



VENTURA COUNTY AREA AGENCY ON AGING ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

November 9, 2022

9:00 a.m. to 11:00 am

Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council Center

646 County Square Drive, Ventura

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88169383919>

VCAAA Advisory Council Role – To provide leadership, input, and advocacy as facilitators between VCAAA and the community, in support of VCAAA's mission.

VCAAA Role – VCAAA is the responsible agency to seek, serve, administer, and manage available funding to ensure resources are allocated to serve Ventura County, creating integrated community-based services where older adults and people with disabilities can age in their community with dignity and respect.

A G E N D A

- 9:00 a.m.
1. Call to Order and Agenda Review Karen Gorback
 2. Pledge of Allegiance Tony Gitt
 3. Approval of Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council Minutes of September 14, 2022 Karen Gorback
 4. Public Comments

Procedure: The public is welcome to comments. All comments not related to items on the agenda may be made at the beginning of the meeting only. Comments are limited to three minutes per person.
 5. Consent Agenda Items Karen Gorback
 - 5.1 Housing Committee Report – September 20, 2022
 - 5.2 Transportation Committee Report – September 14, 2022
 - 5.3 Workforce Committee Report – September 16, 2022
 - 5.4 Nutrition and Health Committee Report – Sept 28, 2022
 - 5.5 Optimal Aging Committee Report – October 19, 2022

DISCUSSION ITEMS/MOTION

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| 6. | Consider Adoption of a Resolution Authorizing Remote Staff Teleconference Meetings of the Advisory Council for a 30-Day Period Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953, Subdivision (e), of the Ralph M. Brown Act | Karen Gorback |
| 7. | Recommendation for Advisory Council to Approve and for Chair Gorback to Submit Public Comments to the Administration for Community Living on the National Family Caregiver Strategy | Maureen Hodge |

PRESENTATION/INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

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| 8. | Legacy Awards – Optimal Aging Committee | Alice Sweetland |
| 9. | Program Spotlight – Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program and Medicare Open Enrollment – What You Need to Know | Sonia Vaughn |
| 10. | Ventura County Master Plan for Aging Implementation | Victoria Jump |
| 11. | ADRC Standing Business – Update on Goals and Workplan <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sustainable Funding• Subcommittee Formation | Ben Rhodes |
| 12. | AB 2449 – Changes to Remote Attendance Requirements Under the Ralph M Brown Act | Victoria Jump |
| 13. | Other Committee Meetings: <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. California Senior Legislature Update – 10.3.22 Final Reportb. California Senior Legislature Press Release – 11.1.22c. VCAAA Foundation Updated. LGBTQ Aging Coalitione. Dementia Friendly Ventura County | Gitt/Gorback/
Guerra
Nowlin
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Shapiro
Hashemzadeh |
| 14. | Meeting Calendar | |
| 15. | Comments from the Chair | Karen Gorback |
| 16. | Other Business | Karen Gorback |
| 11:00 am 17. | Adjournment | Karen Gorback |

The next meeting will be:

Wednesday, January 11, 2023, 2023 (9:00 am – 11:00
am) Via Zoom and in person

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VENTURA COUNTY AREA AGENCY ON AGING
Advisory Council Meeting Minutes
646 County Square Drive, Suite 100
Ventura, CA 93003
September 14, 2022

Advisory Council Members Present:

Loretta Allen (Thousand Oaks COA)	William Nelson (Ventura COA)
Ron Berkowsky (Focused Population)	Bill Nugent (Ojai COA)
Denise Calhoun (BOS)	Clark Owens (Oxnard COA)
Smita Dandekar (BOS)	Janet Plant (Simi Valley COA)
Carina Forsythe (Fillmore COA)	Anna Reilley (Fillmore COA)
Jaydon Gaines (Service Provider)	Nancy Rowe (Camarillo COA)
Tony Gitt (CSL)	Anita Ruiz (BOS)
Karen Gorback (CSL)	Martha Shapiro (Service Provider)
Rossanna Guerra (CSL)	Peter Schreiner (Focused Population)
Lynette Harvey (Service Provider)	Marietta Sperry (Simi Valley COA)
Maureen Hodge (Focused Population)	Alice Sweetland (Oxnard COA)
Carol Leish (Focused Population)	Sylvia Taylor Stein (BOS)
Maria Munguia (Santa Paula COA)	

Advisory Council Members Absent:

Stephanie Belding (Thousand Oaks COA)	Reynaldo Rivera (Focused Population)
Carmen Reyes (Camarillo COA)	Sue Tatangelo (Service Provider)

VCAAA Staff Members Present:

Haleh Hashemzadeh (CPO Manager)	Benjamin Rhodes (DPO Manager)
Victoria Jump (Director)	Jason Sagar (Program Manager)
Monique Nowlin (Deputy Director)	Rene Verduzco
Maricela Pardo	

Members of the Public Present:

Hannah (Senior Concerns Thousand Oaks)	Sarah Mailes (City of Thousand Oaks)
Danny Haro	

- 1) Call to Order and Agenda Review** – The September 14, 2022, Advisory Council meeting was called to order at 9:01 am by Chair Karen Gorback.

Motion: Approve agenda for the September 14, 2022, Advisory Council Meeting
Moved by: Carol Leish, seconded by Clark Owens

Result: Motion passed

- 2) Pledge of Allegiance** – The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Martha Shapiro.

- 3) **Administering the Oath of Office to New Members** – Monique Nowlin swore in: Loretta Allen, Ron Berkowsky, Denise Calhoun, Smita Dandekar, Rossanna Guerra, Bill Nugent, Sylvia Taylor Sten, to the Ventura County Area Agency on Aging's Advisory Council. Signed oaths were collected and filed by Rene Verduzco.

- 4) **Approval of Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council Minutes of May 11, 2022**

Motion: Approve with the addition of Karen Gorback's attendance at the July 13, 2022, Advisory Council Meeting.

Moved by: Clark Owens, seconded by Carol Leish

Result: Motion passed

- 5) **Public Comments** – 1) Hannah from Senior Concerns announced that they will be hosting an early memory loss support group in Thousand Oaks on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 3 PM in person. 2) Denise Calhoun introduced herself as the newest member of the VCAAA Advisory Council. 3) Sarah Mailes introduced herself as the staff liaison with The City of Thousand Oaks.

