



VENTURA COUNTY AREA AGENCY ON AGING ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

November 10, 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.

A G E N D A

- 9:00 a.m.
1. Call to Order, Roll Call and Agenda Review Karen Gorback
 2. Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence for Ari Larson and Suz Montgomery Karen Gorback
 3. Approval of Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council Minutes of September 8, 2021 Karen Gorback
 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 Karen Gorback
 - 5.1 Housing Committee Report from September 21, 2021
 - 5.2 Transportation Committee Report from September 8, 2021
 - 5.3 Health and Nutrition Committee Report from Sept. 15, 2021
 - 5.4 Workforce Committee Report from September 23, 2021

DISCUSSION ITEMS/PRESENTATION/MOTION

- 6.1 Consider Adoption of a Resolution Authorizing Remote Staff Teleconference Meetings of the Advisory Council for a 30-Day Staff

Period Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953, Subdivision (e), of the Ralph M. Brown Act

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| 6.2 | Optimal Aging Committee Report from September 22 nd , 2021 and Selection and Presentation of Legacy Award Winners | Staff |
| 6.3 | VCAAA Program Spotlight – Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program | Staff |
| 6.4 | Master Plan for Aging for Ventura County Update | Staff |
| 6.5 | PIO and Outreach Update | Jannette Jauregui |

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

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| | | Karen Gorback |
| 7. | Advisory Council Committee Membership List | |
| 8. | Advisory Council Meeting Schedule for FY 2021-2022 | Karen Gorback |
| 9. | Other Committee Meetings: | |
| | a. California Senior Legislature Update | Gitt/Gorback/
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 | Karen Gorback |
| 11. | Other Business | Karen Gorback |
| 11:00 am | 12. Adjournment | Karen Gorback |

The next meeting will be:

Wednesday, January 12, 2021 (9:00 am – 11:00 am)

Via Zoom

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VENTURA

'She knew everybody': Suz Montgomery, longtime Ventura activist, dies at 73

Jeremy Childs Ventura County Star

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Suz Montgomery, an activist and fixture in the Ventura community for decades, died Tuesday morning of complications from cancer, her husband John Hankins said. She was 73.

Known equally for her biting wit and compassionate care, Montgomery built a wide social network since moving to Ventura in 1985, befriending everyone from the most powerful government officials to the average person.

"She could talk to anybody, high to low," Hankins said. "She could swear with the best of them and be as polite as pie when she needed to be."

More: Junipero Serra's image could be ousted from Ventura County seal

Hours after her death, the Ventura County Board of Supervisors acknowledged Montgomery's passing at their latest board meeting.

"It leaves such a hole," Board Chairperson Linda Parks said. "I just know she'll be very much missed."

Montgomery was perhaps best known for her work with senior citizens. She advocated for senior services at government meetings, volunteered for several senior organizations and worked as an adult educator with the Ventura Unified School District.

"She had a veneration for elders and seniors," Hankins said. "She always said she learned more from them than she taught them."

Most recently, she served as the chairperson for the Ventura County Area Agency on Aging's Advisory Council and the Ventura Council for Seniors and was a member of Select Committee on Aging for former state Sen. Hannah-Beth Jackson.

A believer in lifelong learning, Hankins said she ended every class standing next to the door to give a hug and a kiss to every person walking out.

"She understood that these people had important lives and families," said Marie Lakin, a longtime friend of Montgomery's. "She was determined to not let them feel forgotten."

The two met when they both served on the Ventura Education Partnership Board, brought together over a shared love of community and volunteerism. They continued to bond at a weekly coffee group organized by Montgomery at Palermo in downtown Ventura.

More: 'It's getting closer and closer:' Ventura veterans clinic takes shape

"She knew everybody," Lakin said. "She was just this vibrant soul that shot through the sky and shined light on everyone."

In 2017, Montgomery was recognized by Jackson as one of her Women of the Year for her work with senior citizens. In recent years, Montgomery worked to advocate for a mental health facility to be funded by the county.

In addition to her husband, Montgomery is survived by her two children, Lisa and Stephen, as well as several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Staff writer Tom Kiskan contributed to this report.

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NEWS

Fillmore Councilwoman Ari Larson dies at 56

Wes Woods II Ventura County Star

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Fillmore Councilwoman Ari Larson unexpectedly died Friday morning, officials said.

Fillmore Mayor Mark Austin said Larson passed away in her sleep.

"We are all in shock and devastated," Austin said. "She was loved throughout the community and we will miss her dearly. Ari impacted so many citizens' lives in a positive manner."

In case you missed it: Social media use restricted for Fillmore council, commissioners

The Ventura County Sheriff's Department announced the death on their Twitter account around 11 a.m.

Larson was elected to the City Council in November 2020 and was active in a variety of community organizations, officials said.

Her last Facebook post at 11:45 p.m. Thursday asked community members to "keep Fillmore beautiful by participating in one, two or all three of these events! Please feel free to share!" The post listed upcoming community cleanup efforts.

Ernie Villegas, former Fillmore mayor and current special project manager, said he'd never met someone like Larson who was so dedicated to helping others and being part of community organizations in a leadership role.

"She was very humble and had a quiet sense of humor about her," he said.

Villegas said he worked with Larson on the board of directors for the Boys & Girls Club of Santa Clara Valley and the Heritage Valley Tourism Bureau.

"She had a sense of purpose," Villegas said.

Villegas said years ago he told Larson she would be a councilperson.

"She said, 'Oh no, I can't do that,'" Villegas recalled. "As she started to develop and gain confidence, she felt she could make a difference in the community."

For subscribers: Port Hueneme mourns loss of two former mayors

City Manager David Rowlands said Larson attended every event in the community and was always volunteering to help people.

"She's all-around just a wonderful person," Rowlands said. "She's always positive. No matter what the situation was, she would always look to find the middle ground if there were two different opinions."

Rowlands said he was shocked when he found out Larson had died. After hearing the news, he asked council members to call him so he could share the information with them personally. He also informed city department heads.

"Everybody remembered her as a great person," Rowlands said.

Larson won the 2019 Citizen of the Year award in Fillmore. She belonged to many organizations including the Rotary Club of Fillmore and the Soroptimist International Camino Real Region District 1.

A statement from Soroptimist International, a nonprofit charity, described Larson as an amazing role model and leader for the Soroptimist community, someone whose smile and calm demeanor will be missed.

"We are devastated and there are no words to express the loss we feel at this time," the group's statement said, adding members would help support Larson's husband, Pete, and her family.

"She touched many of our lives in one way or another with her grace and charm," the group wrote. "Ari was a great listener and very compassionate when she delivered answers to the many questions we had for her."

The future of Larson's seat will be the topic of a City Council discussion on Oct. 12, said Assistant City Manager Erika Herrera-Terriquez.

