



## VENTURA COUNTY AREA AGENCY ON AGING ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

July 14, 2021

9:00 a.m. to 11:00 am

Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council Center  
646 County Square Drive, Ventura

Via Zoom: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85625448867>

VCAAA Advisory Council Role – To provide leadership, input, and advocacy as facilitators between VCAAA and the community, in support of VCAAA’s mission.

VCAAA Role – VCAAA is the responsible agency to seek, serve, administer and manage available funding to ensure resources are allocated to serve Ventura County, creating integrated community-based services where older adults and people with disabilities can age in their community with dignity and respect.

### AGENDA

- 9:00 a.m.
1. Call to Order and Agenda Review Suz  
Montgomery
  
  2. Pledge of Allegiance Suz  
Montgomery
  
  3. Approval of Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council Minutes of March 18, 2021 and May 12, 2021 Suz  
Montgomery
  
  4. Public Comments  
  
Procedure: The public is welcome to comments. All comments not related to items on the agenda may be made at the beginning of the meeting only. Comments are limited to three minutes per person.
  
  5. Consent Agenda Items Suz  
Montgomery
    - 5.1 Transportation Committee Report from May 12, 2021
    - 5.2 Health and Nutrition Committee Report from May 19, 2021

### DISCUSSION ITEMS/PRESENTATION/MOTION

- 6.1 Legislative and State and Federal Budget Update Staff

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| 6.2 | Behavioral Health and Wellness Update    | Monique Nowlin       |
| 6.3 | Master Plan for Aging for Ventura County | Staff                |
| 6.6 | PIO and Outreach Update                  | Jannette<br>Jauregui |

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

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|----------|--|-------------------------|
| 7        | Advisory Council Committee Membership List         | Suz<br>Montgomery       |
| 8        | Advisory Council Meeting Schedule for FY 2021-2022 | Suz<br>Montgomery       |
| 9        | Other Committee Meetings:                          |                         |
|          | a. California Senior Legislature Update            | Gitt/Gorback/<br>Guerra |
|          | b. Triple A Council of California Update           | Olson                   |
|          | c. VCAAA Foundation Update                         | Sherbok                 |
|          | d. LGBTQ Aging Coalition                           | Sherbok                 |
|          | e. Dementia Friendly Ventura County                | Hashemzadeh             |
| 10       | Comments from the Chair                            | Suz<br>Montgomery       |
| 11       | Other Business                                     | Suz<br>Montgomery       |
| 11:00 am | 12. Adjournment                                    | Suz<br>Montgomery       |

The next meeting will be:

Wednesday, September 8, 2021 (9:00 am – 11:00 am)

Via Zoom

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VENTURA COUNTY AREA AGENCY ON AGING  
Advisory Council Meeting Minutes  
Advisory Council Center  
646 County Square Drive, Suite 100  
Ventura, CA 93003  
May 12, 2021

Advisory Council Members Present:

Suz Montgomery (Chair) (Ventura CFS)	Alice Sweetland (Oxnard COA)
Antoinette Olson (Simi Valley COA)	Carol Martin (Simi Valley COA)
Dr. Maria Munguia (SP COA)	John Gardner (Camarillo COA)
Karen Gorback (CSL)	Lori Harasta (Ventura COA)
Marcy Sherbok (Focused Population)	Martha Shapiro (Service Provider)
Sue Tatangelo (Focused Population)	Sylvia Stein (Focused Population)
Tony Gitt (CSL)	John Posta (Thousand Oaks COA)
Mike Williams (Service Provider)	Ari Larson (Filmore COA)
Peter Schreiner (Focused Population)	Lynette Harvey (Service Provider)
Rossanna Guerra (CSL)	Bill Cunneen (Supervisory Appointee)
Aleta Buckelew (Thousand Oaks COA)	

Advisory Council Members Absent:

Clark Owens (Oxnard COA)	Danielle Anderson (Focused Population)
Loretta Allen (Thousand Oaks COA)	Smita Dandekar (Supervisory Appointee)
Bill Nugent (Ojai COA)	Dr. Allen Zatzkin (Camarillo COA)
Jeanette Sanchez-Palacios (BOS)	Deirdre Daly (Ojai COA)

VCAAA Staff Members Present:

Victoria Jump	Monique Nowlin
Brian Murphy	Haleh Hashemzadeh
Joaquin Serrato	Jannette Jauregui
Audrey Darrett	Denise Noguera
Cruz Silva	Jakeline De Leon,

Guests:

Maureen Hodge	Carol Leish
Jackie Ringhof	Neil Spector
Nick Fuentes	Ronald Berkowsky
Thomas Keen	Christine Owens

- 1. Call to Order and Agenda Review** – Jakeline De Leon took roll call of the Advisory Council Members before the meeting started to establish a quorum. The meeting was called to order at 9:06AM by Chair Suz Montgomery. Under Agenda Review, Suz announced that 6.1 will be a closed section for the voting of new members.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance** – The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair Suz Montgomery.
3. **Approval of Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council Minutes of March 10, 2021** – Karen Gorback provided some feedback for the March 10 meeting minutes and commented that she taught people to write letters and articles.
4. **Public Comments** – No Public Comments.
5. **Consent Agenda Items** – the Transportation Committee Report from March 10, 2021 was approved (Gorback/Gitt/Passed).