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- 6) **Consent Agenda Items**

6.1 Housing Committee Report – May 17, 2022

6.2 Transportation Committee Report – May 31, 2022

6.3 Workforce Committee Report – May 26, 2022

6.4 Optimal Aging Committee – March 24, 2022

6.5 Optimal Aging Committee Report – May 25, 2022

Motion: Approve all consent agenda items

Moved by Clark Owens, seconded by Martha Shapiro

Result: Motion passed

DISCUSSION ITEMS/PRESENTATION/MOTION

- 7.1) **Consider Adoption of a Resolution Authorizing Remote Staff Teleconference Meetings of the Advisory Council for a 30-Day Period Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953, Subdivision (e), of the Ralph M. Brown Act**

Motion: Approve

Moved by: Martha Shapiro, seconded by Carol Leish

Result: Motion Passed

- 7.2) **2022 VCAAA Advisory Council Local Agency Biennial Notice** – Director Jump presented the amended 2022 VCAAA Bylaws. This updated amendment would

add 1 additional member slot to the Advisory Council bringing the total number of members from 37 to 38.

Motion: Approve

Moved by: Maureen Hodge, seconded by Sylvia Taylor-Stein

Result: Motion Passed

- 7.3) Recommendation for Use of California Department of Aging Older Adults Recovery and Resilience (OARR) Funding for Legal Services –** Martha Shapiro informed the council that she, Lynette Harvey and Victoria Jump met to discuss the budget of \$434,359 available to expand legal services for older adults. The recommendation is to expand legal services provided by Gray Law and supplement the pro bono legal service programs already in place. The recommendation also includes contracting with the Housing Rights Center or another organization that specializes in housing law. The budget would also be used to provide online educational programs for the public to help older adults.

Motion: Approve

Moved by: Nancy Rowe, seconded by Clark Owens

Result: Motion Passed

- 7.4) ADRC Standing Business – Update on Goals and Workplan**
- **Update on system transition from ReferNet to i-Carol**
 - **In Depth Analysis of Call Center Data per Advisory Council Request**

Benjamin Rhodes shared a PowerPoint presentation with the committee. i-Carol was launched on August 1, 2022. The new program provides VCAAA with real time data for contact with clients including locations, repeat callers, number of calls and call lengths. Per i-Carol data, 97% of callers are repeat callers, showing that most callers are not lost once the conversation is over. Data from i-Carol is presented to the CDA for sustainable funding formula for future funding allocations.

Motion: Approve Benjamin Rhodes' report to the Advisory Council.

Moved by: Carol Leish, seconded by Martha Shapiro

Result: Motion Passed

- 7.5) Recommendation on Proposed Expenditures for the California Department of Aging Older Adults Recovery and Resilience (OARR) Funding for Intergenerational Meals –** The State of California provided 30-month funding to VCAAA. About \$500,000 is for intergenerational meals that will be used to supplement existing meal programs. The Senior Nutrition and Health Committee is recommending using the funding to supplement the home delivered meals program, Foodbox program and congregate dining meals sites.

Motion: Approve
Moved by: Clark Owens, seconded by Anita Ruiz
Abstentions: Martha Shapiro

Result: Motion Passed

- 7.6) PIO Update** – Monique Nowlin updated the committee with the status of our Public Information Officer hiring. Currently, the vacancy has not been filled but interviews will be conducted over the next few weeks. Monique also shared the Fall Prevention “Farewell to Falls” flyer. The event will be held September 12th through 16th via Zoom.

Motion: Approve PIO Update
Moved by: Karen Gorback

Result: Motion Passed

- 7.7) Program Spotlight – Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program and Medicare Open Enrollment – What You Need to Know** – Tabled for November 19th, 2022 Advisory Council Meeting.

- 7.8) Ventura County Master Plan for Aging** – Victoria Jump shared with the council that the Master Plan for Aging will be presented to the Board of Supervisors on October 11, 2022, at 11 AM for approval. A draft of the Master Plan will be shared with the Advisory Council prior to the Board of Supervisors Hearing. The Master Plan on Aging features goals for Housing, Health, Inclusion and Equity, Caregiving and Affordable Aging. The VCAAA Board Letter will also ask the Board of Supervisors to sign a resolution for The County of Ventura to become “Age Friendly”.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- 8) Meeting Calendar** – [2022-2023 Advisory Council Meeting Schedule](#)
9) Committee Membership List – [2022-2023 Committee Preference Form](#)
10) Other Committee Meetings

- a. California Senior Legislature Update** – Tony Gitt provided the status of the following bills submitted to the Governor of California:

AB 2069 – Under review, Governor has until 9/30/22 to sign or veto.
AB 2077 – Under review, Governor has until 9/30/22 to sign or veto.
AB 2145 – Approved by Governor.
AB 2511 – Under review, Governor has until 9/30/22 to sign or veto.
AB 2338 – Under review, Governor has until 9/30/22 to sign or veto.
SB 842 – Under review, Governor has until 9/30/22 to sign or veto.

b. VCAAA Foundation Update – Monique shared that the Foundation Committee is looking for other ways to fund VCAAA. Recently, cat and dog food funds were added to the VCAAA Foodbox Program. Chair Gorback suggested each member of the Advisory Council bring a bag of dog or cat food to the next Advisory Council meeting to donate to VCAAA.

c. LGBT Aging Coalition – Monique read Martha Shapiro's report to the council. The LGBT Coalition thanked the Advisory Council for adding the Pride Flag to the room. The LGBT Coalition will continue to provide training to businesses that serve older adults. A steering committee is being formed to help establish leadership, vote on important topics, and help plan future meetings and projects.

d. Dementia Friendly Ventura County – Haleh Hashemzadeh shared with the committee that the first one stop shop for Living Well Caring Well was a success. There were over 50 participants who attended the event. Events will be quarterly at different locations throughout the county. The next one stop shop will be held October 7th.

e. Optimal Aging – Monique shared with new members that Optimal Aging is a sub-committee created by the Advisory Council. The committee focused on active older adults who frequently volunteer and want to be involved in the community.

- 11) **Comments from the Chair** – Chair Gorback thanked committee members and staff for continued attendance and work with the Advisory Council.
- 12) **Other Business** – None.
- 13) **Adjournment** – The July 13, 2022, Advisory Council meeting was adjourned in memory of Supervisor Ramirez. Monique highlighted some of Supervisor Ramirez's work with the Advisory Council. During the Covid Pandemic she volunteered her time to help with the agency's Foodbox deliveries. Meeting adjourned at 11:04 AM.

