AGENDA
ADVISORY COMMISSION ON AGING
Monday, January 14, 2019
9:30am – 11:45am
Maxwell Park Conference Room
6955 Foothill Blvd. Suite 137
Oakland, California 94605

Public participation at Advisory Commission on Aging (ACA) meetings is encouraged. We request that individuals limit their comments on any single item on the agenda to three minutes. The chosen spokesperson for a group may speak for five minutes.

1. Call to Order  9:30 - 9:30
2. Consent Calendar  9:30 - 9:35
   a. Review of Agenda
   b. Approval of minutes
3. Comments from the Public  9:35 – 9:40
4. Nominations for ACA Chair  9:40 – 9:45
   a. Nominating Committee
   b. Open Nominations
5. Elections for ACA Chair, Open Roll Call Voting  9:45 – 9:50
6. Speaker: Anitra Winder, Habitat for Humanity E Bay/Silicon Valley
   Renew Alameda County: Making Home Improvement Affordable  9:50 – 10:20
8. Director’s Report: Jennifer Stephens-Pierre, AAA Director  10:30 – 10:45
    a. Executive Committee
    b. Legislative Advocacy  11:05 - 11:15
    c. Public Relations/Senior Update  11:15 - 11:25
    d. Health & Safety  11:25 - 11:35
11. Oral Communications/Announcements  11:35 – 11:45
    a. Commissioners
    b. Staff
    c. Public
MINUTES

ADVISORY COMMISSION ON AGING
Tuesday, November 13, 2018
9:30 am – 11:30 am

Commissioners Present: Donna Murphy-Chair, Ashok Desai-Vice Chair, Donna Ireland, Sue Taylor, Christine Sevier

Commissioners Absent (Excused): Dom Filardo, Sarah Kim-Lee, Royce Johnson, Helen Buckholz, John Miller, Raj Paul Singh

Staff Present: Jennifer Stephens-Pierre, Delbert Walker, Mary Louise Zernicke, Sandra Braxton, Jose Villaflor, Diarra Piggué, William Fasanya, Denyse McCowan, Hema Patel, Ramil Rivera, Lisa Ho, Malikah Taylor, Joel Ginsberg

Guest:
Lorena Briseno – SSA OPEP
George Tucker – CSL

1. CALL TO ORDER

ACA Chair Donna Murphy called the meeting to order at 9:30am. There was insufficient Advisory Commission on Aging (ACA) member attendance to satisfy the quorum requirement. Non-binding discussions were held. A Special Tele-Conference meeting was scheduled for December 10, 2018 at 9:30am.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

a. Review of Agenda – Review of agenda could not be approved due to lack of quorum.

b. Approval of Minutes – Minutes could not be approved due to lack of quorum.

3. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC FOR ITEMS NOT ON AGENDA

No comments from the public.

4. COMMENTS FROM CHAIR, DONNA MURPHY

Chair Murphy announced this would be her last meeting as an ACA Commissioner. She has served for the past 7 years. She will continue her work and advocacy with older adults as a social worker. She will also continue her work with the Age
Friendly Council, the AC Homeless Initiative and the Senior Services Coalition. She is thankful that Alameda County has led the way for support for older adults.

5. **ELECTIONS, ACA CHAIR NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

Commissioner Ireland spoke on the topic. Commissioners Ireland, Miller and Buckholz canvased candidates and were successful in identifying one prospective candidate. Chair Murphy stated a special tele-conference meeting will be convened next month for nominations.

6. **SPEAKER: DELBERT WALKER, AAA SPS/SENIOR PLANNER**  
**2021-2024 AREA PLAN AND NEEDS ASSESSMENT OVERVIEW**

A handout was provided at the meeting and was provided in the mailed meeting packets. The importance of the work of the Needs Assessment is related to this Commission’s mandate to take the lead on the Area Plan. The Area Plan is a requirement of the Older American’s Act (OAA) and is a comprehensive planning document which equips the California Department of Aging (CDA) and the AAA to share the critical responsibility of addressing present and future aging and long-term care issues within California’s growing, diverse, interdependent community. Every 4 years, AAA is required by CDA to complete an Area Plan and subsequent Area Plan Updates on an annual basis. AAA is working at the end of the prior Area Plan 2017-2020 and beginning to plan for 2021-2024. The Needs Assessment will be conducted in a 3-part process: 1) Surveys to older adults to evaluate the day to day needs, 2) Consumer Public Forums to uncover data and explore issues critical to the general consumer, and 3) Focus Groups to gather opinions from the targeted consumer, service provider, and policy maker’s perspectives. There are large expectations for participation from the Commission members with the Needs Assessment and Commissioner feedback is greatly appreciated. The development of the Consumer Survey and Outreach Sites will be discussed in the January 2019 Commission Meeting. Commissioner Elect Sevier commented on the suggestion to connect the survey for distribution to Meals on Wheels.