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS/PRESENTATION/MOTION**

**6.1 VCAAA Nominating Committee Report and Reappointment of One Service Provider and Three Focused Population Seats for FY 2021-2023** – Toni Olson announced that the Nominating Committee met on May 3, 2021, to develop the slate as per their Bylaws. She then announced the slate for the Focused Population seat for caregivers was Maureen Hodge and Marcy Smart; the Focused Population seat representing LGTBQ+ individuals was Ronald Berkowsky; and the slate for the Focused Population seat representing people with disabilities was Carol Leish and Neil Spector. The committee also recommended that Martha Shapiro be reappointed to a 3<sup>rd</sup> and final term representing service providers. All applicants introduced themselves, spoke a bit of their backgrounds and gave reason as to why they would like to represent those Focused Populations. After introductions, the committee made the motion to accept the slate (Munguia/Gorback/Passed). The results of the election were as follows: Maureen Hodge for the Family Caregivers Focused Population seat, Ronald Berkowsky for LGBTQ+ Focused Population seat and Carol Leish for Disabilities Focused Population seat. Martha Shapiro was also reelected to a 3<sup>rd</sup> and final term in one of the Service Provider seats.

**6.2 Recommendation to Renew FY 2021-2022 Grantee/Contractor Funding and Related Service Categories.** – Joaquin presented an overview of the Grantee Renewals. The committee had a couple of questions regarding the meals that were being provided to Ventura County seniors and people with disabilities. Victoria and Joaquin addressed their questions and stated they are working on the logistics to determine the long-term needs and funding post covid. The committee moved to approve the proposed budgets (Sweetland/Olson/Passed). Martha Shapiro, Sylvia Stein, Sue Tatangelo, Lynette Harvey, and Mike Williams all abstained.

**6.3 Ratification and Approval of the FY 2021-2022 Strategic Plan Update** – Victoria gave a brief update of the FY 2021-2022 Strategic Plan. No comments or

changes were made at the Public Hearing; however, any changes could be made when needed. The committee made the motion to accept the ratification and approval of the FY 2021-2022 Strategic Plan (Tatangelo/Gorback/Passed).

**6.4 Recognition of Advisory Council Members Leaving the Council** – Monique thanked all Advisory Council members leaving the committee on behalf of all the Advisory Council staff. Marcy Sherbok expressed her appreciation with the committee and being a part of the Advisory Council Board. Lastly, Monique presented a resolution for Volunteer Appreciation Week to the committee and thanked the committee on behalf of the Board of Supervisors.

**6.5 VCAAA Covid 19 Response Update and Fiscal Outlook** – Victoria provided an overview of the VCAAA Customer Growth, the Services VCAAA provides, and Contracted Services. She and Brian then presented an overview of the FY 2021-2022 Budget. Monique introduced Cruz Silva, VCAAA’s volunteer coordinator and Victoria gave a brief overview of the Covid-19 Response. Victoria announced the partnership VCAAA has with the Library system for the digital devices will be launched in June. Lastly, Victoria updated the committee and stated that overall, there were 4.2 million meals served. This work was completed by 63 plus disaster service workers, 574 plus volunteers and 627 plus employees.

**6.6 Older Americans Month, PIO, and Outreach Update** – Jannette provided an Older Americans Month, PIO, and Outreach Update. Jannette mentioned that the Fall Prevention Forum in September 2020 had about 6000 views. The Fall Prevention Forum in April 2021 had about 18,000 views. In addition, she mentioned that for Volunteer Appreciation Week, they had weeklong video tributes for our volunteers and Advisory Council Members, acknowledging their contributions to the agency. Lastly, Jannette announced that they have received a resolution from the Board of Supervisors for Older Americans month and skits are being posted every Monday to help seniors on fraud prevention as well as “Friday Focus” are being posted on Fridays.

## **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

**7. Advisory Council Committee Membership form for FY 2021-2022** – The committee membership form will be emailed to all committee members after the meeting. All committee members must choose at least one committee to participate in and must return the membership form back to Monique and Victoria.

**8. Advisory Council Meeting Schedule for FY 2021-2022** – The meeting schedule will be emailed to all committee members after the meeting.

### **9. Other Committee Meetings:**

**a) California Senior Legislature Update** – Tony Gitt gave a brief update on the California Senior Legislature. On May 4<sup>th</sup>, CSL sponsored the Senior

Rally Day. Over 330 members attended the zoom meeting. Richard Figueroa gave the opening speech and the program was centered on the Master Plan on Aging. Karen then mentioned that she is working on two proposals for CSL, the first proposal has to do with recruitment and training for caregivers. The second proposal has to do with a resolution for the state legislature to take up on Ageism Awareness. She also mentioned that she had an article published on Ventura County Star regarding Ageism Awareness.

- b) Triple A Council of California Update – No Update**
- c) VCAAA Foundation Update –** Mike Williams gave a brief update for the VCAAA Foundation. Their flyer is on the VCAAA website. Mike has asked everyone to share the flyer.
- d) LGBTQ Aging Coalition –** Martha gave a brief update on the LGBTQ Aging Coalition. They developed a training that is geared for service providers that are focused on older adults.
- e) Dementia Friendly Ventura County –** Haleh gave a brief update of the Dementia Friendly Ventura County meeting. She announced the initiation of Project LifeSaver.

**10. Comments from the Chair –** Suz commented that she does not want to lose track of the Mental Health Facility.

**11. Other Business –** Ari Larson announced that Filmore will be having a NAMI (National Alliance for Mental Illness) walk on Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM at City Hall. She also announced that the mayor of Filmore presented a proclamation to their seniors. Dr. Munguia announced that the mayor of Santa Paula presented a proclamation for Older American Month to their Advisory Council in Santa Paula.