TO: VCAAA Advisory Council Members
FROM: Martha Shapiro, Committee Chair
DATE: September 20th, 2022
SUBJECT: **Housing Committee Report from September 20th, 2022**

Housing Committee Members Present:

Stephanie Belding (Thousand Oaks COA)	Anna Reilley (Fillmore COA)
Jaydon Gaines (Service Provider)	Martha Shapiro (Service Provider)
Rossanna Guerra (CSL)	

Housing Committee Members Absent:

Carina Forsythe (Fillmore COA)	Bill Nugent (Ojai COA)
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VCAAA Staff Members Present:

Monique Nowlin (Deputy Director)	Ben Rhodes (Direct Program Operations Manager)
Denise Noguera (Call Center Manager)	Rene Verduzco (Management Assistant)

- 1. Welcome and Introductions** – The VCAAA Housing Committee meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm. Staff and present committee members took turns introducing themselves and roles with VCAAA Housing Committee and Advisory Council. The Housing Committee did not reach a quorum for today's meeting.
- 2. Public Comments** – No public comments.
- 3. Special Guest Speaker – Laura Fanucchi, Associate Executive Director, HIP Housing** – Laura gave a PowerPoint presentation on HIP (Human Investment Project) Housing based in San Mateo County. HIP Housing serves as an information and referral center receiving about 2,500 calls a year regarding housing and community resources. They offer a "Self Sufficiency Program" focusing on lowing income families with children and emancipated foster youth with or without children. The program offers case management, life skills development and housing support for 2.5 years. HIP Housing also serves as a Property Development company with 437 units of affordable housing. Funding comes from rental income and property management contracts with for profit companies. HIP Housing has a HomeShare program for seekers and providers similar to VCAAA that is county sponsored and funded by foundations.
- 4. HomeShare Update** – Benjamin Rhodes shared with the committee that the HomeShare website has been updated to feature a 10 question initial interest

survey for seekers and providers. The survey results are immediately available in Homeless Management Information System. VCAAA has received 45 initial interest surveys in the last month.

- 5. Discuss Future Committee Goals – Tabled**
- 6. Next Meeting Date – November 15, 2022, from 2 pm to 3 pm.**
- 7. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 3:10 PM.**

TO: VCAAA Advisory Council Members
FROM: Tony Gitt, Committee Chair
DATE: September 14th, 2022
SUBJECT: **Transportation Committee Report from September 14th, 2022**

Transportation Committee Members Present:

Tony Gitt (CSL)
Clark Owens (Oxnard COA)
Peter Schreiner (Focused Population)

VCAAA Staff Members Present:

Monique Nowlin (Deputy Director)
Maricela Pardo (Transportation & Elder Help Coordinator)
Benjamin Rhodes (Direct Program Operations Manager)
Rene Verduzco (Management Assistant)

1. **Welcome and Introductions** – Meeting was called to order at 11:17 AM. The committee reached a quorum. All members of the Transportation Committee are present.
2. **Public Comments** – None.
3. **Elder Help Update** – Benjamin Rhodes introduced Maricela Pardo as the new Transportation & Elder Help Coordinator. Maricela has a background in Social Work coming from In Home Support Services. Benjamin informed the committee that the Auditor Controller approved the agreement to move forward with the Transportation Committee's reloadable bus passes. As of September 14, 2022, the Camarillo Dial a Ride has agreed to stop using paper tickets and adopt the VCTC reloadable bus pass. East County is willing to pilot the reloadable bus pass this year with no set start date. With the transition of the reloadable bus passes it was discovered that there were clients hoarding paper tickets. The new system will make it much easier to track use. For now, VCTC will continue issuing paper tickets to West County Go Access.
4. **Future Goals to Address for FY 22-23** – The Transportation Committee is requesting the following:
 - Microsoft Cloud License for Chair Gitt to review real time data as soon as it's uploaded by Benjamin Rhodes.
 - Bi-monthly reports by Benjamin Rhodes presenting data gathered from the new VCTC Reloadable Bus Passes.
5. **Next Meeting Date** – The next Transportation Committee meeting will be held on November 9, 2022.
6. **Adjournment** – The Transportation Committee meeting was adjourned at 12:10 pm.

TO: VCAAA Advisory Council Members

FROM: Karen Gorback, Committee Chair

DATE: September 16th, 2022

SUBJECT: Workforce Committee Report from September 16th, 2022

Committee Members Present

Loretta Allen (Thousand Oaks COA)
Stephanie Belding (Thousand Oaks COA)
Karen Gorback (CSL)

Rossanna Guerra (CSL)
Carol Leish (Focused Population)
William Nelson (Ventura COA)

VCAAA Staff Present

Monique Nowlin (Director)

Rene Verduzco (Management Assistant)

1. **Welcome and Introductions** – Meeting was called to order at 10:13 AM. The Workforce Committee reached a quorum with 6 of 7 members present. Karen Gorback introduced Rossanna Guerra as a new member of the Advisory Council and Workforce Committee.
2. **Public Comments** – No public comments.
3. **Update on Get That Job Presentation** – Monique Nowlin shared with the committee that Janette Jauregui is no longer with the VCAAA. Although Janette was directly involved with the “Get That Job” video, the project will not put aside. Janette left thorough instructions of how to move forward.
4. **SCSEP (Senior Community Service Employment Program) Update** – Monique Nowlin shared with the committee that the SCSEP program also know as Title V was adopted by VCAAA but has always been offered by The County. VCAAA currently has 4 open positions for Title V and we are reaching out to the community to fill those slots. Monique shared that one of our Title V employees was offered a regular job thanks to the experience gained through VCAAA.
5. **2022-2023 Committee Goals Discussion** – Carol Leish would like for VCAAA and the Workforce Committee to create a “Get That Job” video specifically for older adults with disabilities. After discussion, the committee concluded a better use of the committee’s time would be to find job training videos that have already been created by other organizations and to make them available to our older adult clients. William and Monique have volunteered to reach out to businesses directly and inform them of the benefits that come with hiring older adults. Monique would like to bring forward “National Older Workers Week” to the Board of Supervisor’s for recognition. Rossanna would like to work towards creating a job fair for older adults as a long term goal of the Workforce Committee.

6. **Next Meeting Date** –The next Workforce Committee will be held on November 18th, 2022.
7. **Adjournment** - Meeting was adjourned at 10:49 AM.

TO: VCAAA Advisory Council Members

FROM: Lynette Harvey, Committee Chair

DATE: September 28th, 2022

SUBJECT: **Nutrition and Health Committee Report from September 28th, 2022**

Committee Members Present

Loretta Allen (Thousand Oaks COA)	Maria Munguia (Santa Paula COA)
Karen Gorback (CSL)	Anita Ruiz (BOS)
Lynette Harvey (Service Provider)	Marietta Sperry (Simi Valley COA)
Maureen Hodge (Focused Population)	Sue Tatangelo (Service Provider)

VCAAA Staff Present

Julianna Eusano (Fall Prevention Coordinator) Benjamin Rhodes (DPO Manager)

1. **Chair Update** – The Senior Nutrition and Health Committee Meeting was called to order at 12:30 PM. Sue Tatangelo joined briefly to officially step down as chair and elect Lynette Harvey as chair of the Health & Nutrition Committee.

