



ACA GENERAL SESSION MEETING AGENDA

Monday, February 10, 2025

9:15am – 11:45am

IN-PERSON MEETING

Alameda County Social Services Agency (Eastmont)

Maxwell Park Room

[\(Directions to Conference Room\)](#)

6955 Foothill Blvd, Suite 143 (First Floor)
Oakland, CA 94605

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Agenda Item	Material Provided	Presenter	Time
CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL		Chair	9:15--9:20
APPROVAL MEETING MINUTES: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ January 13, 2025 		Chair/Commission	9:20--9:25
COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Items not on the agenda 		General Public	9:25--9:35
COMMENTS FROM THE ACA CHAIR: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ACA General Session start time change to 9:30am. ▪ BOS Presentation 		Chair	9:35--9:55
SERVICE DELIVERY SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Monthly Report 		Comm. Banks/Commission	9:55--10:15
AAA DIRECTOR'S REPORT		AAA Staff	10:15--10:25



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ACA RETREAT: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mission Statement Draft ▪ ACA Goals and Objectives 		ACA Chair/Commission	10:25—11:15
SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Executive ▪ Service Delivery ▪ Public Relations ▪ Legislative 		Committee Chair/Member	11:15—11:35
ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Commissioners ▪ Staff ▪ Public 		Commissioners, Staff, Public	11:35—11:45
ADJOURNMENT		Chair	11:45

ACA UPDATES:

- Next ACA General Session Meeting: March 10, 2025

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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
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.



<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>



<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>

The Alameda County Advisory Commission On Aging

is appointed by the Board of
Supervisors and the Mayor's Conference in
order to provide advice and oversight to the
Area Agency on Aging in funding local services
for seniors.

Accomplishments in 2024/2025

- Our Quarterly Senior Update Newsletter, which focused on: senior resources, MediCare and MediCal, health issues like Diabetes, diet and fitness tips, advice for senior immigrants, scams aimed at seniors, homelessness, and other pertinent topics.
- An Elder Abuse Prevention Webinar, which was well attended and featured speakers from local senior service agencies.
- A letter of Concern to the BOS outlining AAA and County budgetary issues and how they are affecting service provision.
- 50 holiday baskets to local seniors.
- A new mission statement with updated goals and objectives.

Mission Statement

- The Advisory Commission on Aging advocates for Alameda County seniors by advising and collaborating with the Area Agency on Aging and providing a conduit for information to flow between local seniors, the Area Agency on Aging, providers of services, and the Alameda County Board of Supervisors.

Objectives

- To look for solutions to budgetary, staffing and service provision issues.
- To make the BOS aware of budgetary, staffing, and service provision issues within the AAA and among the community based organizations and seniors they serve.
- To collaborate with the AAA and the community based organizations they fund on finding and implementing solutions.
- To keep the public informed and receive feedback through our monthly meetings, newsletter, attendance at community events, and conversations with other seniors.

Needs

- An improved channel of communication with the Board of Supervisors.
- More commissioners.
- A budget, allowing us to attend local and national events to share information and ideas with other advisory commissions.

Thank you.

Questions or feedback?

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We do so by:

- 1) Advocating for solutions to budgetary, staffing, and service issues.
- 2) Making the Board of Supervisors aware of issues with service provision.
- 3) Collaborating with AAA-funded community service providers and the AAA.
- 4) Interacting with the public through our monthly meetings, newsletter, attendance at community events and conversations with other seniors.



COMMISSIONER MEETING REVIEW

**Monthly Report to Services Committee
Alameda County Board of Supervisors**

From: AC Advisory Council on Aging, Services Committee

Thank you. We appreciate your willingness to read and consider our observations.

Services Committee Meeting Date:

Key Takeaways:

Specifics we would like the Services Committee to consider.

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