No details were immediately available Friday about a memorial service, officials said.

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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
September 8, 2021

Advisory Council Members Present:

Loretta Allen (Thousand Oaks COA)	Carol Martin (Simi Valley COA)
Stephanie Belding (Thousand Oaks COA)	Dr. Maria Munguia (SP COA)
Ronald Berkowsky (Focused Population)	William Nelson (Ventura COA)
Aleta Buckelew (Thousand Oaks COA)	Bill Nugent (Ojai COA)
Sandra Fide (Moorpark COA)	Jeanette Sanchez-Palacios (BOS)
John Gardner (Camarillo COA)	Peter Schreiner (Focused Population)
Tony Gitt (CSL)	Martha Shapiro (Service Provider)
Karen Gorback (CSL)	Dr. Marietta Sperry (Simi Valley COA)
Rossanna Guerra (CSL)	Alice Sweetland (Oxnard COA)
Lynette Harvey (Service Provider)	Sylvia Stein (Focused Population)
Maureen Hodge (Focused Population)	Sue Tatangelo (Focused Population)
Ari Larson (Filmore COA)	Mike Williams (Service Provider)
Carol Leish (Focused Population)	

Advisory Council Members Absent:

Bill Cunneen (Supervisory Appointee)	Suz Montgomery (Chair) (Ventura CFS)
Smita Dandekar (Supervisory Appointee)	Antoinette Olson (Simi Valley COA)
Deirdre Daly (Ojai COA)	Clark Owens (Oxnard COA)
	Breeze Zuckerman (Moorpark COA)
	Dr. Allen Zatzkin (Camarillo COA)

VCAAA Staff Members Present:

Victoria Jump	Monique Nowlin
Brian Murphy	Haleh Hashemzadeh
Joaquin Serrato	Jannette Jauregui
Audrey Darrett	Benjamin Rhodes
Julianna Eusano	Jakeline De Leon

- 1. Call to Order and Agenda Review** – The meeting was called to order at 9:02AM by John Gardner. Jakeline took roll call to establish a quorum.
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance** – The Pledge of Allegiance was led by John Gardner.

3. **Approval of Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council Minutes of July 14, 2021** – Karen provided feedback on the July 14, 2021 Advisory Council minutes. The minutes were approved (Tatangelo/Harvey/Passed).
4. **Public Comments** – Bill Nugent commented and gave thanks to VCAAA for all of their efforts. Peter Schreiner added on to Bill Nugent’s comment. He thanked VCAAA and all they have done for the community as well as for their partnership with Behavioral Health. Carol commented that she is thankful for the resources VCAAA provides on mental health and is glad that there is more focus on the emotional wellbeing of individuals and their mental health.
5. **Consent Agenda Items** – The Housing Committee report from July 20, 2021, the Transportation Committee Report from July 28, 2021 and the Health and Nutrition Committee Report from July 21, 2021 were approved (Nugent/Belding/Passed). Karen updated Advisory Council members on the Workforce Committee. She announced the meeting date for the Workforce Committee will be changed and she invited the council to join the Workforce Committee meeting and attend the next meeting.

DISCUSSION ITEMS/PRESENTATION/ MOTION

- 6.1 **State and Federal Budget Update.** Victoria gave an update on the State and Federal budget. She shared her screen with everyone and presented a report on “Targeted New Investments”. She will provide this report at the end of the meeting. The state has additional money for the Aging and Disability Resource Connection program and are looking to modernize the Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program. Funding has been provided to provide a half time position in the HICAP program. The Older Adults’ Recovery and Resilience (OARR) has one of the biggest investments of \$106 million General Fund, however, they are currently waiting for an approval from the Federal Government. OARR includes more money for different services such as Legal services, Employment services, Fall Prevention, ADRC, more money for meals, and Family Caregiving. Victoria mentioned that CDA hopes to have the approval by next month and they will continue to work with the state in determining what this money will serve for and how they can leverage it into a permanent program. Ongoing, Senior Nutrition was given \$17.5 million general funds ongoing plus \$40 million for modernization and equipment, Fall Prevention was given \$5 million general funds, and for the Multipurpose Senior Services program, they will be adding another social worker and they will be able to help another 40 people a year. There is no current update for Office of the Long-Term Care Patient Representative and the Master Plan on Aging Implementation. The Home and Community Based Services is currently waiting for federal approval; however, this includes more money for plans such as Adult Family Homes and Alzheimer’s Day Care and Resource Centers. Lastly, Victoria provided an update on the Federal Stimulus Funds and COVID Relief

Funds. \$336,882 has been provided for meals and \$11,391 has been provided for the Ombudsman.

6.2 CDA Hubs and Spokes Initiative. Victoria provided a brief overview on CDA Hubs and Spokes Initiatives. She shared her screen with the council and presented the “Aging Hubs and Spokes” PowerPoint from CDA with the council. Victoria mentioned that this plan lets the State and lets VCAAA redefine how they deliver services locally as well as create a better system for older adults and people with disabilities. The state is also looking to modernize Fiscal, IT, administration, and the Older California Act. In July, they had a Stakeholder Kick Off, they now have a public survey, and there are a series of virtual Community Town Halls co-hosted with Commission on Aging. Victoria announced the next Community Town Hall will be September 14th and she will be presenting for them on VCAAA’s perspective. They are also scheduling webinars for Best Practices in Aging Leadership; they are currently scheduling who the presenters will be, however one presenter will be the New York State Office on Aging System along with the National Association on Areas of Aging. There will be Stakeholder groups and in December, they will have their All-Stakeholder Forum to share their findings and feedback. Overall, results can include legislative, regulatory, budgetary, administrative, and/or partnership proposals in 2022. Lastly, Victoria provided an overview on each Statewide Aging Hubs Initiatives: One Door, Service “Spokes”, Quality, Partnerships, Tech/Data, and Fiscal/Admin. Jannette will be sending out the link to all Advisory Council members for registering for the next Community Town Hall meeting and she will be posting the survey as well.

6.3 COVID 19 Response Update. Victoria provided a brief update on the COVID 19 Response. Due to the delta variant, many more clients are on the Food Box program once again. Under Great Plates (FEMA Funding), we were able to serve 2 meals a day, however due to that funding ending we now serving 1 meal a day, seven days a week. The Food Box used to provide 28 meals twice a month, however it is now 30 meals once a month. Our client count for all meal programs continues to increase. Project Room Key clients receive 2 meals a day, seven days a week, and this will run through until December 31, 2021. Victoria mentioned, however, Project Room Key may possibly continue until June of 2022. The Human Services Agency has a program in which farm workers can quarantine and receive meals; VCAAA provides meal support for this program.