**12. Adjournment –** The meeting was adjourned at 11:15AM by chair Suz Montgomery.

Ventura County Area Agency on Aging  
Advisory Council Meeting Minutes  
Advisory Council Center  
646 County Square Drive, Suite 100  
Ventura, CA 93003  
March 10, 2021

Advisory Council Members Present:

Loretta Allen (Thousand Oaks COA)  
Danielle Anderson (Focused Population)  
Smita Dandekar (Supervisory Appointee)  
John Gardner (Camarillo COA)  
Tony Gitt (CSL)  
Karen Gorback (CSL)  
Lori Harasta (Ventura COA)  
Ari Larson (Filmore COA)  
Carol Martin (Simi Valley COA)  
Suz Montgomery (Chair) (Ventura CFS)  
Dr. Maria Munguia (Santa Paula COA)  
Bill Nugent (Ojai COA)  
Antoinette Olson (Simi Valley COA)  
Clark Owens (Oxnard COA)  
John Posta (Thousand Oaks COA)  
Jeanette Sanchez (Supervisory Appointee)  
Martha Shapiro (Service Provider)  
Marcy Sherbok (Focused Population)  
Sylvia Stein (Focused Population)  
Alice Sweetland (Oxnard COA)  
Sue Tatangelo (Focused Population)  
Mike Williams (Service Provider)  
Dr. Allen Zatkan (Camarillo COA)

Advisory Council Members Absent:

Aleta Buckelew (Thousand Oaks COA)  
Bill Cunneen (Supervisory Appointee)  
Deirdre Daly (Ojai COA)

VCAAA Staff Members Present:

Jakeline De Leon  
Julianna Eusano  
Dr. Haleh Hashemzadeh  
Jannette Jauregui  
Victoria Jump

Brian Murphy  
Denise Noguera  
Monique Nowlin  
Joaquin Serrato

Guests:

Diane Duncan  
Rossanna Guerra  
Jaydon Gaines  
Lynette Harvey  
Katy Krul  
Chris Morrow  
Peter Schreiner  
Ronda Wilkin

1. **Call to Order and Agenda Review** – The meeting was called to order at 9:04AM by Chair Suz Montgomery. Jakeline De Leon took roll call of the advisory council members. Suz introduced a new member to the Advisory Council, Jeanette Sanchez; she then introduced herself and a bit of her background.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance** – The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair Suz Montgomery.
3. **Approval of Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council Meeting Minutes of January 13, 2021** – (Owens/Olson/Passed)
4. **Public Comments** – Karen Gorback announced that Monday, March 15, 2021, at 10:30AM, she will be teaching “Pro’s with a Purpose” at Conejo Valley Adult School. Smita Dandekar announced that she will be conducting a yoga class via zoom for Simi Valley; it is an eight-week class and it is going very well.
5. **Consent Agenda Items** – All committee reports were approved (Gorback/Olson/Passed).
  - 5.1 Employment Committee Report from January 22, 2021
  - 5.2 Transportation Committee Report from January 13, 2021
  - 5.3 Health and Nutrition Committee Report from January 20, 2021
  - 5.4 Optimal Aging Committee Report from January 27, 2021

**DISCUSSION ITEMS/PRESENTATION/MOTION**

- 6.1 VCAAA Nominating Committee Report and Election of Advisory Council Officers for FY 2021-2022 and Reappointment of One (1) Service Provider and One (1) Focused Population Seat for FY 2020-2022** – The motion was accepted to accept the slate as presented by the nominating committee (Tatangelo/Olson/Passed). All committee members were in favor of the slate being reappointed.
- 6.2 VCAAA Nominating Committee Report and Election of (1) Service Provider – Health Care, (1) Consumer Seat, (1) Focused Population Seat – Behavioral Health for a Two Year Term (2021 – 2023) and (1) Seat – Behavioral Health for a Two Year Term (2021 – 2023) and (1) California Senior Legislature Representative for FY 2021-2025.** – Toni Olson presented the nominating committee report which included the following slate:
- Service Provider (Health Care) - Katy Krul and Lynette Harvey
  - Focused Population - Behavioral Health: Peter Schreiner and Ronda Wilkin
  - California State Legislator Seat - Rossanna Guerra
- There were no further nominations. The slate was accepted by all committee members (Sweetland/Sherbok/Passed). The Advisory Council elected Lynette Harvey to the Service Provider (Health Care) for a two-year term and Peter Schreiner to the Focused Population seat for a two-year term and Rossanna Guerra to a four year term as the CSL representative.
- 6.3 VCAAA Covid 19 Response Update** – Victoria gave an update on the VCAAA Covid 19 Response. Overall, VCAAA has hit over 3.5 million meals; closing in on 3.6 million meals served. All meals are being covered by FEMA Funds, the Older Americans Act Funds, the Cares Act funds, and additional funds. The budget is close to 60 million due to all of the efforts. As of now, there are over 50 restaurants participating in VCAAA’s various meal programs. There have been over 50 thousand requests for services. VCAAA has also been working with Human Service Agency and Public Health on vaccinating homebound older adults. The homebound vaccinations began in Piru. It began with the 75 plus older adults and now moving towards the 65 plus older adults. Letters of support are still being sent to VCAAA daily from the community. Lastly, Victoria reported that Google Home Devices have already gone out and been provided to the community. Suz Montgomery will be demonstrating to the community on social media how to use the Google Homes. There have been 500 chrome books purchased as well and are getting ready to go out soon. VCAAA is still working on receiving the Grand Pads.
- 6.4 Recommendation for the Executive Committee to Approve the Planning and Allocation Committee’s Recommendations regarding FY 2020-2021 one-time-only funding from the California Department of Aging.** – The

Advisory Council committee approved this recommendation (Gorback/Williams/Passed).