Motion: Elect Lynette Harvey as chair for the Health & Nutrition Committee

Result: Motion Passed

2. **Meal Program Update** – Benjamin Rhodes shared that we are reassessing food box clients by the end of September, and will be reprioritizing based on highest need (a combination of not receiving the Commodity Box from Food Share, unable/unwilling to leave their home to obtain food, and a calculated nutritional risk assessment) combined with available funding, largely from the intergenerational funds, balanced against increased food costs to align with dietary requirements for IIIC, inflation, and gas prices (for transportation). Benjamin shared demographics and ongoing data analysis using a PowerBI dashboard that incorporates data from the meal application as it is received. A robust discussion about how to communicate these changes and how to prioritize clients ensued. The committee agrees in using these one-time funds to supplement existing meal programs and wants to maximize supports for those at highest need.

Motion: Approve one-time funds to supplement existing meal programs.

Result: Motion passed

3. **Fall Prevention Forum Updates** – Benjamin and Julianna Eusano explained to the committee that the Virtual Fall Prevention Forum was held on September 12-16, 2022. The forum provided various videos with educational information and demonstrations regarding falls and how to prevent them. The final day of the forum featured a live panel where members of the public were able to ask live questions to the panel of doctors and experts. The Board of Supervisor's passed a Fall Prevention recognition for the week of September 18-24, 2022 and year after year.

4. **Other Business** – The committee discussed the ongoing senior brain health seminars, pending nutrition placemat revision, and agreed to focus on the previously written objectives moving forward under Lynette's leadership as chair.
5. **Next Meeting Date** – The next Health & Nutrition Committee meeting will be held on November 16, 2022.
6. **Adjournment** – Meeting was adjourned at 1:23 PM.

TO: VCAAA Advisory Council Members

FROM: Alice Sweetland, Optimal Aging Committee Chair

DATE: October 19th, 2022

SUBJECT: Optimal Aging Committee Report from October 19th, 2022

Committee Members Present

Loretta Allen (Thousand Oaks COA)
Ron Berkowsky (Focused Population)
Denise Calhoun (BOS)
Carol Leish (Focused Population)
Alice Sweetland (Oxnard COA)

Committee Members Absent

Maureen Hodge (Focused Population)
Janet Plant (Simi Valley COA)
Carmen Reyes (Camarillo COA)
Nancy Rowe (Camarillo COA)
Sylvia Taylor-Stein (Focused Population)

VCAAA Staff Present

Haleh Hashemzadeh (CPO Manager)
Rene Verduzco (Management Assistant)

- **Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order via Zoom at 9:04 a.m.
- **Welcome and Introductions** – The committee welcomed one another. There were no guests in attendance.
- **Public Comments** – There were no public comments.
- **Legacy Award Nomination** – The committee reviewed the existing nomination packet and discussed award categories. Bill Cunneen will be awarded the Community Member award, Gables of Ojai will be awarded the Business Organization award, and Camarillo Health Care District will be awarded the Dementia Friendly Business/Organization award.

Motion: Approve

Result: Motion passed

- **Next Meeting Schedule** –The next meeting is scheduled for November 23, 2022. The committee voted to postpone the meeting until the week after Thanksgiving. The next scheduled meeting is November 30th at 2:00 p.m.
- **Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 a.m. by chair, Alice Sweetland.

Provide feedback on the National Strategy to Support Family Caregivers.

Thank you for taking the time to review and provide comments on the [2022 National Strategy to Support Family Caregivers](#).

Your responses to the questions below will help the Advisory Councils identify priorities for future updates of the Strategy. Please do not include personally identifiable information in your responses as some public comments may be published in future documents released by the RAISE Family Caregivers Act Advisory Council and the Advisory Council to Support Grandparents Raising Grandchildren.

Instructions: Please select one component of the Strategy from the drop-down menu below and provide comments on that document. If you could like to provide general comments that apply to the Strategy as a whole, please select "Global Comment for all Four Components." When you have finished providing your comments, click "submit." If you would like to comment on another component of the Strategy, please fill out this form again. There is no limit to the number of forms you can submit.

Contact Information

First

Last

Email

Please let us know how you are involved in caregiving. Which of the following best describes your role? (Select all that apply.)

- ☐ A family caregiver
- ☐ Employed by an organization that serves family caregivers
- ☐ Employed by a government program that serves family caregivers
- ☒ An advocate for family caregivers
- ☐ A researcher on caregiving topics
- ☐ Other/Prefer not to say

Which component of the strategy are you addressing with your comment?

Within this component of the strategy, what are the three most important topics/issues for the Advisory Councils to focus on moving forward? (1500 characters)

1. Created a coordinated system of care for caregivers, increasing awareness of resources and providing culturally appropriate and relevant services.
2. Strengthen paid workforce and expanding the direct care workforce. - we want to expand the direct care workforce.

Are there issues that are not covered in this component that should be addressed in future updates? 1500 characters

1. No mention is made in the National strategy about the Family Caregiver Support Program under the Older Americans Act. Centers and services are already in place that can greatly assist caregivers. We need funds to sustain and expand the work instead of creating new initiatives that aren't as critical.
2. Silos exist. Every community has projects and initiatives being rolled out that effect caregivers, but we are not working together, and this document only encourages the silos.
3. Many of outcomes lack specificity. More detail is needed in action items beyond the identification process. Where is the funding to roll it out nationally? How to collaborate and not silo? What is the intention of some of these items? A detailed road map is needed beyond outcomes, what are the measurable objectives, the timeline, what is the goal?
4. More emphasis needs to be put on caregiver self-identification and addressing the stigma of asking for help. There should be a unified message and more specifics as to what outreach looks like and dollars assigned to it. There needs to be dedicated funding without the expectation that funding already allocated to existing programs be used for outreach.
5. There is very little mention of the hospital and health care system, yet they are a natural and critical partner in identifying, supporting and connecting caregivers to services. CBO staff should be embedded into the hospital system.
6. Under Goal #3, the Community Care Transition Program should be reinstituted and brought back as it was cost effective in reducing hospital readmissions and provided caregiver support and education in the process.

If you have additional comments on any aspect of the Strategy, please provide them below (500 characters)

☐ By clicking "submit" you agree that any comments you provide about the 2022 National Strategy to Support Family Caregivers are categorized as public information. Submission of name and email address is optional. Compilations of comments (without

names and email addresses) will be provided to members of the RAISE and SGRG Advisory Councils, ACL staff, our partners, and may be posted publicly. Selected comments (also without names and email addresses) may be used in future materials released by the Advisory Councils.