6.4 Master Plan for Aging for Ventura County Update – Victoria provided a quick update on the Master Plan for Aging for Ventura County. The master plan is currently in review with other County Departments and Agencies. Victoria then shared that the Hospital to Home Alliance is providing a forum at the end of the month of September. Lynette provided more details on the forum. She mentioned that they decided to focus on health reimagined and caregiving. Victoria then shared her screen with the council and shared the forum’s flyer. Jannette will also be sending out the flyer. Lynette announced that the event will take place on

Thursday, September 30th at 9:30AM-11:30AM and it is a free virtual event. Lynette also announced Amanda Lawrence will be keynote speaker, Victoria will speak about the County of Ventura, Senator Monique Limon will speak, and then other speakers will talk about initiatives happening in the county. Maureen Hodge provided the link to register for the event: https://whova.com/portal/registration/hrcv_202109. Jannette will be sending an email to all community partners with the link for the forum and the Hubs and Spokes survey.

6.5 VCAAA Program Spotlight – Aging and Disability Resource Center – Monique provided an overview of the Aging and Disability Resource Center. She shared a PowerPoint presentation on the Aging and Disability Resource Center. The purpose of program spotlight is to introduce the ADRC program to new Advisory Council members and refresh the minds of the existing Advisory Council members on the program.

6.6 PIO and Outreach Update. Jannette provided an update. She shared her screen with the council and presented the new updates on the VCAAA website. She mentioned that they will be updating the VCAAA website. She also shared the Aging and Disability Resource Centers flyer with the council and shared the Aging and Disability Resource Center Network meeting flyer. She announced the meeting will be Thursday, September 16th at 10AM-11AM. Jannette then announced the Fall Prevention forum coming up the week of September 20-24. She demonstrated where to find the Fall Prevention webpage and the forum's information. She also shared the Fall Prevention Forum's flyer with the council and let everyone know they should have received the flyer in an email as well. She informed the council the forum's videos will be posted on VCAAA's Facebook page as well as the VCAAA website. Ongoing, she shared they have updated the VCAAA homepage and added the T-Care Caregiver Assessment. She announced that they are working toward making the T-Care Caregiver Assessment in Spanish as well. Lastly, Jannette shared with the council where to find the Transportation Online Referral Form on the VCAAA website and presented the form to the council. She mentioned that they are working toward having this form available in Spanish as well.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- 7. Advisory Council Committee Membership List –** The list was included for informational purposes.
- 8. Advisory Council Meeting Schedule for FY 2021-2022 –** The meeting schedule for FY 2021-2022 was included for informational purposes.
- 9. Other Committee Meetings:**
 - a. California Senior Legislature Update –** Tony gave an update on the California Senior Legislature. Due to the recent outbreak in the Delta

Variant, they will no longer hold their regular legislative session, in October, in person. It will now be held virtually.

- b. **Triple A Council of California Update** – Victoria gave an update on behalf of Toni Olson for the Triple A Council of California. They will be holding a meeting the week of September 13th.
 - c. **VCAAA Foundation Update** – Monique provided an update for the VCAAA Foundation on behalf of Mike Williams. The foundation is in the process of reviewing some updated goals and there will be more to follow in the next meeting.
 - d. **LGBTQ Aging Coalition** – Martha provided an update for the LGBTQ Aging Coalition. She announced they have been reporting short training videos to augment the LGBTQ webpage for the VCAAA website. They have created a training for businesses that serve older adults, and it is ready for people to view. The webpage also highlights the resources the LGBTQ Aging coalition has to provide. By the next meeting, they will have everything up on the webpage and she would like to present the webpage to the council in the next meeting.
 - e. **Dementia Friendly Ventura County** – Haleh provided an update for Dementia Friendly Ventura County. In the last Dementia Friendly meeting, site openings were discussed as well as the Walk for Alzheimer's on September 25th, and the guidance on materials that will be presented on their Quarterly Dementia Newsletter. Lastly, she announced the next meeting will be on Wednesday, October 6th at 11AM.
10. **Comments from the Chair** – John thanked the Advisory Council and the VCAAA staff.
11. **Other Business** – Monique opened the opportunity for Public Comments for individuals who had trouble joining the meeting.
12. **Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 10:51AM (Tatangelo/Nugent/passed).

Agenda Item #5.1

TO: VCAAA Advisory Council Members
FROM: Martha Shapiro, Committee Chair
DATE: September 21, 2021
SUBJECT: **Housing Committee Report from September 21, 2021**

Housing Committee Members Present:

Martha Shapiro (Chair) (Service Provider)
Rossanna Guerra (CSL)

Sandra Fide (Moorpark COA)
Stephanie Belding (TO COA)

Housing Committee Members Absent:

Suz Montgomery (Ventura COA)
Bill Nugent (Ojai COA)

Deirdre Daly (Ojai COA)
Peter Schreiner (Focused Population)

VCAAA Staff Members Present:

Monique Nowlin
Jannette Jauregui

Benjamin Rhodes
Jakeline De Leon

1. **Welcome and Introductions** – The meeting began at 2:02PM by Chair Martha Shapiro. All committee members and staff introduced themselves.
2. **Public Comments** – No public comments.
3. **Discuss Housing Section of the VCAAA Website – Suggested Changes? –** Jannette shared her screen with the committee and presented to the committee the Housing webpage in the VCAAA website. She suggested creating a Housing webpage like the Transportation webpage and adding more resources as well as videos. She also mentioned the Home Provider Application and the Home Seeker Application will be transitioned to the same kind of online form as the Transportation Online Referral form. Jannette asked the committee to please let her know of any housing resources, therefore, she can add them to the website. Stephanie commented that she would like to add more assisted living resource links or information. Jannette agreed with her comment and stated she will begin updating the webpage to their liking. Ben asked if the idea is to move the webpage towards a hub or a directory. Rossanna then suggested adding information regarding who would prequalify for HomeShare if it is only single adults. Monique addressed her suggestion and agreed to add that to HomeShare and expand its information or the resources it provides. Jannette addressed Ben's question and

stated VCAAA has shifted toward providing more information on the website as well as providing resources and referrals that will get to a caller. Martha then commented the most common thing individuals ask for are low-income housing or assisted housing. She suggested adding the link to the Ombudsman website. She also suggested having the webpage be the main resource county wide for individuals looking for housing resources and adding definitions. Jannette agreed with Martha and stated with the help of the committee they will identify those resources and begin adding them to the website. Monique informed the committee she spoke to a Housing Authority representative in Ventura and they are seeking to have a staff member speak at the November meeting. Ongoing, Rossanna suggested adding a “How to Page” or an FAQ page to the Housing webpage to guide individuals more effortlessly to the Housing resources. The committee agreed with Rossanna’s suggestion. Martha then informed the committee that she may be able to provide Jannette with some notes from one of her staff members currently studying different housing resources.