- 6.5 Recommendation for the Executive Committee to Approve and Make Modifications to the FY 2021-2022 Strategic Plan based on Public Input and Forward to the Ventura County Board of Supervisors for Approval (Due to CDA May 1, 2021).** – The Advisory Council committee approved this recommendation as stated in 6.5 of the agenda (Owens/Williams/Passed).
- 6.6 Long Term Care Ombudsman and Access to Facilities Update** – Sylvia Taylor Stein gave a brief overview of the Long-Term Care Services Ombudsman program and an update through a PowerPoint presentation. Monique will distribute Sylvia’s PowerPoint with all Advisory Council members.
- 6.7 Things You Should Know – COVID Rent Rules** – Mike Williams gave an update on the Covid Rent Rules through a PowerPoint presentation.
- 6.8 PIO and Outreach Update** – Jannette gave the PIO and Outreach Update. VCAAA has distributed more than 36 videos to the community from the last year, has distributed more than 160 different flyers over the last year and in January 2021, VCAAA launched the 2021 LiveWell Resource Guide. The VCAAA Foundation has had increased community donations due to the LiveWell Resource Guide. The VCAAA website has been modified and updated. The Letters of Support campaign started in September and it is continuing to this day. VCAAA has received approximately 10 thousand letters. Ongoing, VCAAA has a substantial increase in the amount of presentations both on local and national level. Social media following has increased as well. The latest outreach project is the VCAAA calendar, it is available both in English and Spanish. They include pictures of local residents and information in English and Spanish about different programs that VCAAA offers. Jannette then shared her screen with the committee and demonstrated the VCAAA websites new In Memoriam tab of all Advisory Council members who have passed to memorialize their service. Lastly, Jannette shared VCAAA’s latest video collaborating with the County CEO’s office, the Human Services Agency, and Health Care Agency to showcase the work that’s being done to get the vaccination to home bound seniors.

## **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

- 7. Advisory Council Committee Membership FY 2020-2021** – The list was included for informational purposes.
- 8. Advisory Council Meeting Schedule for FY 2020-2021** – The meeting schedule for FY 2020-2021 was included for informational purposes.

9. **Other Committee Meetings:**
  - a. **California Senior Legislature Update** – Monique introduced Rosanna Guerra, the new appointed CSL representative. Tony then gave a brief update on CSL through a PowerPoint presentation and announced that Senior Rally Day will be May 4, 2021 at 10AM via Zoom.
  - b. **Triple A Council of California Update** – Toni Olson gave a brief update on the Triple A Council of California. She announced that 3.4 million individuals in California as of March 5, 2021 have been fully vaccinated. California is also receiving 1.5 million doses per week of the vaccine, however in the next two weeks, the Johnson and Johnson vaccine will not be available for shipment to California. She announced by March 15<sup>th</sup>, from ages 16-64, they are opening vaccine appointments for individuals with underlining medical conditions. Lastly, she announced that any individuals who are having trouble getting the vaccine may go to the website: [www.myturn.ca.gov](http://www.myturn.ca.gov) or call +1(833) 422-4255.
  - c. **VCAAA Foundation Update** – Marcy gave a brief update on the VCAAA Foundation.
  - d. **LGBTQ Aging Coalition** – Martha gave a brief update on the LGBTQ Aging Coalition.
  - e. **Dementia Friendly Ventura County** – Haleh gave a brief update on the Dementia Friendly Ventura County meeting
10. **Comments from the Chair** – Suz announced that she will be on a “Empower Women, Past, Present, and Future” panel.
11. **Other Business** – No other discussions.
12. **Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 11:22AM (Owens/Olson).

## Agenda Item #5.1

**TO:** VCAAA Advisory Council Members

**FROM:** Carol Martin, Committee Chair

**DATE:** May 12, 2021

**SUBJECT:** **Transportation Committee Report from May 12, 2021**

### Transportation Committee Members Present

Clark Owens  
Tony Gitt  
John Posta  
Carol Martin (Chair)

### VCAAA Staff Present

Monique Nowlin  
Jakeline De Leon  
Jannette Jauregui  
Jason Sagar

- 1. Welcome and Introductions** – The meeting was called to order at 11:20AM by Carol Martin. No introductions were made.
- 2. Public Comments** – No public comments.
- 3. ElderHelp Transportation Update; COVID Vaccine and Testing Sites** – Jason gave an update on ElderHelp Transportation, COVID Vaccine, and Testing Sites. Jason mentioned that VCAAA is still providing medical rides for the vaccines. Rides are being provided all over Ventura County, to Santa Barbara County and LA County as well. Jason then shared the transit agencies had begun collecting fares again this month of May. Tony then asked Jannette if this information provided by Jason is posted on the VCAAA website. Jannette addressed his question and stated that she will be working with Jason to provide the best verbiage for the website. Monique also shared that VCAAA will be taking care of the Call Center for Older Adults that HSA was running and Jannette will be doing a social media push for it as well. Lastly, Jason added that the COVID vaccines and testing sites are widely available now. He mentioned there are mobile clinics now and the website <https://www.venturacountyrecovers.org/> provides more information.
- 4. Online Trip Ordering Form Update** – Jannette gave an update on the Online Trip Ordering Form. She shared her screen with the committee and

demonstrated the current transportation referral form. Jannette explained that they are working with IT services in turning the current Transportation Referral form to an online request form. The individuals who do not wish to make any requests online will still have the option to contact VCAAA's I&A specialists to help them with the Transportation Referral form. The individuals who wish to complete the form online will be able to go to the VCAAA website and access an online version of the Transportation Referral form. They will then submit the form and VCAAA's I&A team will fulfill this need. Jannette also shared that they are adding a new feature to the online version. She explained that when the individuals add their birthdays, if they are under 60 years old, it will ask for more information to make sure they are eligible to receive a ride. Jannette stated that this online version should be available in 2 weeks. Carol then asked Jannette if individuals will have to complete this form every single time they need a ride. Jason addressed her comment and stated that as of right now with the current transportation referral form, they are given the option to request rides for that month or be on a monthly list. Jannette took note of that and stated that she will be adding that to the online version. Jason then asked Jannette if there is a form in which individuals will be able to upload their ADA card. Jannette addressed his question and stated that she will ask for more information on that. Tony suggested only requesting the number of the ADA card instead of uploading the entire card. Monique agreed with Tony and stated that she will be looking more into that. Jason added that providing only a number may be a bit difficult due to verification from the agency, however they will still find more information on that.