AB 2449

**Remote Attendance Rules under Ralph M. Brown Act's
Opening Meeting Laws**



COUNTY of VENTURA
Area Agency on Aging

Current Rule for Public Meetings - AB 361

Assembly Bill 361's abbreviated teleconferencing procedures, require the Advisory Council to make the following factual determinations by majority vote every 30 days to justify remote or virtual meeting attendance by members:

That a proclaimed state of emergency exists, and either:

1. State or local officials have imposed or recommended social distancing measures, or
2. As a result of a proclaimed state of emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health and safety of attendees. (Gov. Code, § 54953, subd. (e).)

AB 2449

On September 13, 2022, California Governor Gavin Newsom signed California Assembly Bill 2449 (AB 2449) into law. With an effective date of January 1, 2023, AB 2449 imposes new rules with different time periods of implementation through 2026.

The Governor has indicated that he will be removing his proclamation of a declared state of emergency due to COVID-19 on February 28, 2023. When that occurs, AB 361's teleconferencing rules will no longer be available.

Starting with Advisory Council meetings in March 2023, the following will apply unless the Governors Disaster Declaration is extended. If the order is extended AB 361's rules will apply.



AB 2449 – Implications on Advisory Council Meeting from March 2023 – December 2025

AB 2449 requires that at least a quorum of members of the Advisory Council participate in person from a single physical, public location clearly identified on the agenda and within the local agency's territorial jurisdiction. Unless a majority of members are present at one physical location, the Advisory Council may not utilize AB 2449.

If the physical attendance quorum requirement is met, AB 2449 permits a member who is not physically present to request virtual attendance at the Brown Act body's meeting under two circumstances: (1) for "just cause" and (2) due to "emergency circumstances." Both "just cause" and "emergency circumstances" are defined under Government Code section 54953, subdivision (f).



Member's Request to Attend Virtually for "Just Cause"

Request Timing and Procedure: To attend remotely for 'just cause,' a member must (1) notify the Staff of the Advisory Council at the earliest opportunity of the member's need for remote participation, and (2) provide a general description of the circumstances justifying the member's remote attendance. The statute allows a member to make such 'just cause' notification as late as the start of a regular meeting of the Advisory Council. The Advisory Council does not need to take action to allow the member to attend the meeting virtually under such circumstances.

Qualifying Reasons as "Just Cause": AB 2449 provides a specific list of reasons that qualify as 'just cause.' A member has 'just cause' for remote participation only under the following four circumstances:

1. There is a childcare or caregiving need (for a child, parent, grandparent, grandchild, sibling, spouse, or domestic partner) that requires the member to participate remotely.
2. A contagious illness prevents the member from attending the meeting in person.
3. There is a need related to a defined physical or mental disability that is not otherwise accommodated for; or
4. Traveling while on official business of the Advisory Council or another state or local agency

Number of Instances Permitted: A member is limited to two virtual attendances based on 'just cause' per calendar year.



A Member's Request to Attend Virtually Due to an Emergency

Request Timing and Procedure: The Advisory Council member must make a request to the Advisory Council to allow the member to meet remotely due to an emergency circumstance, and further must provide a general description of the emergency circumstance justifying such attendance. The member seeking to appear remotely due to an emergency circumstance must make the request "as soon as possible," and shall make a separate request for each meeting in which they seek to participate remotely.

If the request does not allow sufficient time to be placed on the agenda as a proposed action item, then the Advisory Council may act at the beginning of the meeting in accordance with Government Code section 54954.2, subdivision (b)(4).

Unlike a request for remote attendance for "just cause," a request from a member to attend remotely due to an emergency circumstance requires that the Brown Act body act and approve the remote attendance at the start of the meeting for the member to be allowed to participate remotely for that meeting. If the Advisory Council does not approve the request, the member cannot participate in the meeting remotely.



Qualifying Reasons as an "Emergency Circumstance"

AB 2449 defines "emergency circumstances" as "a physical or family medical emergency that prevents a member from attending the meeting in person." (Gov. Code, § 54953, subd. (j)(1).) A member is not required to disclose any medical diagnosis or disability, or any personal medical information that is already exempt from existing law. (*Id.*, subd. (t)(2)(A)(ii).) No other reasons satisfy an "emergency circumstance."

Number of Instances Permitted: A member's remote participation for an "emergency circumstance" cannot be for more than three consecutive months or 20 percent of the regular meetings for the local agency within a calendar year. (Gov. Code, § 54953, subd. (t)(3).) If the Brown Act body regularly meets fewer than 10 times per calendar year, a member's participation from a remote location cannot be for more than two meetings. (*Ibid.*)



Additional Requirements for a Member Participating Remotely

AB 2449 imposes the following three additional requirements on Advisory Council members seeking to appear remotely:

- Justification for the need to appear virtually - either for "just cause" or due to an "emergency circumstance;"
- Before any action is taken during the meeting, the member must publicly disclose whether any other individuals 18 years of age or older are present in the room at the remote location with the member, and the general nature of the member's relationship with any such individuals. (Gov. Code, § 54953, subd. (f)(2)(B).)
- The Brown Act body member participating from a remote location **must** participate through **both** audio and visual technology. (*Id.*, subd. (t)(2)(C).)

Practical Considerations – Effective March 2023

- Will need to ensure that a physical quorum is secured ahead of each meeting.
- Will require administrative support and record-keeping of:
 - Each member's request to appear remotely under AB 2449's procedures.
 - How many times each member has appeared remotely under its terms.
 - The member's reason for appearing remotely, and any action taken by the Advisory Council.
 - Whether staff can confirm ahead of each meeting that there will be a physical quorum of members for any given meeting, and who will be in physical attendance.

Requirements after January 1, 2026 - Traditional Brown Act Rules Apply

For the Advisory Council to hold remote meetings after January 1, 2026, it must do the following:

1. All votes must be by roll call vote;
2. The teleconference locations must be posted on the agendas and each teleconference location must be identified on the notice and agenda of the meeting or proceeding;
3. Each teleconference location must be made accessible to the public; and
4. During the teleconference, at least a quorum of the members of the Advisory Council must participate from locations within the boundaries of the body's territorial jurisdiction.



