



GENERAL SESSION MEETING MINUTES 13,
January, Monday, 2025 | 9:15AM – 11:45AM

Alameda County Social Services Agency (Eastmont)
Maxwell Park Room
6955 Foothill Blvd, Suite 143 (First Floor)
Oakland, CA 94605

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| <p>ACA Commissioners Present Barbara Price - Virtual Bobby Arte Grant (Vice Chair) - Virtual Denyse McCowan Linda Boykins Laura McMichael-Cady (Chair) Lisa Malul - Virtual Michael Goetz Pricilla Banks Commissioners Absent</p> | <p>County of Alameda Staff Present Rhoda Turner Janet Weisman Diarra Piggue Amritpal Gill Kim Fogel Jennifer Stephens-Pierre</p> |
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| Item | Discussion / Action Item |
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| A. CALL TO ORDER | Meeting called to order at 9:25am Roll Call of Commissioners Quorum achieved. |
| B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Motion to accept meeting minutes from 10/14/2024: (M) Laura McMichael-Cady (S) Michael Goetz Approved. ○ Motion to accept meeting minutes from 10/23/2024 (Retreat): (M) Laura McMichael-Cady (S) Denyse McCowan Approved. ○ Motion to accept meeting minutes from 11/25/2024 (Special Meeting): (M) Laura McMichael-Cady (S) Denyse McCowan Approved. ○ Motion to accept meeting minutes from 12/9/2024: (M) Laura McMichael-Cady (S) Denyse McCowan Approved. |



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| <p>C. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC</p> | <p>Hannah Karpilow, the chair for the Public Authority IHSS Commission mentioned that they are looking for new experienced advocates to become members of their commission.</p> |
| <p>D. COMMENTS FROM THE ACA CHAIR</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Motion to have the annual recess in June and December. (M) Laura McMichael-Cady (S) Denyse McCowan Approved. |
| <p>E. PRESENTATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Family Support Services | <p>Raelene Okoh and Angela Davis from Family Support Services spoke and showed a presentation on Respite Care Services.</p> |
| <p>F. AAA DIRECTOR'S REPORT</p> | <p>Jennifer Stephens-Pierre discussed the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Commission Budget Update: The Board letter was written, so the commission may utilize the funds. Target date is February. This will be a fiscal year budget that ends in June. The final amount of the buget was \$6,200. 2. Staffing Update: There are some key positions that are open in AAA, one of them being the Senior Nutritionist along wh multiple program specialist positions open. Interviews will be held next week for the program specialist positions. 3. Overview of Program: AAA will be meeting with the Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC) Program, to discuss the budget for the upcoming year and the what the priorities will be. The ADRC is a program that provides a direct service. 4. AAA Monitoring: AAA have been working diligently to address the program findings. They have been meeting with the California Dept. of Aging to make sure they understand what the findings are and to work towards correcting them. <p><i>Action: The California Dept. of Aging will be meeting with AAA for the next six months to make sure the concerns are addressed.</i></p> <p><i>Action: Jennifer Stephens-Pierre will give a written update to where they are on nutrition services.</i></p> |



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| <p>G. ACA Retreat</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ACA Mission Statement ▪ Commission’s Objectives and Goals | <p>Chair Laura McMichael-Cady discussed the ACA Mission Statement. She stated that they have an old mission statement from three or four years ago that was changed. She mentioned the importance to get clarity moving forward and to figure out specifically what the commission would want to focus on for the next six months or three years.</p> <p>The commission had a whole list of objectives. It was suggested that they focus more on issues around the budget, staffing particularly a nutritionist, and supporting the AAA.</p> <p>Commissioner McMichael-Cady stated that one of the more effective ways is to communicate with the BOS/ supervisor.</p> <p><i>Action: Chair McMichael-Cady will draft a mission statement for the commission to review.</i></p> <p><i>Action: The Commission’s Objective and Goals will be discussed at the next meeting along with the Retreat.</i></p> |
| <p>H. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Executive Committee: The next Executive Committee will be held on Monday, January 27th. ○ Service Delivery: First meeting of the year will be held today following the General Session Meeting. ○ Public Relations: The newest newsletter is out. ○ Legislative: None. AAA Director Jennifer Stephens-Pierre stated that Just Aging is doing a seminar on how to do legislative advocacy. <p><i>Action: Jennifer Stephens-Pierre will share with the commission the 2025 legislative priorities at the next month’s meeting.</i></p> |
| <p>I. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS/PUBLIC COMMENT</p> | <p>None.</p> |
| <p>J. ADJOURNMENT</p> | <p>Meeting adjourned at 11:27 am.</p> |