5. **Transportation Program Training Video** – Monique gave a brief update on the Transportation Program Training video. She mentioned that this will be the next project they work on after the Online Trip Ordering form. She stated that they will try to have the video completed before the next meeting in July and if they have any suggestions to please email Jannette.
6. **Next Meeting Date – July 14, 2021 from 11AM to 12PM.**
7. **Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned by chair Carol Martin at 11:40AM.

## Agenda Item #5.2

**TO:** VCAAA Advisory Council Members

**FROM:** Sue Tatangelo – Chairperson

**DATE:** May 19, 2021

**SUBJECT:** Health and Nutrition Committee Report from May 19, 2021

Committee Members Present

Sue Tatangelo (Focused Population)

Lori Harasta (Supervisory Appointee)

Dr. Maria Munguia (SP COA)

Toni Olson (Simi Valley COA)

Carol Martin (Simi Valley COA)

Alice Sweetland (Oxnard COA)

John Gardner (Camarillo COA)

Committee Members Absent

Ari Larson (Filmore COA)

Loretta Allen (Thousand Oaks COA)

VCAAA Staff Present

Jaky DeLeon

Jannette Jauregui

Joaquin Serrato

Monique Nowlin

Victoria Jump

- 1. Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm. A quorum was present.
- 2. Review of Health and Nutrition Goal Matrix and Development of New Objectives**
  - The committee reviewed the draft goal matrix, focusing on goal #5. The committee began their discussion by addressing the digital devices that will be going out to the community. The committee agreed to ensure that all digital devices have Spanish options and the settings are in Spanish as well. Jannette then suggested ensuring that the settings have larger fonts for individuals with low vision. Ongoing, the committee discussed having Spanish and ASL interpreters for the Fall Prevention classes as well as having a bilingual dietitian and a Spanish and ASL interpreter for the Advisory Council Meetings. The committee also addressed the future meetings location. Victoria suggested having hybrid meetings for those who would like to participate remotely, and other committee members can be meeting at one specific location. John Gardner and Toni Olson also suggested having different zoom rooms at different locations as well as recording the zoom meetings and providing the recording on the Advisory Council website. Lastly, goals #1, #2, #3, and #4 were developed by the committee previously with some objectives already having been completed. This list

is not definitive, the committee will continue adding to and refining the goals and objectives over the coming months.

Goal 1 - Promote population health and prevention through community engagement and increase public awareness of the food insecurity issues facing seniors in Ventura County and promote nutrition counseling and education to ensure that older adults have access to nutritional meals, fresh fruits, and vegetables; as well as information to make healthy choices.

Objectives		Steps	Status
A.	Expand nutrition counseling and education to all communities in conjunction with fall prevention evidence-based classes	Pull stats and determine which area is most in needed – Q data, food insecurity data by community	Completed Feb 2020
B.	Create awareness of programs and provide list of available places to get food	1. Get a copy of the Human Services Agency food sites and determine if list is okay to provide or more research is needed. Develop flyer and outreach in regard to the nutrition program	
		2. Duplicate and/or modify and rebrand list	
		3. Expand number of nutrition placemats	
C.	Increase participation in the senior nutrition program targeting those most in need and underserved communities.	1. Provide input into FY 2020-2021 RFP for the SNP program regarding meals to be served in each community	Completed Feb 2020
		2. Eliminate any wait lists for current program	Completed Feb 2020

		3. Determine where the need is: a) Look at Cal fresh recipients over 60 by city b) look at Medi-cal aid codes by city over 60 for disability? IH, 14, 17.	Completed Feb 2020
		4. Collaborate with Human Services Agency and put program outreach materials into application packet	
		5. Address capacity with existing partners and looking outside of meal program if necessary	In process
		6. Provide language regarding the nutrition program for newsletters	
D.	Reduce food insecurity for older adults as well as older adults with medically complex conditions through medically tailored meals	1. Explore how other AAA's have offered medically tailored meals through the senior nutrition program.	In Process Sept 2020
		2. Determine need for program	In process Sept 2020
		3. Determine feasibility and scope of program	In process Sept 2020
E.	Determine how to meet the need for food post Covid	1. Advocate for federal and state funding post covid	ongoing

Goal 2 - Collaborate with health care professionals, stakeholders and service providers to improve health and wellness for Ventura County older adults and individuals with disabilities and collaborate with health care professionals, stakeholders and service providers to address social detriments of health for Ventura County older adults and individuals with disabilities. Included would be looking at the availability of resources to meet daily needs (housing and access to food), access to

health care services, availability of community-based resources in support of community living and opportunities for recreational and leisure-time activities, social supports