4. **Discuss Committee Goal – RoadMap for Housing Booklet – Review AARP Housing Workbook** – Martha gave a brief overview on this agenda item, what was last discussed in the last Housing Committee meeting in July and shared her thoughts on the AARP Housing Workbook Monique emailed to the committee. Monique suggested to the committee going back to the Planner’s Association to ascertain how the committee can be more involved. Rossanna then suggested talking about universal design to the City Council of Thousand Oaks or the Planning Commission of Thousand Oaks for them to consider. Monique also suggested marketing Home Share in a better format and partner with colleges to have students find employment in helping older adults around their houses. Rossanna agreed with Monique and added to Monique’s suggestion, marketing this idea to the City Council of Thousand Oaks. Ongoing, Ben provided the link to the Master Plan on Aging to the committee and highlighted San Diego’s housing subsection. Ben shared his screen with the committee, presented to the committee San Diego’s housing subsection, and mentioned the top section is accessory dwelling units. He proceeded to demonstrate San Diego’s housing subsection and suggested using their page as a reference. He also demonstrated the County of San Diego’s Master Plan on Aging – *Age Well San Diego*. The committee agreed with Ben’s suggestion and suggested making their webpage more attractive to the public’s eye. As a result, the committee has agreed to do more research and investigation in Housing resources, then begin the process of developing talking points, and then share their ideas to the rest of the Advisory Council members to bring awareness. The committee agreed to begin with the Housing webpage on VCAAA’s website, the rebranding of the HomeShare program marketing wise, and the Housing booklet will be tabled for prospective development.

5. **Next Meeting Date – November 16, 2021 from 2PM to 3PM.**
6. **Adjournment –** The meeting was adjourned at 2:53PM by Chair Martha Shapiro.

Agenda Item #5.2

TO: VCAAA Advisory Council Members
FROM: Carol Martin, Committee Chair
DATE: September 8, 2021
SUBJECT: **Transportation Committee Report from September 8, 2021**

Transportation Committee Members Present:

Carol Martin (Chair) (Simi Valley COA) Tony Gitt (CSL)
Jeanette Sanchez (Supervisory Appointee)

VCAAA Staff Members Present:

Monique Nowlin Jannette Jauregui
Jason Sagar Jakeline De Leon

Guests:

Rhetta Wilson

- 1. Welcome and Introductions** – The meeting began at 11AM by Chair Carol Martin. Jeanette introduced herself to the committee.
- 2. Public Comments** – Rhetta Wilson commented that she drives for public transportation and she has noticed that there seems to be a great need for door-to-door service for the elderly. She has also noticed that many clients seem to be lost when heading to any appointments and there isn't anyone to assist them. Jason addressed her comment and let her know that this issue can be brought to the Public Transportation Committee's attention.
- 3. ElderHelp Transportation Website Update** – Jannette provided an update for the ElderHelp Transportation Website. She shared her screen with the committee and demonstrated the changes she made to the website. She added more description in the beginning of the form, she added more description to the "Bus Ticket Only" option, and she added more description to the EHP Medi-Ride Transportation Requests section. She then mentioned that she will be working with VCAAA's Direct Program Operations manager, Benjamin Rhodes, and IT in recording the responses received by clients more efficiently. After this, they will be working on translation to the form. She will also be confirming for the committee what the turnaround time is for the form.

4. **Online Trip Ordering from Spanish Update** – Jannette mentioned that the Online Trip Ordering form in Spanish will soon be worked on as soon as they have fixed the back end of the form.
5. **ElderHelp Update** – Jason provided a Transportation update for the committee and before he updated the committee, Monique asked if he could please provide more of a global perspective of the statistics broken down by Transportation or service type, where the bus tickets are going, and a snapshot of where VCAAA was pre-Covid, post-Covid, and where VCAAA expects to be, for the next meeting in November. Jason proceeded with his update and mentioned that VCAAA provided 284 clients with tickets. As of right now, they are limited in providing clients 10 tickets per month, however, they are continuing with the subscription list. Clients can call once, get on the list, and receive monthly tickets. Regarding the fixed route tickets, VCAAA is going through a transition phase, as of right now clients are receiving 30 single ride tickets for the bus. However, VCTC has come out with a bus pass and clients will be able to load tickets onto this bus pass. At the moment, they are trying to assess the amount for the bus pass. The other route is a 31-day pass which has a fixed amount and then VCAAA will regularly reload the 31-day pass every month for them. Jason then provided a quick overview, for Jeanette, of the types of transportation VCAAA provides for the public, bus tickets and medi-rides. Lastly, he provided the information to the next VCTC meeting for the committee in case they would like to join. Their next meeting will be Tuesday, September 14th at 1:30PM and more information can be found on their website, goventura.org. Jason will send the link to Jannette and Jannette will send the link to the committee.
6. **Transportation Program Training Video Update** – Jannette provided an update on the Transportation Program Training Video. They are working towards a video that focuses on how to navigate the transportation services that VCAAA offers, how to navigate the form and how to contact the I&A team. She mentioned that it would be beneficial to have peers serve narrate or provide those trainings. She asked the committee first if they would like to participate in narrating the training. Both Tony and Carol volunteered to do narrating for the trainings. As soon as she has the story boards ready, Jannette will distribute them to the committee.
7. **Next Meeting Date – November 10, 2021 from 11AM to Noon.**
8. **Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 11:45AM (Wilson/Martin).

Agenda Item #5.3

TO: VCAAA Advisory Council Members
FROM: Sue Tatangelo, Committee Chair
DATE: September 15, 2021
SUBJECT: Nutrition and Health Committee Report from September 15, 2021

Committee Members Present:

Sue Tatangelo (Chair) (Focused Population)	Lynette Harvey (Service Provider)
Lorretta Allen (Thousand Oaks COA)	Maureen Hodge (Focused Population)
Dr. Maria Munguia (SP COA)	Dr. Marietta Sperry (Simi Valley COA)
Alice Sweetland (Oxnard COA)	Smita Dandekar (BOS)
Breeze Zuckerman (Moorpark COA)	

Committee Members Absent:

Antoinette Olson (Simi Valley COA)	Deirdre Daly (Ojai COA)
John Gardner (Camarillo COA)	Ari Larson (Filmore COA)

VCAAA Staff Present:

Victoria Jump	Monique Nowlin
Benjamin Rhodes	Joaquin Serrato
Jannette Jauregui	Julianna Eusanio
Jakeline De Leon	

- 1. Welcome and Introductions** – The meeting began at 1:01PM by Chair Sue Tatangelo. All members introduced themselves and shared a brief description of whom they represent.
- 2. Update on the last agenda action items and further discussion/Action:**
 - a. Create awareness of programs and provides list of available places to get food** – Jannette provided an update on this item. She shared her screen with the committee and demonstrated VCAAA's webpage for Senior Nutrition Meal Service Locations. The webpage includes a drop-down option for each meal site and each drop down includes the address, transportation service and what the site offers. She also demonstrated the option to view the Food Share Resource List. She will be posting the updated version of this list. Lynette suggested adding the restaurant meal programs to the Senior Nutrition Meal Services Locations webpage. Sue also suggested adding Farmer's markets to the webpage. Jannette informed the committee that she will be adding these items to the webpage.