Legislative Report

CSL Sponsored Bills

October 3, 2022

BILL #	AUTHOR	SUMMARY	CSL AUTHOR	STATUS
AB 1907	Bauer-Kahan	<u>Long Term Health Care Facilities: Inspections:</u> Implements recommendations by the California State Auditor to align state and federal nursing home inspection timelines. This will increase efficiency and likely increase the number of inspections of skilled nursing facilities by the Department of Public Health.	Non-CSL	Current status: Chaptered. CH 277 Statutes 2022 Click for further information on the bill: https://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/billStatusClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220AB1907
AB 2069	Villapudua	<u>Homecare Services: Scholarships:</u> Enacts the California Caregivers Training Scholarship Act to award 1,000 scholarships of one thousand, five hundred dollars (\$1,500) each to students to be used for home care aid or home health aide training programs at the California Community Colleges or an adult education program. It is the intent of the Legislature that this legislation award scholarships through December 30, 2026, and that scholarship recipients agree to work in the field at least one year.	Gorback (SP-4)	Current status: Vetoeed by Governor. Click for further information on the bill: : https://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/billStatusClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220AB2069
AB 2077	Calderon	<u>Medi-Cal: Monthly Maintenance Amount: Personal & Incidental Needs:</u> Increases the monthly maintenance amount for personal and incidental needs from \$35 to \$50.	Wood (SP-14)	Current status: Vetoeed by Governor. Click for further information on the bill: https://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/billStatusClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220AB2077

BILL #	AUTHOR	SUMMARY	CSL AUTHOR	STATUS
AB 2145	Davies	Dental Services: Skilled Nursing Facilities & Intermediate Care Facilities/Developmentally Disabled: Provides that a registered dental hygienist in alternative practice may render dental services to a patient in a skilled nursing facility or an intermediate care facility/developmentally disabled. The bill would also authorize a registered dental hygienist in alternative practice to provide oral health inservice training to staff in a skilled nursing facility or an intermediate care facility/developmentally disabled.	Fowler (AP-5)	Current status: Chaptered. CH 157 Statutes 2022 Click for further information on the bill: https://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/billStatusClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220AB2145
AB 2338	Gipson	Health Care Decisions: Surrogates: Specifies individuals, in an order of priority, who may be chosen as a surrogate if a patient lacks the capacity to make a health care decision or to designate a surrogate.	Dorio (AP-4)	Current status: Chaptered. CH 782 Statutes 2022 Click for further information on the bill: https://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/billStatusClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220AB2338
AB 2511	Irwin	Skilled Nursing Facilities: Back-up Power Source: States the intent of the Legislature to require a skilled nursing facility to have an alternative source of power in case of an electrical power shut off or an emergency.	Cox (AP-3)	Current status: Chaptered. CH 788 Statutes 2022 Click for further information on the bill: https://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/billStatusClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220AB2511
SB 842	Dodd	Health Care: Medical Good: Reuse & Redistribution: Requires the department, to establish a comprehensive 3-year pilot program in the Counties of Contra Costa, Napa, Solano, and Yolo to facilitate the reuse and redistribution of durable medical equipment and other home health supplies. The bill would require the department to contract in each county with a local nonprofit agency to oversee the program and would require the contracting nonprofit agency to, at a minimum, develop a computerized system to track the inventory of equipment and supplies available for reuse and redistribution and organize pickup and delivery of equipment and supplies. The bill would require the department, on or before January 1, 2026, to submit a report to the appropriate Senate and Assembly policy committees of the Legislature that includes an evaluation of the success of the pilot program and challenges in implementation, among other things. The bill would repeal its provisions on January 1, 2030.	Baginski (SP-2) Prior Yr	Current status: Vetoes by Governor. Click for further information on the bill: https://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/billStatusClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220SB842

CSL Support Bills

BILL #	AUTHOR	SUMMARY	STATUS
AB 32	Aguiar-Curry	Telehealth: Expanding Healthcare Accessibility: Requires DHCS to extend the telehealth flexibilities in place during the COVID-19 Pandemic. Ensures patients will continue to have access to care by maintaining parity in reimbursement for telehealth services for Medi-Cal managed care plans. Further requires DHCS to convene an advisory group of healthcare reps to provide input on the development of a revised telehealth policy that promotes the use of telehealth to achieve timely and patient-centered access to care. Findings must be reported by July 1, 2025.	Current status: Chaptered. CH 515 Statutes 2022 Click for further information on the bill: https://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/billStatusClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220AB32
AB 895	Holden	Skilled nursing facilities and intermediate care facilities: notice to prospective residents: Requires a skilled nursing facility or intermediate care facility to provide a prospective resident of a skilled nursing facility or intermediate care facility, or their representative, prior to or at the time of admission, a written notice that includes specified contact information for the local long-term care ombudsman and links to specified websites relating to these facilities. The bill would require the notice to include a statement that it is intended as a resource for purposes of accessing additional information regarding resident care at the facility and reporting resident complaints.	Current status: Chaptered. CH 577 Statutes 2022 Click for further information on the bill: https://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/billStatusClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220AB895
AB 1130	Wood	California Health Care Quality and Affordability Act: This bill would establish, within, HCAI, the Office of Health Care Affordability to analyze the health care market for cost trends and drivers of spending, develop data-informed policies for lowering health care costs for consumers and purchasers, set and enforce cost targets, and create a state strategy for controlling the cost of health care and ensuring affordability for consumers and purchasers. The bill would also establish the Health Care Affordability Board. The bill, commencing in 2026, would require the office to take progressive actions against health care entities for failing to meet the cost targets, including performance improvement plans and escalating administrative penalties. Establishes the Health Care Affordability Fund for the purpose of receiving and, upon appropriation by the Legislature, expending revenues collected pursuant to the provisions of the bill.	Current status: Re-referred to Com. on Health Click for further information on the bill: : https://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/billStatusClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220AB1130
AB 1502	Muratsuchi	Freestanding skilled nursing facilities: Prohibits a person, firm, entity, partnership, trust, association, corporation, or political subdivision of the state, or other governmental agency within the state from acquiring, operating, establishing, managing, conducting, or maintaining a freestanding	Current status: Chaptered. CH 578 Statutes 2022 Click for further information on the bill: https://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/billStatusClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220AB1502

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		<p>skilled nursing facility without first obtaining a license from the department for that purpose. Specifies the requirements to apply for a license, including affirmatively establishing suitability, as defined, providing the department with the applicant's Medicare and Medicaid cost reports for all nursing facilities owned or managed by the applicant for the past 5 years in this and other states, and, if the applicant is part of a chain. Requires the department to post all applications for a license and its supporting documents on the internet, and allow for public comment on applications, which the department would be required to review and consider. Makes all applications and other documents prepared in relation to these provisions public records, in accordance with any applicable federal or state privacy laws. Authorizes or require the department to deny an application for licensure, or to revoke a license, under certain circumstances. Requires a licensee to update specific information included in their license application. By expanding the duties on licensees, this bill would expand an existing crime, thereby imposing a state-mandated local program.</p> <p>The bill would prohibit unpermitted operation, defined as when an applicant or associated person or entity acquires, operates, establishes, manages, conducts, or maintains a freestanding skilled nursing facility before the department approves its application or following the department's denial of its application, or when a person or entity acquires, operates, establishes, manages, conducts, or maintains a freestanding skilled nursing facility without first applying to and obtaining a license from the department for that purpose.</p>	
AB 1618	Aguiar-Curry	<p>Alzheimer's Disease: Requires the department to establish the Office of the Healthy Brain Initiative to conduct all department activities relating to Alzheimer's disease and to implement the action agenda items in the Healthy Brain Initiative, as defined. The bill would also, upon appropriation by the Legislature, require the office to establish a program in at least 10 local health jurisdictions, as specified, and award participating local health jurisdictions one-time grant funding, to develop local initiatives that are consistent with the Healthy Brain Initiative. The bill would require the office to conduct an evaluation of the program and produce a report describing best practices and making recommendations regarding which solutions and innovations are most feasible to replicate. The bill would require the office to provide a copy of the report to the Legislature by December 31, 2025, and to provide an updated copy of the report to the Legislature every 3 years thereafter.</p>	<p>Current status: In Committee: Held Under Submission Click for further information on the bill: https://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/billStatusClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220AB1618</p>