7. **DIRECTOR’S REPORT:**

a. **AAA Update**  
AAA Director Jennifer Stephens-Pierre announced that 11 Commission positions are currently available. The dire task at hand is get bodies into these vacancies. She also thanked Chair Murphy for her work on the Commission.

b. **Holiday Baskets**  
AAA Staff Mary Louise Zernicke stated this year’s Holiday Baskets will be delivered on Thursday, 12/20/18. This event has always been in partnership with the Commission. Mary Louise is asking for volunteer drivers and financial donations via checks written to “SOS Meals on Wheels” for a tax deduction. Drivers will deliver up to 3 baskets (boxes).
c. **Brown Act**
   Per the Brown Act, the Commission Agendas are required to be posted electronically. In addition, AC County Counsel will provide a training to the Commissioners on the Brown Act sometime in early 2019.

8. **AGE-FRIENDLY COUNCIL ON AGING UPDATE**

   Staff Joel Ginsberg provided the following updates:
   a. **Senior Center Coalition Conference, 11/30/18.** Registration and fee required. If the fee is a barrier, the event is willing to work with those individuals. The main topic is Housing.

   b. The Housing Crisis Workgroup has met four times and is beginning to narrow down more than 50 recommendations to a short actionable list with specifics attached which will go to the County Administrator’s Office. The recommendations are specific to elders in Alameda County and how to address the unique needs of older adults.

   c. The Council is also working on a new website which is being developed jointly by Social Services Agency and Health Care Services. Part of the mission of the website is to improve access to resource information to older adults and family caregivers. The website will also reflect the work of the Council and recommendations and activities that will be coming from the Council.

   d. The Council is working on training modules on a number of topics that people feel important such as general gerontology and other topics that are of interest to older adults and providers.

   e. The Council is continuing work on “backgrounders” for up to date research and recommendations on the following topics:
      1. Housing
      2. Social Isolation
      3. Suicide Prevention
      4. Falls Prevention

   f. The Council is also working on a Data Project on how many older adults are on probation in AC and possible reasons for reincarcerations.

10. **COMMISSION SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

   a. Executive Committee:
Chair Murphy stated the Executive Committee met this morning, but not enough Chair Members were present to have a quorum.

b. Legislative Advocacy Committee:
A meeting is scheduled after this meeting. Nothing new to add.

c. Public Relations/Senior Committee:
AAA Staff Jose Villaflor provided an update on the 2019 Commissioner Site Visits. Jose also shared that he would send out an email requesting news articles for the Jan-March 2019 Senior Update Newsletter.

d. Health & Safety Committee:
No meeting will be held after this meeting, not enough members were present to have a quorum. The Whistle Project is expected to be finalized by January 2019.

11. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

a. Commissioners:

Commissioner Taylor shared information on the last Commissioner Site Visit at the North Berkeley Senior Center. She was impressed with the experience due to the volume of older adults the center sees daily and the variety of engaging services the center provides such as karaoke and pottery. The center though will be closed for remodeling starting December 2018 through much of next year. Most of the services will be moved to the West Berkeley Senior Center, which is a much smaller facility.

Commissioner Ireland thanked staff Joel for his update. She shared she was involved in the website meeting and found the meeting to be incredible. She also wished everyone a Happy Holiday!

Vice-Chair Desai – No comment.

Chair Murphy shared information about the Senior Services Coalition and their 7th Annual Conference on the topic of Housing by Dr. Josh who has been doing incredible work with the homeless population. More detail on the conference is on the Senior Services Coalition website.

Commissioner Sevier – No comment.

b. Staff:

AAA Director Stephens-Pierre introduced the new OMSBUD Staff, Malikah Taylor. Malikah brings 10 years of experience from APS.
Director Stephens-Pierre also stated that ACA Chair Murphy agreed to provide the overview of the Aging Commission for the BOS on November 26.

AAA staff Diarra Piggué reported that the next I&A Round Table Meeting is scheduled for Friday, 11/16/2018, 9:00am-12:00pm in the Sobrante Park Conference Room Suite 143. The topics will focus on Medicare and Social Security Updates. The agenda will be sent via the Senior Info email.

c. Public:

No comments from the public.