- b. Get a copy of the Human Services Agency food sites and determine if list is okay to provide more research is needed** – Monique provided an update on this agenda item. She mentioned that she was not able to find food sites on the Human Services Agency website, however, she suggested to the committee, creating a food resource list. She would like to gather the information and present it to the committee at the next meeting. Jannette then suggested adding the link to the updated webpage of the local farmer’s markets and she will also make sure to check if the farmer’s market link provides information on the EBT cards. Maureen then suggested making the Food Share Resource List updated version into a project for an MSW intern. Jannette addressed Maureen’s suggestion and informed her the list is developed and provided by Food Share; however, she agreed other resources not included in the list can be worked on or developed by a VCAAA intern. Ongoing, Dr. Maria Munguia suggested having the Food Share Resource List in Spanish as well. Jannette and Monique addressed her suggestion and informed the committee that they will contact each of the locations to see if they have a Spanish version and look more into the services that are currently available. Jannette shared her screen with the committee once again and presented the updated Food Share Resource List and Joaquin informed the committee that it is both in English and Spanish.
- c. Develop flyer and outreach in regard to the nutrition program – provide outreach regarding the SNAP Restaurant meal program** – Monique provided an update on this item. She informed the committee that they will have a draft of the flyer including SNAP Restaurant Meal Program information, for the committee to review by the next meeting. Joaquin then informed the committee that the SNAP Restaurant Meal program will be migrating to the California Department of Social Services and he informed Monique that he will be sending her the flyer he received from HSA as well.
- d. Provide language regarding the SNP program and options for inclusion in newsletters** – Monique provided an update on this item. She informed the committee that moving forward, VCAAA will be having translators and providing the marketing materials for the Senior Nutrition program in both English and Spanish. She mentioned they have taken steps to select vendors for this purpose.
- e. Provide Spanish options for Advisory Council meetings** – Monique provided an update for this item and gave a brief overview of what was last discussed regarding this item. She informed the committee they are currently in the process of finding a vendor to be able to provide these services, therefore

every Advisory Council meeting will have the opportunity to have a bilingual individual in the meeting.

- f. Foster a community of connected support systems to include a more coordinated entry for individuals with ADRD and their support systems – Coordinate ADRD and Caregiver Resource Center Pop Up Resource Fair** – Victoria provided an update on this agenda item and provided a brief overview of this item as well. She explained as an in-person event, the idea would be to have a couple of hours of vetted social service providers that will be available on site at a specific location in the county, every month on a designated day. The public will be informed that if they have a loved one who has a diagnosis or they have a diagnosis, this will be the place in which they can receive confidential help. Due to the pandemic, the idea will be to have a presentation with Questions and Answers to talk to experts. This would be in collaboration with the Alzheimer’s Association and VCAAA’s caregiver resource as well. Victoria mentioned they hope to have a collaborative online event in which they can link individuals or the public to experts. Maureen provided feedback to the idea and commented that it will be a challenge for families to participate in person. Sue then commented that with a virtual event, they may receive more participation from the public because it is virtual. Victoria then explained the manner in which they plan to approach the virtual help one on one. Dr. Maria Munguia suggested also creating videos on general questions the public may have. Victoria agreed with Dr. Maria Munguia and stated that she would like to add this option for the public as well. Monique suggested creating a subcommittee where this plan can be more discussed and bring the discussion back to the committee. The committee agreed to Monique’s suggestion of a subcommittee. Maureen, Lynette, Sue, and Smita volunteered to be a part of the subcommittee; Monique and Victoria will connect with them. This will include:
- Presentations and Q and A with medical professionals/expert.
 - One on consultation with experts – need to identify experts and develop mechanism to connect them.
- g. Placemat expansion** – Victoria provided an update on this item. She shared her screen with the committee and presented Dementia Friendly Ventura County’s placemat. She explained the purpose of the placemat was to address food insecurity and proceeded to provide an overview of the placemat. The front and side of the placemat includes inexpensive recipes created by VCAAA’s registered dietitians; the back side includes columns of committee recommendations. These columns also include riddles, crosswords, and exercises of the month to keep individuals active. It includes community resources, a healthy living article, information related to scams and food. There

are currently 13 placemats developed in both English and Spanish. Victoria mentioned the placemats do need to be updated. Jannette added to Victoria's comment and mentioned that the VCAAA website has a video on the placemats, it explains their purpose and the feedback from the public. The committee agreed to continue this placemat project and for the next agenda the committee will revisit the categories on the placemat. Lastly, Victoria informed the committee that VCAAA staff will begin by creating new recipes and in the next meeting the committee will decide what the back of the placemat should look like.

3. Other Business –

- Dr. Marietta Sperry asked the committee if the meetings can begin half an hour earlier. The committee agreed to having the meetings begin at 12:30PM moving forward.
- Monique asked the committee on behalf of Dr. Marietta Sperry if it is okay to have all committee members' contact information. The committee agreed to share their contact information.

4. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 2:01PM by Chair Sue Tatangelo.

Agenda Item #5.4

To: VC AAA Advisory Council Board Members
From: Karen Gorback – Chair
Date: September 27, 2021
Subject: **Workforce Committee Report from September 23, 2021**

Committee Members Present:

Karen Gorback (CSL)
Carol Leish (Focused Population)
Stephanie Belding (Thousand Oaks COA)
William Nelson (Ventura COA)

VCAAA Staff Present:

