


GENERAL SESSION MEETING MINUTES

10, March, Monday, 2025 | 9:30AM – 11:45AM

Alameda County Social Services Agency (Eastmont)
Maxwell Park Room

6955 Foothill Blvd, Suite 143 (First Floor)

Oakland, CA 94605

ACA Commissioners Present

 Barbara Price
 Denyse McCowan
 Linda Boykins
 Laura McMichael-Cady (Chair)
 Lisa Malul
 Michael Goetz
 Pricilla Banks
 John Schinkel

Commissioners Absent

Bobby Arte Grant (Vice Chair)

County of Alameda Staff Present

 Rhoda Turner
 Diarra Piggue
 Kim Fogel
 Jennifer Stephens-Pierre
 Janet Weisman
 Connie Soriano
 Janine Carlson

Guests

 Sheryl Morasco
 Andrea Mok
 Pricilla J. Banks
 Mey Funabiki

Item	Discussion / Action Item
A. CALL TO ORDER	Meeting called to order at 9:38am Roll Call of Commissioners Quorum achieved.
B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES	Motion to accept meeting minutes from 2/10/2025: (M) Michael Goetz (S) Denyse McCowan Approved.
C. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC	None.
D. COMMENTS FROM THE ACA CHAIR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ New commissioner John Schinkel from Fremont introduced himself. ○ The commission discussed attendance issues and approved sending reminder letters to absent commissioners. Motion: Send an attendance letter/ email to all current Commissioners reminding them of the ACA's virtual and in-person attendance policies (M) Laura McMichael-Cady



	(S) Michael Goetz Approved. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Debrief of the Board of Supervisors Social Services Committee presentation from 2/24/25.
E. PRESENTATION Organization: Center for Elders Independence (CEI) Topic: Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE)	<i>Presentation from the Center for Elders Independence on their PACE program.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sheryl Morasco, the Director of Outreach and Enrollment shared that the Center for Elders Independence (CEI), is a non-profit organization that operates the Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) in Alameda & Contra Costa counties. They service seniors 55 and older who qualify for skilled nursing care but wish to remain living independently in their communities.
F. AAA DIRECTOR'S REPORT	<i>Jennifer Stephens-Pierre, AAA Director spoke on the following:</i> Administrative Report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The approved commission budget is \$6,250. <i>Jennifer encouraged members to consider how to use the funds before the fiscal year ends in June.</i> The commission was advised to start planning their budget for the next fiscal year, including potential attendance at the State conference in Southern California. The director mentioned her upcoming attendance at the US Aging conference in Chicago in July, where they have submitted an award proposal for their healthcare career pathways program. Jennifer discussed the contradictory about funding for programs like Meals on Wheels and the uncertainty surrounding potential impacts on their agency in the coming years. Staffing Update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A new Program Specialist has been hired and will be onboarding soon. The Senior Nutritionist position, which has been open since last year has been a struggle to fill.



- The Area on Aging (AAA) has openings for a Social Worker III, Admin. Specialist II, and a Specialist Clerk I.
- Senior Nutrition Month is in March and The AAA will be accepting a proclamation from the Board of Supervisors. This will be a great opportunity in aiming to increase visibility in funding nutrition programs.

CDA Response to ACA Monitoring:

- The AAA had a lot of findings in their monitoring in September which resulted in a CAP Action Plan.
- The team is currently in their mediation phase where they meet with various CDA branches to review the findings.
- The team have corrected 50% of the findings..

CDA Audit

- The fiscal unit is undergoing an audit for the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 year.

RFP

- The next major project for AAA is to launch the RFP process for the 2026-2030 year.
- It's over an 18-month process.
- Main factors will include service providers, reimbursement rates, and advertising the RFP's.

Legislative Watch

- SB-1249 passed. Designation and Jurisdiction of AAA's. State Association is determining what this means.

G. Area Plan Update

Kim Fogel, Management Analyst and Senior Planner, AAA, shared:

- Area Agency on Aging is preparing for its annual Area Plan Update (APU) process.
- Explained that they will need to conduct a public hearing and get the Commission's signed approval of the update.
- The AAA is currently finalizing revisions to the 2024-2028 Area Plan requested by the State.



H. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS	<p>Executive Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Executive Committee meets on the 4th Monday of every month at 9 a.m. This is the time to propose speakers for the general meeting and share information from your committees. <p>Public Relations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The newsletter should be done in the next few days. Will address “What’s going on” nationwide, “If you have issues with immigration. <p>Legislative:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Commissioner Price mentioned that she will be participating in the annual on-line training. <p>Service Delivery:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Commissioner Banks mentioned that she will be meeting with Commissioner Marquez to discuss how the sub-committee wants to interact with health services committee monthly to go over the key items of concern. ○ Commissioner Goetz created a form/Check list that will be used at site visits. ○ Commissioner Banks asked, “What have we discussed at this meeting that we want to pass on to Social Services”. ○ Structure is what the Service Delivery committee is looking for during the site visits. ○ Commissioner Banks reiterated that she she would like to have a column in the newsletter. One of the items that she would like to see is resources for individuals who don’t have Medi-Cal.
I. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS/PUBLIC COMMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Commissioner Linda Boykins mentioned that next month would be her last month on the Commission, and that she will return to work on the RFP’s. ○ Janet Weisman mentioned that Legal Assistance for Seniors is hosting a Scam Jam at the San Leandro Senior Center on June 12th.
J. ADJOURNMENT	Meeting adjourned at 11:54 am.