Next Meeting: Monday, January 14, 2019
MINUTES
ADVISORY COMMISSION ON AGING
Monday, December 10, 2018
9:30am

Special Tele-Conference Meeting

Commissioners Present: Ashok Desai-Vice Chair, Christine Sevier, Sarah Kim-Lee, John Miller

Commissioners Absent (Unexcused): Raj Paul Singh

Commissioners Absent (Excused): Dom Filardo, Donna Ireland, Royce Johnson, Helen Buckholz, Sue Taylor

Staff Present: Jennifer Stephens-Pierre, Delbert Walker, Sandra Braxton, Jose Villaflor, Ramil Rivera, Maaza Michael, Joel Ginsberg

Guest: Tanya Washington – Supervisor Nate Miley’s Office

1. CALL TO ORDER
ACA Vice-Chair Ashok Desai called the meeting to order at 9:30am. There was insufficient Advisory Commission on Aging (ACA) member attendance to satisfy the quorum requirement. Non-binding discussions were held. The Advisory Commission on Aging meeting was rescheduled for January 14, 2019 at 9:30am.

2. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC FOR ITEMS NOT ON AGENDA

3. NOMINATIONS FROM ACA CHAIR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

4. OPEN NOMINATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION MEMBERS

5. ELECTIONS, OPEN ROLL CALL VOTING

Next Meeting: Monday, January 14, 2019
AGENDA
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Executive Committee Meeting
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9:00am

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1. Review of Executive Committee Agenda/Approval of Minutes
2. Bylaw Revisions
3. Quorum Requirements
4. Membership:
   • Election Protocol
   • Chair, Transition Discussion
   • Vacant Commissioner seats
5. Future Discussion Items:
   Commission Goals
Commissioners Present: Donna Murphy Chair, Ashok Desai, Donna Ireland

Staff Present: Jennifer Stephens-Pierre, Delbert Walker, Sandra Braxton

There was insufficient Executive Committee member attendance to satisfy the quorum requirement. Non-binding discussions were held. The Executive Committee meeting was rescheduled for January 14, 2019 at 9:00am.

1. Review of Executive Committee Agenda/Approval of Minutes:

2. Membership:
   - Election Protocol
   - Chair, Transition Discussion

3. Future Discussion Items:

Meeting adjourned 9:25 am.
Next Meeting: Monday, January 14, 2019
ALAMEDA COUNTY ADVISORY COMMISSION ON AGING

Legislative Advocacy Committee
Monday January 14, 2019
11:30-12:30 AFTER COMMISSION MEETING

Agenda
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1. Call to Order

2. Approval of Minutes

3. Legislative Bills
   a. AARP
   b. CSL
   c. Update on proposed bills

4. Council for Age Friendly Communities Updates

5. Senior Services Coalition Update

6. Other Federal, State and Local Issues and Updates

7. Other agenda and next meeting agenda
Commissioners Present: Committee Chair Ashok Desai, Donna Ireland

Members Present: Lorena Briseno, Joel Ginsberg

Staff Present: Lisa Ho and Mary Louise Zernicke

CSL Members Present: George Tucker

1. Called to Order

2. Approve the minutes of Legislative Advocacy Committee – October 8, 2018.
   Motion to approve the minutes.
   (M) Desai
   (S) Ireland
   Carried

3. Legislative Bills Discussion.
   a. AARP proposed bills updated by Committee Chair Ashok Desai.
      Federal Bill- Women’s Pension Protection Plan- being reviewed in both
      Senate and House.

   b. CSL proposed bills updated by CSL Assembly member George Tucker.
      -The 2019 CSL top 10 State Priorities were reviewed and discussed.

   c. General update on proposed bills by Lorena Briseno from Alameda
      County Office of Policy, Evaluation, and Planning (OPEP).
      -2017-18 Legislative session ended August 30, 2018.
      -OPEP is analyzing 2017-18 session and strategizing future proposals for the
      Alameda County Board of Supervisors and other internal departments for
      review. The upcoming session will be a new 2-year process starting in
      January 2019.
4. **Council for Age Friendly Communities Updates by Joel Ginsberg.**
   Updates were provided at the Alameda County Commission on Aging.

5. **Senior Services Coalition Updates by Wendy Peterson, Director.**
   No new report.

6. **Other Federal, State and Local Issues and Updates**
   - Discussion over the logistic and how to publicize to the estimated 700 thousand Alameda County SSI recipients who would be eligible to receive Cal fresh (food stamp) come 2019.

7. **Other agendas and/ or next meeting agenda (January Meeting)**
   No meeting in December 2018.
   Next Meeting: Monday, January 14, 2019, after the regular ACA meeting.

   **Meeting was adjourned at 11:45 am**
AGENDA

1. Call to order.

2. Roll Call (Sign in sheet)

3. Consent Calendar
   A. Review of Agenda
   B. Approval of Minutes from October’s meeting

4. Update on “Whistle Project”

5. Other

Adjournment