Monique Nowlin
Jannette Jauregui
Jakeline De Leon

- 1. Welcome and Introductions** – The meeting was called to order at 10:01AM by Chair Karen Gorback. All members introduced themselves.
- 2. Public Comments** – No Public comments.
- 3. Purpose of the Employment Committee** – Karen provided an overview on the purpose of the Employment Committee. The purpose of this committee is to provide information to older adults and individuals with disabilities who would like to go back to work or go to work for the first time.
- 4. Discussion About the Intended Audience for the Committee’s Efforts** – Karen explained the intended audience are individuals who have lost their jobs, older adults who would like to continue to work, or begin working, as mentioned above.
- 5. Review Revised PowerPoint and Video** – Karen shared her screen with the committee and presented the PowerPoint she has created. The committee reviewed every slide of the PowerPoint and provided feedback. Bill commented on the first slide, he believes what motivates individuals to work is knowing that they are contributing to something meaningful; Karen will be adding his comment to the slide. Stephanie provided feedback for the third slide, she mentioned adding “interacting well with others”, Karen will be added her feedback to the slide. Monique and Bill provided feedback on the 6th slide – “More about Resumes” –

they both commented Karen has provided great points regarding this and adding the concept of self-branding to the PowerPoint. Bill then provided some bullet points for self-branding. Stephanie also added to Bill's points and mentioned the idea of having two resumes, one for self-branding and the other for a specific employer. Ongoing, Bill provided some feedback for the 11th slide, "More resume tips", he suggested adding a self-branding statement to this slide. Stephanie has asked for the 12th slide, "A Resource Page", to be sent to the committee; Karen will be sending the 12th slide after the meeting. For the 13th slide, the committee agreed to changing the title to "How's this Working for You?". For the 17th slide, Bill suggested adding a technique, "The Evolution of Success", he will be sending an example to Karen after the meeting. Carol suggested adding resources regarding appropriate accommodations in the workplace for individuals with disabilities. Monique also advised the committee, in job applications, employment may ask if any accommodations are needed, and it may also be talked about during an interview. In the 30th slide, "Video Interviews" Monique suggested adding a bullet point regarding a backup plan for video interviews in case there are any technical difficulties. Lastly, Monique suggested adding pictures of real people throughout the PowerPoint, Jannette suggested making the image in the last slide smaller as well as informed Karen that she would be happy to help with formatting for the PowerPoint. Carol also mentioned adding bullet points stating, "remember to focus on your capabilities and resilience even if you have challenges because success is possible."

6. **Discuss Committee Goals** – This item has been tabled for the next meeting.
7. **Discussion of Employers in Ventura County Who Recruit a Diverse Workforce** – This item has been tabled for the next meeting.
8. **Next Meeting Date – November 18, 2021 from 10AM to 11AM.**



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November 10, 2021

Ventura County Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council
County of Ventura
800 South Victoria Avenue
Ventura, California 93009

Subject: Consider Adoption of a Resolution Authorizing Remote Teleconference Meetings of the Advisory Council for a 30-Day Period Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953, Subdivision (e), of the Ralph M. Brown Act

Recommendation:

It is recommended that your Board consider adoption of a resolution authorizing remote teleconference meetings of the Board for a 30-day period pursuant to Government Code Section 54953, Subdivision (e), of the Ralph M. Brown Act.

Discussion:

On September 16, 2021, Governor Gavin Newsom signed into law Assembly Bill 361 whereby local agencies may continue to use teleconferencing for public meetings of their legislative bodies during a proclaimed state of emergency. Assembly Bill 361 (AB 361) amends the provisions of the Ralph M. Brown Act regarding meetings of local government agencies and applies to all County boards, committees, and commissions that are subject to the Brown Act. Under the Brown Act, "teleconference" means a meeting of a legislative body where the members of the legislative body are participating in different locations, connected by electronic means, through either audio or video, or both. Prior to passage of AB 361, local legislative bodies were allowed to have fully teleconferenced, virtual remote meetings during the COVID-19 pandemic pursuant to the Governor's Executive Orders. Under AB 361, local agencies may continue to use teleconferencing to meet virtually without a physical location if one of the following conditions in Government Code section 54953(e)(1) is satisfied:

- (A) The legislative body holds a meeting during a proclaimed state of emergency, and state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing.
- (B) The legislative body holds a meeting during a proclaimed state of emergency for the purpose of determining, by majority vote, whether as a result of the emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees.
- (C) The legislative body holds a meeting during a proclaimed state of emergency and has determined, by majority vote, pursuant to subparagraph (B), that, as a result of the

emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees.

In this context "state of emergency" means a state of emergency proclaimed pursuant to section 8625 of the California Emergency Services Act. This section only applies to the Governor's declaration of a state of emergency. AB 361 does not allow for remote meetings when the County has declared a local emergency, in the absence of a "state of emergency" as defined in the Government Code. A pandemic (epidemic) is a valid ground for declaration of a state of emergency by the Governor under Government Code sections 8625 and 8558.

On March 4, 2020 the Governor issued a Proclamation of State of Emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Dr. Robert Levin, Ventura County Health Officer (Dr. Levin), issued a recommendation regarding social distancing and continued remote meetings of legislative bodies on September 21, 2021. A copy of Dr. Levin's recommendation is attached as exhibit 2. Therefore, condition (A) listed above is satisfied consistent with Government Code section 54953, subdivision (e)(1)(A), and legislative bodies may continue to meet virtually pursuant to AB 361.

If a state of emergency remains active and state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing, the legislative body must reconsider the circumstances of the state of emergency and make any of the following findings by majority vote every 30 days to continue to meet remotely under Government Code section 54953, subdivision (e)(3):

1. The state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person.
2. State or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing.

Pursuant to the changes in the Brown Act enacted with the passing of AB 361, it is recommended that your Board consider the attached resolution and findings (exhibit 1) authorizing continued remote teleconference meetings of the Board for the next thirty days since both the Governor's Proclamation of State of Emergency and Dr. Levin's recommendation remain in place.



Victoria Jump
Director

Exhibit 1 – Resolution Authorizing Remote Teleconference Meetings of the Board
Exhibit 2 – Letter from Dr. Levin regarding social distancing and continued remote meetings

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**RESOLUTION OF THE VENTURA COUNTY AREA AGENCY ON AGING
AUTHORIZING REMOTE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS OF THE VENTURA
COUNTY AREA AGENCY ON AGING ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR A 30-DAY
PERIOD PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54953, SUBDIVISION
(e), OF THE RALPH M. BROWN ACT**

WHEREAS, the County of Ventura (“County”) is committed to preserving and nurturing public access and participation in meetings of the Ventura County Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council (“Board”);

WHEREAS, Government Code section 54953, subdivision (e), of the Ralph M. Brown Act, authorizes the legislative body of a local agency to use remote teleconferencing in meetings by members of a legislative body, without compliance with the requirements of Government Code section 54953, subdivision (b)(3), subject to the existence of certain conditions;

WHEREAS, a required condition is that a state of emergency is declared by the Governor pursuant to Government Code section 8625, proclaiming the existence of conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the state caused by conditions as described in Government Code section 8558;

WHEREAS, it is further required that state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing;

WHEREAS, such conditions now exist in Ventura County, specifically, Governor Gavin Newsom declared a state of emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic on March 4, 2020 (“State of Emergency”);