BILL #	AUTHOR	SUMMARY	STATUS
AB 1663	Maienschein	Protective Proceedings: Recognizes supported decision making in statute as a less-restrictive alternative to probate conservatorships; requires the court to make conservatorships the last resort; and makes important changes to protect the rights of conservatees and makes it easier to end probate conservatorships.	Current status: Chaptered. CH 894 Statutes 2022 Click for further information on the bill: https://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/billStatusClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220AB1663
AB 1684	Voepel	Alzheimer's disease and dementia: public awareness campaign: Requires the department to implement a public awareness campaign to reduce stigma and raise public awareness of the warning signs of Alzheimer's disease and dementia in order to promote early detection and accurate diagnosis.	Current status: In Committee: Held Under Submission Click for further information on the bill: https://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/billStatusClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220AB1684
AB 1900	Arambula	Medi-Cal Income Level for Maintenance: Allows Californians who are older or disabled to keep more of their monthly income to pay for necessities like food, clothes and shelter while still qualifying for Medi-Cal by increasing the maintenance needs levels to 138% of the Federal Poverty level.	Current status: In Committee: Held Under Submission Click for further information on the bill: https://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/billStatusClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220AB1900
AB 2153	Arambula	California Fruit and Vegetable EBT Pilot Project: Authorizes the department, subject to an appropriation for this purpose, to increase the number of authorized retailers providing supplemental benefits under this pilot project beyond the number initially included in the pilot program in order to increase the number of CalFresh recipients with access to supplemental benefits. Requires the Department of Food and Agriculture to conduct audits, as needed, to ensure that the fresh fruits and vegetables for which an individual is receiving supplemental benefits are California-grown fresh fruits and vegetables.	Current status: In Committee: Held Under Submission Click for further information on the bill: https://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/billStatusClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220AB2153
AB 2331	Calderon	Bridge to Recovery for Adult Day Services: COVID-19 Mitigation and Resilience Grant Program to Combat Senior Isolation: Creates the Bridge to Recovery for Adult Day Services: COVID-19 Mitigation and Resilience Grant Program to Combat Senior Isolation to improve the health, safety, and well-being of vulnerable at-risk seniors through safe access to vital services in adult day health care and adult day program settings. Requires the department to administer the grant program and award grants for qualified entities for infection prevention and control and to address workforce shortages, as specified. Specifies that the program would be operative for 2 years from an appropriation and would require the department to post on its internet website when the 2 years have passed.	Current status: In Committee: Held Under Submission Click for further information on the bill: https://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/billStatusClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220AB2331
AB 2547	Nazarian	Housing Stabilization to Prevent and End Homelessness Among Older Adults and People with Disabilities Act: Requires CDA to create and administer the Housing Stabilization to Prevent and End Homelessness Among Older Adults and People with Disabilities Program. Requires the department to offer competitive grants to nonprofit community-based organizations, continuums of care, and public housing authorities to	Current status: In Committee: Held Under Submission Click for further information on the bill: : https://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/billStatusClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220AB2547

BILL #	AUTHOR	SUMMARY	STATUS
SB 107	Weiner	<p>administer a housing subsidy program for older adults and persons with a disability that are experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness. Requires the department, to prioritize communities where renters face high rates of poverty, displacement, gentrification, and homelessness. Requires an award recipient to use grant funds for specified activities, including, housing subsidies for up to the amount of reasonable rent until the participant is able to access a long-term subsidy or no longer requires the housing subsidy and relocation costs if a landlord decides not to continue participating in the program or evicts a tenant, as specified. Authorizes 30% of program funds to be used for administration and staffing costs, landlord incentives, and housing navigation and tenancy transition services, as those terms are defined.</p> <p>CalFresh: Provides option to apply, report, and recertify for CalFresh in person, by mail, online, or by telephone, and permit an individual to complete the interview requirement and client signature by telephone. Authorizes counties to implement any method of telephonic or electronic signature that is supported by county business practice and technology. Requires the department, with the input of stakeholders, to develop and execute a plan of support for counties that have not already implemented a telephone-based application and renewal process and to provide technical assistance and resources. Requires the application process to satisfy specified criteria, including simple, user-friendly language and instructions. Requires certain counties to comply with these provisions beginning on or before January 1, 2023, and requires the remaining counties to comply with the provisions beginning on or before January 1, 2024.</p>	<p>Current status: Chaptered. CH 810 Statutes 2022 Click for further information on the bill: https://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/billStatusClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220SB107</p>
SB 861	Limón	<p>Dementia Care Navigator Grant Program: Establishes the Dementia Care Navigator Grant Program, to be administered by the California Department of Aging, in partnership with organizations with expertise using community health workers, promotores, and health navigators. The bill would provide that the purpose of the program is to incentivize organizations that provide services to local communities to provide dementia care navigation training services. Authorizes organizations with expertise using community health workers, promotores, and health navigators to apply for a grant. Requires the department to award grants on a competitive basis. Requires an organization that receives a grant pursuant to these provisions to provide to the department an annual report on the services provided on or before December 31 of the year the grant is received. Also requires the department to provide a report to the relevant policy committees of the Legislature on or before December 1, 2025, and annually thereafter.</p>	<p>Current status: Vetoed by Governor Click for further information on the bill: https://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/billStatusClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220SB861</p>



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The California Senior Legislature Announces Top Legislative Priorities for 2023

(**Sacramento, CA**) The California Senior Legislature (CSL) adjourned its 42nd Annual Legislative Session and announced the Top State Legislative Proposals last week. Members will advocate diligently during the 2023 legislative session to have state lawmakers support these priorities.

The following were listed as the top ten State Legislative proposals:

AP-3: Hospitals: Patient Discharge Summary

(Senior Assembly Member Gene Dorio, Santa Clarita, CA)

This measure would enact legislation that would require a hospital to standardize the patient discharge summary, including specified information, in order to improve communication and provide continuity of medical care during the patient's transition to the home or another facility.

