this issue. An Oct. 22 CalTrans statement included funds for possible pedestrian crossing. Need conversations between CalTrans and City of Winters. Debra Palmer, chair of Winters Senior Aging Commission reports they are having a meeting with new city manager and will mention this issue. New senior housing being built and expanded services at Yolo Co. HHSa both located near the needed crosswalk.  
**MOTION:** Move YHAA write a letter of introduction to new city manager in Winters which includes safe crossing of Hwy 128 in Winters. Moved by Debra Palmer, Fran Smith 2<sup>nd</sup>, passed unanimously.
- d. Senator Pan (Karen Abrego) no representative present
- e. Congressman Garamendi (Aaron Lotta) no representative present
- f. Congresswoman Matsui (Nia Jones) Letter from Congresswoman, importance of adding older adult/geriatrician to COVID-19 Advisory Board. New stimulus package introduced. "Skinny Bill" died. Prioritizing COVID relief bill before end of the year. Focusing on vaccine distribution, businesses, unemployed, rental assistance.

- 5. **Legislative Subcommittee report** New COVID Relief Bill introduced-\$908 billion-preliminary now. Will need to be followed up to make it to the level of HEROES bill. **FOLLOW UP:** if bill continues to progress, we will send out information to call or email our representatives.
- 6. **The California Collaborative for Long Term Services (CCLTSS)** (Jon Sugarman) brief meeting yesterday, no action to report, board election coming up.
- 7. **Agency on Aging Area 4 update** (Anson Houghton) Yolo ADRC-core partners (AAA4-RIL-YHAA) received Coleman Model-Community Transitions Initiative (CTI) training funded through infrastructure grant. Completed extensive emerging status report to the state. Funding will continue for next fiscal year. Working on rapid assessment of how agencies are responding to COVID 19-report due in June. Nutrition-meals provided to 70-80 Project Room Key participants, starting new Yolo County home delivery program to address Meals on Wheels waiting list utilizing county CARES Act funds through end of the year.
- 8. **Resources for Independent Living (April Wick/Brandi Bluel)** CTI-Transition Training for "coaches" working with clients for a 30 day intervention from hospital to home to decrease re-admissions. RIL

working with Yolo Office of Emergency and Yolo Co. Aging Commission Emergency Prep. Delivered 75 emergency kits to RISE to start.

**9. Report from Yolo County Health Council (Valerie Olson)**

Yolo County Health Council added an additional 1 hour meeting each month dedicated to COVID. A few members of the Council asked that an Ad-hoc Committee be formed to discuss priority issues, and data informed best practices, for reporting back to the Council with recommendations, to better support public health and report to the Board of Supervisors. Consists of a 10-member committee and invite experts as needed. The Ad-hoc Committee is meeting weekly during this third peak of COVID and had their second meeting yesterday.

Valerie's specific focus has been LTC/SNF's, focusing on both more information on the County Dashboard under the specific section for this population, including links to what is required by CMS and CDPH as best practices in these facilities, and looking at feasibility of requirements and alternative solutions.

Other areas under review are testing/tracing including UCD expansion of testing into the entire county for SNF/LTC (only in Davis now), better communication to the citizens of Yolo County, perhaps at testing sites, and proactive communication regarding the anticipated vaccine(s). SNF/LTC facilities are being considered as some of the first recipients.

**10. Report from California Senior Legislature (Charlotte Dorsey)** We are calling our State reps to advocate for CSL supported proposed legislation.

**11. Report from California Association of Retired Americans (CARA) (Fran Smith)** Big meeting on Wed. to discuss an SSI increase (money was taken from people who could not afford it), CA Master Plan on Aging recommendations and Single Payer health care as a priority. CARA is planning local focus groups regarding long term services and supports. **FOLLOW UP:** Work with CARA for our SCAN Foundation grant townhalls after the Master Plan for Aging is released.

**12. YHAA report on current projects:** (Sheila Allen) brief update ongoing projects.

- a. **Phone Friends for Seniors** for information or to sign up as volunteer or to receive a call: [https://www.yolohealthyaging.org/phone-friend-forms Con](https://www.yolohealthyaging.org/phone-friend-forms-Con)
- b. **Yolo Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC)**
- c. **Healthy Parks-Healthy People**
- d. **Expansion of Yolo Adult Day Health Center**

**13. Announcements and upcoming events**

Winters is building their senior center-city has put together a fundraiser group for the furniture and inside items for the center.

**14. Future Agenda Items** Regular updates on COVID, Yolo County older adult nutrition needs

**15. Next meeting date:** Thursday, January 7, 2021, 10am-noon via Zoom