WHEREAS, on September 21, 2021, Dr. Robert Levin, Ventura County Health Officer, issued a recommendation to continue practicing social distancing measures throughout Ventura County communities, including to continue to implement 100 percent remote meetings of all legislative bodies in Ventura County, to prevent and minimize the spread of COVID-19 (“Recommendation to Promote Social Distancing”);

WHEREAS, the Board does hereby find that it has reconsidered the circumstances of the State of Emergency, the State of Emergency remains active and continues to directly impact the ability of its members and attendees to meet safely in person, and that the Ventura County Health Officer, Dr. Robert Levin, continues to recommend measures to promote social distancing to minimize the spread of COVID-19 including that all legislative bodies in Ventura County continue to meet remotely, as further explained in his Recommendation to Promote Social Distancing, which has not been rescinded and remains in effect;

WHEREAS, the Board does hereby find that it shall conduct its meetings without compliance with Government Code section 54953, subdivision (b)(3), as authorized by subdivision (e), of Government Code section 54953, and that the Board shall comply with the requirements set forth in Government Code section 54953, subdivision (e)(2); and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board as follows:

Section 1. The foregoing recitals are true and correct.

Section 2. County staff supporting the Board are hereby authorized and directed to take all actions necessary to carry out the intent and purpose of this Resolution including conducting open and public meetings of the Board in accordance with Government Code section 54953, subdivision (e), and other applicable provisions of the Brown Act.

Section 3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and shall be effective until the earlier of (i) December 9, 2021 or such time the Board adopts a subsequent resolution in accordance with Government Code section 54953, subdivision (e)(3), to extend the time during which the Board may continue to teleconference without compliance with Government Code section 54953, subdivision (b)(3).

Upon motion of _____, seconded by _____, and duly carried, the Ventura County Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council hereby adopts this resolution on ____ day of _____, 2021.

Karen Gorback, Vice Chair
Ventura County Area Agency on Aging
Advisory Council

ATTEST: JOHN GARDNER
Secretary of the Ventura County Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council
County of Ventura, State of California

By: _____
John Gardner

To: Board of Supervisors
County Executive Office
Clerk of the Board

From: Dr. Robert Levin, Ventura County Health Officer

Date: September 21, 2021



Re: Recommendation regarding Social Distancing and Continued Remote Meetings of
Legislative Bodies

I strongly recommend that physical/social distancing measures continue to be practiced throughout our Ventura County communities to minimize the spread of COVID-19, including at meetings of the Board of Supervisors and meetings of other legislative bodies of the County of Ventura.

California Department of Public Health ("CDPH") and the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") caution that the Delta variant of COVID-19, currently the dominant strain of COVID-19 in the country, is more transmissible than prior variants of the virus, may cause more severe illness, and that even fully vaccinated individuals can spread the virus to others resulting in rapid and alarming rates of COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/variants/delta-variant.html>). Additionally, the CDC has established a "Community Transmission" metric with 4 tiers designed to reflect a community's COVID-19 case rate and percent positivity. Ventura County currently has a Community Transmission metric of "high" which is the most serious of the tiers.

Whether vaccinated or not, positive individuals are contracting the Delta variant and infecting others in our communities. Social distancing and masking are crucial mitigation measure to prevent the disease's spread. Remote meetings of legislative bodies of the County, including but not limited to the Board of Supervisors, are a recommended form of social distancing that allows for the participation of the community, staff, presenters, and legislative body members in a safe environment, with no risk of contagion. It is recommended that legislative bodies of the County continue to implement 100% remote meetings.

If you have any questions regarding this recommendation, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Agenda Item #6.2

TO: VCAAA Advisory Council Members

FROM: Jannette Jauregui, VCAAA Staff

DATE: September 27th, 2021

SUBJECT: **Optimal Aging Committee Report from September 22nd, 2021 and Selection and Presentation of Legacy Award Winners**

Committee Members Present

Stephanie Belding
John Gardner
Rossanna Guerra
Carol Leish
Sylvia Taylor Stein
Alice Sweetland
Allen Zatkin
Breeze Zuckerman

Committee Members Absent

Loretta Allen
Ron Berkowsky
Bill Cunneen

VCAAA Staff Present

Jannette Jauregui

- 1. Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order via Zoom at 2:07 p.m.
- 2. Welcome and Introductions** – The committee welcomed one another and introduced themselves as this was the first meeting a majority of the new committee members were present. There were no guests in attendance. The committee expressed excitement over the growth of the committee.
- 3. Public Comments** – No public comments were made.
- 4. Selection of Committee Chair:** Alice Sweetland expressed interest in taking over as chair for the committee. John Gardner moved to approve the selection of Alice as Chair. Current chair, Sylvia Taylor-Stein, seconded the motion. The selection was unanimous.

- 5. Selection for the 2021 LEGACY Awards** – The committee was provided the nominations in advance of the meeting to review as they prepared for the selection of the 2021 LEGACY Award recipients. The committee thoroughly discussed this year's nominations, which included four nominations for the Dementia Friendly Business category, two nominations for the Business Category, and two nominations for the community volunteer category. The committee agreed to consider all nominations this year as is and revisit the nomination guidelines for future awards. The committee also expressed interest in an interview process for future awards.

The following unanimous selections were made: Ventura County Credit Union (Dementia Friendly Ventura County Business); Senior Concerns (Business); Valerie Shackelford (Community Volunteer).

Note: The committee also selected Valerie Amici as the second recipient for the Community Volunteer category, however the committee learned that Valerie does not meet the age criteria for the award and is not eligible.

The committee agreed to discuss goals for 2022 at the November meeting.

- 6. Other Committee Involvement/Notification** – None discussed.
- 7. Next Meeting Schedule** –The next scheduled meeting is November 17th, 2021, at 2 p.m. via Zoom.
- 8. Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m. by chair, Alice Sweetland.



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	✓						
Leish, Carol		✓			✓		
Martin, Carol				✓			A
Munguia, Maria	✓						
Nelson, William					✓		
Nugent, Bill			✓				
Olson, Antoinette	✓					✓	A, C
Owens, Clark				✓			
Ruiz, Anita							
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
July	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
August						
September	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 23 10 – 11:30 am
October						
November	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
December						
January	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
February						
March	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
April						
May	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
June						

Please email Jakeline.DeLeon@ventura.org if you are interested in attending the next new member orientation.



