

## ADVISORY COMMISSION ON AGING

### General Session Agenda

Monday, January 8, 2024

9:15am – 11:45am

#### In-Person

Maxwell Park Conference Room

6955 Foothill Blvd. Suite 137/143

Oakland, California 94605

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Agenda Item	Material Provided	Presenter	Time
Call to Order/Roll Call		Chair	9:15—9:20
Approval of November 13, 2024, ACA Meeting Minutes	Attached	Chair/Commission	9:20 – 9:25
Comments from the Public for Items not on the agenda		General Public	9:25 – 9:35
Presentation on Housing from <a href="#">ReBuilding Together Oakland   Eastbay</a>	Handout	Lisa Maul, Executive Director	9:35 – 10:05
Presentation on <b>The PEARLS Programs</b> from <a href="#">Peers Envisioning &amp; Engaging in Recovery Services</a>	Handout	Zakiya Johnson, Program Manager	10:05 – 10:35
Comments from the ACA Chair <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Status of ACA</li> <li>▪ Recruitment</li> <li>▪ Tentative Speaker Topics</li> <li>▪ Etc.</li> </ul> -see attachment		Chair	10:35 – 10:50
Presentation on <b>Home Safe Program</b> from <a href="#">Alameda County Social Services—Adult Protective Services</a>	Handout	Marietta Arroyo, SSA Lenwood Hunter, SSA	10:50—11:10
Countywide Area Plan (CWAP) Update		Kim Fogel, SSA	11:10–11:20
Area Agency on Aging Director Report		Jennifer Stephens-Pierre, SSA	11:20– 11:30

Commission Committee Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Executive</li> <li>▪ Service Delivery</li> <li>▪ Public Relations</li> <li>▪ Legislative</li> </ul>	(5 min per report)	<b>Committee Members</b>	11:30—11:40
Oral Communications/Announcements		<b>Commissioners, Staff, Public</b>	11:40—11:45
Adjourn		<b>Commission</b>	11:45

**County Holiday--No schedule meeting for February 12, 2024**

**Next ACA General Session is scheduled for Monday, March 11, 2024, 9:15am—11:45pm**

Check website [Advisory Commission on Aging \(alamedacountysocialservices.org\)](http://alamedacountysocialservices.org) for update.

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**Notes**

**ADVISORY COMMISSION ON AGING (ACA)**  
**Commission Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, November 13, 2023 9:15am to 11:45am**  
**Maxwell Park Room, Eastmont Mall, Ste 143**

<p><b><u>ACA Commissioners Present</u></b>  Dr. Linda Boykins  Bobby Grant  Denise McCowan  Laura McMichael-Cady (Chair)  Barbara Price</p> <p><b><u>Commissioners Absent</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>County of Alameda Staff Present</u></b>  Faith M. Battles. Asst. Agency Dir. (Virtual)  Deborah Cooper, Program Specialist  Esperanza Contreras, Admin. Specialist  Sonya Frost, Division Director  Charles Jones, Admin. Support  Diarra Piggue, Outreach Specialist  Connie Soriano, Sup. Program Specialist</p>
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Item	Discussion / Recommendations
A. CALL TO ORDER	Meeting Chaired by Commissioner McMichael-Cady called to order at 9:24am. Roll Call of Commissioners Quorum achieved. Commissioner Boykins arrived at 9:30 am.
B. REVIEW AGENDA.	Agenda reviewed and approved as read.
C. APPROVE MINUTES	Motion to accept meeting minutes from 10/09/2023: (M) McMichael-Cady (S) Grant Approved.
D. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul>
E. COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chair McMichael-Cady has discussed a schedule of future speakers.</li> <li>• Introduction of new commissioner, Denise McCowan.</li> </ul>
F. Presentation on California Advancing & Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wend Peterson of Senior Services Coalition of Alameda County presented CalAIM and its relevance to Older Adults residents in Alameda County. Please see attached documents: Presentation to Commission of Aging November 13, 2023, and DHCS-Medi-Cal-Community-Supports Supplement-Fact-Sheet.</li> </ul>

G. CWAP UPDATE/  
(C. Soriano)

- As of date the Countywide Area Plan for the 2024-2028 period the survey for Alameda County residents 55+ is extended until Dec. 1. AAA expect surveys to come in after that date from public forum and other event participants.
- Approximately 2,000 County surveys received online and in print in multiple languages.
- [Public Service Announcement](#) to appear on Comcast stations.
- Focus groups completed: I&A roundtable, Unhoused, Caregivers, Veterans, LGBTQA+, HIV+, and Skilled Nursing Facility residents.
- One of five public forums for 2024-2028 Countywide Area Plan has taken place, which was held in Supervisor Carson's District 5. The second public forum will be held on November 13, 2023, in District 2—Supervisor Elisa Marquez at the Ruggieri Senior Center, 33997 Alvarado-Niles Road, Union City, CA 94587 from 2:30p to 4:30p. in each of the County's supervisors' districts.
- The findings from the first public forum indicate that older adults are concerned about overall safety/crime, transportation (availability and cost), affordable housing, lack of senior employment, access to technology, family caregiver support and general request for more information about County services.
- The CWAP survey is currently being circulated throughout the County and is scheduled to end December 1, 2023.
- Through a separate effort from the County's survey, the State of California put out their own survey targeting older adults. The results are now available. Few highlights from State survey:
  - **4,200** older adult households randomly selected to receive survey.
  - **393** completed surveys-overall response rate of 9.44% and margin of error plus or minus 5%. Results statistically weighted to reflect the demographic composition of older adults in community.
  - **75** surveys were completed by open participation survey respondents.
  - **468** completed state surveys.