AP-8: Transportation: Ambulance Services: Cost

(Senior Assembly Member Robin Clough, Santa Clarita, CA)

This measure would require a medical professional, upon patient arrival to a hospital emergency room, to make a determination on the emergency room record, such as by using a checkbox, regarding the medical need for the ambulance or ambulance transportation services, and if the ambulance or ambulance transportation services are determined to be warranted, the health care service plan shall pay for the ambulance or ambulance transportation services.

SP-3: Age Discrimination: Ageism Awareness Week

(Senior Assembly Member Karen Gorback, Thousand, CA)

This measure would directly address age discrimination, or ageism, and the adverse effects it continues to have on the economy and society due to the insufficiency of existing laws prohibiting age discrimination, and declare May 1, 2023, to May 7, 2023, inclusive, as "Ageism Awareness Week."

AP-4: Public Transportation: Accessible Transportation Services: Seniors and Disabled Persons

(Senior Assembly Member Shirley Krohn, Walnut Creek, CA)

This measure would create the Accessible Transportation Account in the State Transportation Fund, establish a new Vehicle Registration Fee or Vehicle License Fee of no more than \$10 per vehicle to fund the account, require moneys in the account to be used to fund accessible transportation services for seniors and disabled persons, and require funds in the account to be jointly administered at the state level by the California Health and Human Services Agency and the Department of Transportation, and at the local level by County Governments.

AP-1: Caregiving Grandparents: Support

(Senior Assembly Member Mark Cox, Yucaipa, CA)

This measure would request that the California Department of Aging, Department of Justice, and State Department of Social Services conduct a study to examine the problems that grandparents who are primary caregivers for their grandchildren experience.

SP-5: Homeless Senior and Disabled Veterans: Rental Assistance Program

(Senior Senator Ted Kagan, El Cajon, CA)

This measure would provide senior and disabled homeless Veterans with priority access to Veteran housing made available through Proposition 1 funding and to establish a Rental Assistance Program within the California Department of Veterans Affairs to coordinate access to affordable Veteran housing with existing State and Federal veterans services, including services related to mental health, substance abuse, and supplemental nutrition assistance, to reduce the number of senior and disabled homeless Veterans in this state.

SP-2: Caregiver and First Responder Communication with persons suffering from Dementia or other mental illness: State Card

(Former Senior Senator Allan Bortel, Tiburon, CA)

This measure would require an appropriate State Agency to create a card and a related poster based on the "Detect and Connect" card used within the County of Marin that contains information about how to communicate with a person suffering from Dementia or other mental illnesses and a list of telephone numbers to contact if elder abuse is suspected. The measure would recommend that \$500,000 be appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Aging to distribute the card and poster to County Behavioral Health and Recovery Services, nursing homes, residential care facilities for the elderly, hospitals, in-home supportive service workers, other caregivers, and first responders, such as paramedics, fire departments, and police departments, and to train these entities to properly explain and distribute the materials.

SP-6: Wildfires: Tax Credit

(Senior Senator Jan Lemucchi, Bakersfield, CA)

This measure would provide a tax credit for Older Californians for costs associated with fire-resistant improvements to their properties, impose a moratorium on the cancellation of fire insurance policies for Older Californians living in high-risk fire areas, as specified, and limit the increase in fire insurance premiums to once every 5 years and for no more than 25 percent per increase for Older Californians living in high-risk fire areas.

SP-7: Related to Domestic Services, As Described

(Senior Senator Helen Lopez, El Centro, CA)

This measure would amend the IHSS Program to request the issuance of an annual notice or statement for IHSS providers that is issued at the same time form W-2s are issued for other types of providers. The measure would require the annual notice or statement include the total earnings for the prior tax year to any IHSS provider who is not eligible to receive a form W-2. This measure would memorialize its action.

AP-6: Housing: Homeless Services: Training

(Senior Assembly Member Susan Mallett, Poway, CA)

This measure would require the Interagency Council on Homelessness to coordinate with the California Continuums of Care and the Area Agencies on Aging to partner in their shared regions to provide gerontological (age-related) training for Homelessness Service Staff with a purpose of ensuring Homelessness Service Providers are well trained and well equipped to assist vulnerable older adults with accessing resources to gain a permanent housing solution. The measure would also provide a total of two billion dollars (\$2,000,000) of state funds for two additional five-year grant cycles for the Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention Grant Program, as provided.

SP-1: Hazardous Substances: Paraquat Dichloride and Trichloroethylene

(Senior Senator Yvonne Baginski, Napa, CA)

This measure would ban the sale and use of Paraquat Dichloride and the use of Trichloroethylene as a vapor degreaser, a refrigerant, an extraction solvent, an intermediate chemical in the production of other chemical, and in any other manufacturing or industrial cleaning process or use in California.

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**VENTURA COUNTY AREA AGENCY ON AGING
ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE
FY 2022-2023**

All meetings are being held via zoom and in person until further notice.

	Advisory Council	Transportation	Housing	Senior Nutrition & Health	Optimal Aging	Workforce
July	July 13 9-11 a.m.	July 13 11:15 – 12:15 p.m.	July 19 2 – 3 p.m.	July 20 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.	July 27 1 – 2:00 p.m.	July 15 10 – 11 a.m.
August						
September	Sept 14 9-11 a.m.	Sept 14 11:15 – 12:15 p.m.	Sept 20 2 – 3 p.m.	Sept 21 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.	Sept 28 1 – 2:00 p.m.	Sept 16 10 – 11 a.m.
October						
November	Nov 9 9-11 a.m.	Nov 9 11:15 – 12:15 p.m.	Nov 15 2 – 3 p.m.	Nov 16 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.	Nov 16 1 – 2:00 p.m.	Nov 18 10 – 11 a.m.
December						
January	Jan 11 9-11 a.m.	Jan 11 11:15 – 12:15 p.m.	Jan 17 2 – 3 p.m.	Jan 18 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.	Jan 25 1 – 2:00 p.m.	Jan 20 10 – 11 a.m.
February						
March	March 8 9-11 a.m.	March 8 11:15 – 12:15 p.m.	March 21 2 – 3 p.m.	March 22 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.	March 22 1 – 2:00 p.m.	March 17 10 – 11 a.m.
April						
May	May 10 9-11 a.m.	May 10 11:15 – 12:15 p.m.	May 16 2 – 3 p.m.	May 17 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.	May 24 1 – 2:00 p.m.	May 19 10 – 11 a.m.
June						

New Member Orientation will be held on the 2nd Wednesday of (Aug, Oct, Dec, Feb, Apr, Jun) from 12 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. via Zoom. Please email rene.verduzco@ventura.org for the registration link.