Legislative Report

CSL Sponsored Bills

October 6, 2021

BILL #	AUTHOR	SUMMARY	CSL AUTHOR	STATUS
AB 98	Frazier	Health Care: Medical Goods: Reuse Redistribution 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	Mental Health: Older Adults: 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 Appropriations Committee. Held under submission.
AB 848	L. Calderon	Medi Cal: Long Term Care: Personal Needs Allowance: 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	Property Taxation: Monthly Installment Payments 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	Enrolled 8/27/21.
ACR 78	E. Garcia	Senior Malnutrition Awareness Day	Pointer	Chaptered- Res Chapter 42, Statutes of 2021

CSL Support Bills

BILL #	AUTHOR	SUMMARY	STATUS
AB 14	Aguiar-Curry	Internet For All Act of 2021: 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.	Enrolled 9/17/21.
AB 23	Chen	EDD Cross Check System: 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	State Bodies: Increasing Public Access: 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	Intermediate Care Facilities & Skilled Nursing Facilities: Covid 19: 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.	Enrolled 9/2/21.
AB 323	Kalra	Long Term Care Facilities: Accountability: Updates long-term care facility citation penalties and standards for negligent care to safeguard nursing home and long-term care facility residents.	Chaptered, Chapter 458, Statutes of 2021
AB 470	Carrillo	Medi-Cal Asset Test Elimination: 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. Held under submission.
AB 523	Nazarian	Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly: 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.	Enrolled 9/12/21
AB 570	Santiago	Dependent Parent Health Care Coverage: 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.	Chaptered, Chapter 468 – Statutes of 2021

BILL #	AUTHOR	SUMMARY	STATUS
AB 849	Reyes	Skilled nursing facilities: intermediate care facilities: liability: 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.	Chaptered, Chapter 471, Statutes of 2021
AB 1083	Nazarian	Senior Affordable Housing: Nursing Pilot Program: 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.	Assembly Appropriations Committee. Referred to suspense file. Held under submission.
AB 1234	Arambula	Physician Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment forms: registry: 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.	Referred to Assembly Health Committee.
SB 8	Skinner	Housing Crisis Act of 2019: 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.	Chaptered, Chapter 161, Statutes of 2021

BILL #	AUTHOR	SUMMARY	STATUS
SB 48	Limôn	Dementia and Alzheimer’s Disease: 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.	Chaptered. Chapter 484, Statutes of 2021
SB 56	Durazo	Health4All Seniors: Ensures that all low income seniors who qualify for publicly funded Medi-Cal have access to quality care regardless of Immigration status.	Assembly Appropriations Committee.
SB 107	Weiner	Easing Access to CalFresh: 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.	Ordered to inactive file upon request of Senator Weiner.
SB 221	Weiner	Timely Mental Health Care: 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.	Enrolled 9/15/21.
SB 258	Laird	HIV & Aging Act: 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.	Chaptered. Chapter 132, Statutes of 2021



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The California Senior Legislature Announces Top Legislative Priorities for 2022

(Sacramento, CA) The California Senior Legislature (CSL) adjourned its 41st Annual Legislative Session and announced the Top Ten State Legislative Proposals and Top Federal proposal earlier this week. Members will advocate diligently during the 2022 legislative session to have state lawmakers support these priorities.

The following were listed as the top ten State Legislative proposals:

AP-5: Oral Healthcare in Skilled Nursing Facilities

(Senior Assembly Member Carolyn Fowler, Inglewood, CA)

This measure would require the State Department of Public Health to promulgate regulations to authorize registered dental hygienists in alternative practice to provide oral health in-service training to staff in skilled nursing facilities and provide oral health care services in skilled nursing facilities.

SP-14: Personal Needs Allowance

(Senior Senator David Wood, Three Rivers, CA)

This measure would increase the personal needs allowance from \$35 to \$50 per month.

SP-13: Skilled Nursing Facilities: End of Life Privacy

(Senior Senator Tony Rodella, Anaheim, CA)

This measure would require the administrators of skilled nursing facilities in the state to work with a resident who has been diagnosed as having less than 5 days to live, or with the resident's family, to provide sufficient privacy for the dying resident so that the family or clergy or both may be with the resident and help provide a dignified death and the giving of the Last Rites.

AP-14: Hospice Standards

(Senior Assembly Member Joan Yacovone, Augora Hills, CA)

This measure would require the State of California to make various reforms relating to hospice, including strengthening hospice standards by requiring inspections every 3 years and requiring the recertification for hospice enrolled patients to be conducted by at least one independent physician in conjunction with the hospice physician.

SP-4: Home Care Aides: Home Health Aides: Training Program Scholarships

(Senior Senator Karen Gorback, Thousand Oaks, CA)

This measure would enact legislation titled “The California Caregivers Training Scholarship Act” to incentivize enrollment in home care aide or home health aide training programs at a California Community College or Public Adult Day School, by awarding scholarships of \$1,500 each to up to 1,000 people per year through December 30, 2026, for tuition and other expenses, with requirements that scholarship recipients work in the field for at least one year.

AP-4: Default Hierarchy Surrogate Consent Laws

(Senior Assembly Member Gene Dorio, Santa Clarita, CA)

This measure would adopt default hierarchy surrogate consent laws similar to those existing in other states in which family members and the people closest to a patient by kinship become designated surrogate decisionmakers for the patient’s health care decisions under appropriate circumstances, including where the patient is incapacitated or otherwise unable to personally designate a surrogate.

AP-6: Public Transportation: Accessible Transportation Services: Seniors and Disabled Persons

(Senior Assembly Member Shirley Krohn, Walnut Creek, CA)

This measure would create the Accessible Transportation Account in the State Transportation Fund, establish a new vehicle registration fee or vehicle license fee to the fund the account, require moneys in the account to be used to fund accessible transportation services for seniors and disabled persons, and authorize consolidated transportation services agencies to oversee local expenditures of the moneys in the account.

AP-3: Skilled Nursing Facilities: Back-Up Electrical Supply

(Senior Assembly Member Mark Cox, Yucaipa, CA)

This measure would require a skilled nursing facility to have an alternative source of electricity, that complies with specified Federal requirements, to protect resident health and safety for no less than 96 hours during any type of electrical outage.

SP-3: Adult Residential Facilities: Notification of Closures

(Senior Senator Allegra Fortunati, San Francisco, CA)

This measure would require the licensee to notify additional specified local and county entities of a proposed closure under certain circumstances.

AP-12: Mental Health: Telephone Support Services

(Senior Assembly Member Anne Warren, San Francisco, CA)

This would use appropriate sources of behavioral health funds to fund grant programs in counties that would provide telephone support services for the senior and disabled populations, including providing paraprofessional volunteers through assertive outreach, who would be provided training to recognize when a professional referral should be made, contacting seniors and individuals with disabilities, and providing a “listening setting” to identify resources needed to reduce anxieties and other behavioral challenges, in order to combat social isolation and help rebuild social capital.

The following was identified as the Top Federal Legislative proposal:

SFP-2: Women Veterans

(Senior Senator Ted Kagan, El Cajon, CA)

This measure would recognize all women who have served in the Armed Forces of the United States.

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