Objectives		Steps	Status
A.	Address social isolation and the negative impact it has on health outcomes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Provide digital devices and programming</li> <li>2. Provide education for using devices</li> <li>3. Push out current resources such as Highway 61, Cyber Seniors, etc.</li> <li>4. Facilitate zoom meetings for meal participants to eat together in English and Spanish</li> <li>5. Facilitate memory cafés for individuals with Alzheimer’s or related Dementia.</li> </ol>	In process – May 2021
B.	Provide case management for people not currently receiving the services	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Provide more case management activities for people that are not already connected</li> <li>2. Providing short term support for community organizations that have been hurt by lack of donor support due to Covid</li> <li>3. Compare the Spanish speaking calls to the English-speaking calls.</li> </ol>	
C.	Provide support for caregivers to reduce the burden of chronic disease	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Continue to invest in evidence-based interventions</li> <li>2. push out existing support groups that are online and develop new ones to include interpreters in real time</li> <li>3. Develop a one-page flyer on all 3 caregiver centers</li> </ol>	

D.	Increase financial literacy for older adults as there is a link between income and health	1. Partner with credit union on zoom classes	
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Goal 3 - Collaborate with public agencies and other stakeholders to improve disaster planning and education for Ventura County older adults and individuals with disabilities.

Objectives		Steps	Status
A.	Educate older adults on being prepared for disasters	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Investigate if there are disaster resources that can be put on digital devices.</li> <li>2. Investigate the feasibility of putting LIFE classes on zoom</li> <li>3. Ensure all resources are accessible</li> </ol>	In process – can be link on device webpage
B.	Help prepare older adults for disasters and people with disabilities	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Encourage Older Adults and people with disabilities to take the CERT training.</li> <li>2. Do inventory of other agencies providing disaster preparedness</li> <li>3. Provide examples of emergency preparedness plans and supplies for a “to go” bag.</li> <li>4. Digital forms of plans will be available as well as a paper copy to be incorporated with the File of Life.</li> <li>5. Develop outreach campaign to notify eligible order adults and people with disabilities about PSPS medical baseline.</li> <li>6. Roll out Alert Find to the community. This committee will provide input on how the system will be used.</li> </ol>	

C.	Helping support caregivers to prepare for emergencies.	1. Caregiver resource centers will work with consumers on developing a backup plans in the event of a disaster.	
	Helping support older adult service providers in preparing their clients for disasters	1. During the quarterly ADRC meeting there will be a standing item to discuss disaster preparedness and to share resources and ideas. 2. A long-range goal of the committee is that disaster preparedness will be added as a goal through any community information exchange system	

Goal 4 - Collaborate with community-based organizations to advocate for behavioral health and substance abuse programs. Support Dementia Friendly Ventura County and LGBT+ Aging Coalition initiatives for older adults and individuals with disabilities.

Objectives		Steps	Status
A.	Provide education and outreach to the medical community regarding caring for individuals with Alzheimer’s Disease or related diseases.	1. Promote the Virtual Dementia Live to Medical Office Clinics and Home Health. 2. Promote becoming a Dementia Friendly Business and/or promote becoming a Dementia Friend through training to become an advocate. 3. Encourage CBO’s to provide “Dealing with Dementia” classes for Healthcare professionals. 4. Partner with the DFVC to create a one sheet education piece for the	

		medical community and other interested parties; Resources for their colleagues and clients.	
B	Support caregivers and provide education to include planning for the disease progression	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Promote classes by CBO's and the Alzheimer's Association for education on disease progression (ADRD) – individuals and families.</li> <li>2. Promote Advance Care Planning education and resources through LiveWell article.</li> </ol>	
C	Foster a community of connected support systems to include a more coordinated entry for individuals with ADRD and their support systems.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Coordinate ADRD and Caregiver Resource Center Pop Up Resource Fair – Virtual or In Person.</li> </ol>	

Goal 5 – All programming and products developed by the Area Agency on Aging will be culturally and linguistically accessible for everyone in the community.

Objectives		Steps	Status
A.	Provide digital devices that have multiple language options.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ensuring that VCAAA distributes and obtains digital devices with multiple language options.</li> <li>2. Create a campaign to reach out to those disadvantaged communities.</li> </ol>	

B	Provide a Spanish speaking dietitian to facilitate the nutrition program, Fall Prevention classes, and provide an interpreter for the VCAAA Advisory Council meetings.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Video classes can be translated to Spanish.</li> <li>2. Organize a class specifically for Spanish speaking individuals with an interpreter.</li> <li>3. Potentially partnering with Sister Susana at St. Johns since they offer bilingual nutrition counseling</li> <li>4. Create a plan for a VCAAA staff member to translate the VCAAA Advisory Council meetings to Spanish.</li> </ol>	
C	Provide programming and products for individuals who are visually impaired and hard of hearing.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ensuring that the settings on the devices are at a larger font setting for individuals with low vision.</li> </ol>	

**3. Future Meeting Schedule – The next meeting is July 21, 2021 at 1:00PM via zoom.**

**4. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 2:08PM by Victoria Jump.**



**COUNTY of VENTURA**  
Area Agency on Aging

**FY 2021-2022 Advisory Council  
Committee Membership List**

File As	Health - SNP	Optimal Aging	Housing	Transportation	Workforce	By-Laws	Other
Allen, Loretta	✓	✓			✓		
Belding, Stephanie		✓	✓				
Berkowsky, Ron		✓					
Buckelew, Aleta						✓	
Cunneen, Bill		✓				✓	B
Daly, Deirdre			✓				
Dandekar, Smita	✓						
Fide, Sandra			✓				
Gardner, John	✓	✓					
Gitt, Tony				✓			E
Gorback, Karen					✓	✓	A, E
Guerra, Rossanna		✓	✓				E
Harvey, Lynette	✓						
Hodge, Maureen	✓						
Larson, Ari	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A
Leish, Carol		✓			✓		
Martin, Carol				✓			A
Montgomery, Suz		✓	✓				A, B, C
Munguia, Maria	✓						
Nelson, William							
Nugent, Bill			✓				
Olson, Antoinette	✓				✓	✓	A, C
Owens, Clark				✓			
Sanchez-Palacios, Jeanette							
Shapiro, Martha			✓			✓	B, F
Schreiner, Peter			✓				
Sperry, Marietta Dr.							
Sweetland, Alice	✓	✓					
Tatangelo, Sue	✓						A, B
Taylor Stein, Sylvia		✓					B
Williams, Mike						✓	C
Zatkin, Allen		✓					
Zuckerman, Breeze	✓	✓					