G. AAA DIRECTOR'S  
REPORT  
(C. Soriano / S.Frost)

- New Staff Recruitment. AAA actively recruiting and interviewing for vacant AAA positions: (1) Program Financial Specialist, (2) Program Specialist, and (1) Social Worker II
- RTZ Database- RTZ systems is the name of the company. RTZ has a database platform called GetCare.
- AAA will begin working on transitioning from using the Wellsky database to a database offered by RTZ called GetCare.
- RTZ a database provider for the California Department of Aging. AAA's transition to the new provider will assist in streamlining AAA and our service providers reporting.
- Digital Connections Program Funding.

On August 1, 2023, Board of supervisors approved the Digital Connections Program Standard Agreement, which awarded \$73,308 to SSA and 163 tablet devices from CDA to administer the Digital Connections (DC) Program.

The objectives of this funding will be to distribute iPad devices and to provide digital connectivity (either via low cost or no cost internet or via Hotspot accessibility in senior housing centers).

The iPads will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis as a direct service by AAA. To qualify, an individual must meet the following eligibility criteria:

- Alameda County resident 60 years of age and older, or 18 years of age or older with a disability as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA);
- Does not currently own a mobile computerized device.

Currently an amendment is scheduled to be presented to the Board of Supervisors for approval on 11/28/23 and this amendment will extend the end date of the Digital Connections Program from 12/31/23 to 9/30/24. The additional time enhances the Social Services Agency's ability to connect diverse older adults and adults with disabilities with technology that helps reduce isolation, increase connections, and support daily needs and quality of life.

- Commission Annual Presentation to the Board of Supervisors is Tuesday, April 22, 2024, from 2:30p to 4:30p. A commissioner, if not Chair, is to give the presentation and answer questions, if any.

PowerPoint presentation should be no more than (5) slides and ranging from 5 to 10 minutes. PowerPoint must be

	completed and emailed to Andrea Ford, SSA Director by Friday, April 5, 2024
H. Holiday Baskets (D.Piggue)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AAA will be preparing and delivering 50 holiday baskets to isolated older adults.</li> <li>• Volunteers are needed to deliver baskets, please contact <a href="mailto:SeniorInfo@acgov.org">SeniorInfo@acgov.org</a> to participate.</li> <li>• For monetary donations, please make check out to S.O.S. M.O.W. Please mail donation to AAA, 6955 Foothill boulevard, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Suite 300, Oakland, CA 94605</li> </ul>
I. COMMITTEE REPORTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Executive Committee</b> – No report.</li> <li>• <b>Service Delivery</b> – No report.</li> <li>• <b>Public Relations</b> – No Report.</li> <li>• <b>Legislative</b> – No Report.</li> </ul>
J. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AAA Senior Information and Assistance Roundtable on November 17, 2023, from 10:00a to 12:00p via Teams. For more information, please contact <a href="mailto:SeniorInfo@acgov.org">SeniorInfo@acgov.org</a>.</li> </ul>
K. OTHER ITEMS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Next Meetings:</b> No meetings for the remainder of November and December 2023 Next scheduled ACA General Meeting Monday, January 8, 2024</li> </ul>
L. ADJOURNMENT	Meeting adjourned at 11:04a.

ACA MEETING SCHEDULE Guest  
**Tentative Speakers & Meeting Topics**

2023 Meetings	
November 13th	<b>Wendy Peterson</b> , Senior Services Coalition of Alameda County Presentation on CalAIM
December	NO MEETING – WINTER BREAK

2024 Meetings (Organizations listed to be considered but not confirmed)	
January 8 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Housing Resources</b> APS - HomeSafe, Rebuilding Together, PEARLS program
February 12 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Mental Health</b> Empowered Aging (?)
March 11 <sup>th</sup>	CWAP Public Hearing
April 8 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Nutrition Services</b> Grab & Go Nutrition Program: Meals on Wheels or Mercy Brown Bag Other meal providers: Spectrum or Open Heart Kitchen
May 13 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Village Movement California</b> Elder Justice, Representation from local Villages
June 10 <sup>th</sup>	ELECTIONS – Nomination Committee
July	NO MEETING – SUMMER BREAK
August 12 <sup>th</sup>	<b>National Will &amp; Estate Planning Month</b> APS, Public Guardian Director
September 9 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Fall Prevention Month</b> TBD
October 14 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Is a County HOLIDAY (do we move it to next Monday or the next day, Tuesday?)</i> <b>Open Enrollment</b> LAS Hicap Member
November 11 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Is a County HOLIDAY (do we move it to next Monday or the next day, Tuesday?)</i> <b>Theme?</b> CalAIM
December	NO MEETING – WINTER BREAK