A – Member of the Planning and Allocation Committee

B – Member of Dementia Friendly Ventura County

C – Member of the VCAAA Foundation

D – Nominating Committee

E – Member of CSL

F – Member of LGBT+ Aging Coalition

G – Fall Prevention Coalition



**VENTURA COUNTY AREA AGENCY ON AGING  
FY 2021-2022 ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE**

All meetings are being held via zoom until further notice.

Date	Advisory Council	Transportation	Housing	Senior Nutrition & Health Issues	Optimal Aging	Employment
<b>July</b>	July 14 9-11	July 14 11 am – 12 pm	July 20 2 - 3 pm	July 21 1 - 2 pm	July 28 2 – 3 pm	July 15 10 – 11:30 am
<b>August</b>						
<b>September</b>	Sept 8 9-11 am	Sept 8 11 am – 12 pm	Sept 21 2 – 3 pm	Sept 15 1 - 2 pm	Sept 22 2 – 3 pm	Sept 16 10 – 11:30 am
<b>October</b>						
<b>November</b>	Nov 10 9-11 am	Nov 10 11 am – 12 pm	Nov 16 2 – 3 pm	Nov 17 1 – 2 pm	Nov 17 2 – 3 pm	Nov 18 10 – 11:30 am
<b>December</b>						
<b>January</b>	Jan 12 9-11 am	Jan 12 11 am – 12 pm	Jan 18 2 – 3 pm	Jan 19 1 – 2 pm	Jan 26 2 – 3 pm	Jan 20 10 – 11:30 am
<b>February</b>						
<b>March</b>	March 9 9-11 am	March 9 11 am – 12 pm	March 15 2-3 pm	March 16 1 – 2 pm	March 23 2 – 3 pm	March 17 10 – 11:30 am
<b>April</b>						
<b>May</b>	May 11 9-11 am	May 11 11 am – 12 pm	May 17 2 – 3 pm	May 18 1 – 2 pm	May 25 2 – 3 pm	May 19 10 – 11:30 am
<b>June</b>						

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# Legislative Report

## CSL Sponsored Bills

*July 1, 2021*

BILL #	AUTHOR	SUMMARY	CSL AUTHOR	STATUS
AB 98	Frazier	<b>Health Care: Medical Goods: Reuse Redistribution</b> This bill would require California Department of Aging (CDA) to establish a 3 year pilot program in the Counties of Contra Costa, Napa and Solano to facilitate the reuse and redistribution of durable medical equipment and home health supplies.	Baginski	Senate Human Services Committee. Hearing postponed.
AB 383	Salas	<b>Mental Health: Older Adults:</b> This bill would establish within the State Department of Health Care Services an Older Adult Mental Health Services Administrator to oversee mental health services for older adults. The bill would require that position to be funded with administrative funds from the Mental Health Services Fund. The bill would prescribe the functions of the administrator and its responsibilities.	Krohn (2019)	Senate Human Services Committee. Hearing 7/6/21.
AB 848	L. Calderon	<b>Medi Cal: Long Term Care: Personal Needs Allowance:</b> Increases the personal needs allowance from \$35 to \$80 per month and annually adjusts the allowance by the same percentage as the Consumer Price Index.	Wilder	Referred to Assembly Appropriations. Referred to suspense file. Held under submission.
SB 675	Ochoa Bogh	<b>Property Taxation: Monthly Installment Payments</b> Encourages every board of supervisors to establish payment systems authorizing homeowners to pay their real property taxes in monthly installments with an Automated Clearing House Payment system.	Fortunati	Assembly Revenue & Taxation Committee. Hearing 7/5/21
ACR 78	E. Garcia	<b>Senior Malnutrition Awareness Day</b>	Pointer	Passed. Ordered to engrossing & enrolling on 5/17/21.

## **CSL Support Bills**

BILL #	AUTHOR	SUMMARY	STATUS
AB 14	Aguar-Curry	<b>Internet For All Act of 2021:</b> Prioritizes the deployment of broadband infrastructure in the most vulnerable and unserved rural and urban communities by utilizing the CA Advanced Services Fund (CASF) to provide community grants to bridge the digital divide.	Senate Energy, Utilities & Communications. Hearing 7/5/21.
AB 23	Chen	<b>EDD Cross Check System:</b> By July 1, 2021 EDD would be required to cross-check all claimant information with state and county correctional facility inmate data to determine claimant eligibility.	Assembly Insurance Committee
AB 29	Cooper	<b>State Bodies: Increasing Public Access:</b> Requires all materials and writings associated with an agenda item to be publicly available at least 72 hours prior to any meeting.	Re-referred Assembly Appropriations Committee. Suspend file. Held under submission.
AB 279	Muratsuchi	<b>Intermediate Care Facilities &amp; Skilled Nursing Facilities: Covid 19:</b> Until July 1, 2022, would prohibit an ICF or SNF, as defined, from terminating or making significant quality-of-care changes to its skilled nursing or supportive care services, or from transferring a resident to another ICF or SNF, during any declared state of emergency relating to the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), except if the owner files a bankruptcy petition. Besides the exception of a bankruptcy petition, the bill would authorize a resident transfer during the state of emergency only if the transfer is deemed medically necessary.	Senate Appropriations. Hearing 7/15/21.
AB 323	Kalra	<b>Long Term Care Facilities: Accountability:</b> Updates long-term care facility citation penalties and standards for negligent care to safeguard nursing home and long-term care facility residents.	Senate Judiciary Committee. Hearing 7/13/21.
AB 470	Carrillo	<b>Medi-Cal Asset Test Elimination:</b> Allows low-income seniors and people with disabilities access to much needed health care services by eliminating the outdated Medi-Cal Asset Test.	Senate Appropriations Committee.
AB 523	Nazarian	<b>Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly:</b> Requires the department to make permanent the specified PACE program flexibilities instituted, on or before January 1, 2021, in response to the state of emergency caused by COVID-19 by means of all-facility letters or other similar instructions taken without regulatory action.	Senate Appropriations Committee. Hearing 7/5/21.
AB 570	Santiago	<b>Dependent Parent Health Care Coverage:</b> Requires a group or individual health care service plan contract or health insurance policy issued, amended, or renewed on or after January 1, 2022, that provides dependent coverage to make that coverage available to a qualified dependent parent or stepparent.	Senate Appropriations Committee. Hearing 7/15/21.

BILL #	AUTHOR	SUMMARY	STATUS
AB 849	Reyes	<b>Skilled nursing facilities: intermediate care facilities: liability:</b> Existing law authorizes a current or former resident or patient of a skilled nursing facility or intermediate care facility, as defined, to bring a civil action against the licensee of a facility who violates any of specified rights of the resident or patient or any other right provided for by federal or state law or regulation. Existing law makes the licensee liable for up to \$500. This bill would make the licensee liable for up to \$500 per violation.	<b>Senate floor. Read 2<sup>nd</sup> time and amended, ordered to third reading.</b>
AB 1083	Nazarian	<b>Senior Affordable Housing: Nursing Pilot Program:</b> Requires the department to establish and administer the Housing Plus Services Nursing Pilot Program in the Counties of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, Sacramento, and Sonoma. The program would provide grant funds to qualified nonprofit organizations that specialize in resident services for the purposes of hiring one full-time registered nurse to work at 3 senior citizen housing developments in each county to provide health education, navigation, coaching, and care to residents. The bill would require the department to submit a report to specified legislative committees and state agencies on or before January 1, 2026, and would repeal the program as of January 1, 2027.	<b>Assembly Appropriations Committee. Referred to suspense file. Held under submission.</b>
AB 1234	Arambula	<b>Physician Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment forms: registry:</b> The bill would enact the California POLST eRegistry Act, which would require the California Health and Human Services Agency to create a statewide electronic POLST registry system for the purpose of collecting a patient’s POLST information received from a health care provider or the provider’s designee and disseminating the information therein to an authorized user, as defined.	<b>Referred to Assembly Health Committee.</b>
SB 8	Skinner	<b>Housing Crisis Act of 2019:</b> Clarifies, for various purposes of the act, that “housing development project” includes projects that involve no discretionary approvals, projects that involve both discretionary and nondiscretionary approvals, and projects that include a proposal to construct a single dwelling unit. The bill would specify that this clarification is declaratory of existing law. Existing law specifies that the act does not prohibit a housing development project from being subject to ordinances, policies, and standards adopted after the preliminary application was submitted in certain circumstances, including that the housing development project has not commenced construction within 2.5 years following the date that the project received final approval. This bill would define “commenced construction” for these purposes, to mean that construction pursuant to a building permit has progressed to the point that at least one required inspection has been requested, as specified.	<b>Referred to Committee on Local Government.</b>

BILL #	AUTHOR	SUMMARY	STATUS
SB 48	Limôn	<b>Dementia and Alzheimer’s Disease:</b> All general internists and family physicians would need to complete at least 4 hours of mandatory continuing education on the special care needs of patients with dementia. Upon license renewal at least 10 hours of continuing education would be required. This bill would ensure that individuals living with dementia and Alzheimer’s disease receive a timely diagnosis.	<b>Assembly Health Committee. Hearing 7/6/21.</b>
SB 56	Durazo	<b>Health4All Seniors:</b> Ensures that all low income seniors who qualify for publicly funded Medi-Cal have access to quality care regardless of Immigration status.	<b>Assembly Appropriations Committee.</b>
SB 107	Weiner	<b>Easing Access to CalFresh:</b> Simplifies the CalFresh application process by requiring the Dept of Social Services to implement all elements of the Federal Elderly Simplified Application Project (ESAP) under its existing CalFresh program, including a simplified application. Additionally, this requires by 2024, all counties offer the ability to apply for and recertify CalFresh benefits over the phone.	<b>Ordered to inactive file upon request of Senator Weiner.</b>
SB 221	Weiner	<b>Timely Mental Health Care:</b> Establishes timely access standards for mental health care follow-up appointments needed by patients in ongoing, medically necessary treatment for mental health and substance use disorders. This addresses current widespread, lengthy delays in follow-up care.	<b>Assembly Health Committee. Hearing scheduled 7/6/21.</b>
SB 258	Laird	<b>HIV &amp; Aging Act:</b> Updates definition of “greatest social need” to include cultural and social isolation caused by HIV status. This ensures older people with HIV have access to programs and services administered through CDA.	<b>Assembly Appropriations Committee.</b>