



VENTURA COUNTY AREA AGENCY ON AGING ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

May 22, 2024

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

Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council Center

646 County Square Drive, Ventura

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89611473286>

The council will be meeting in person, but members of the public are welcome to attend in person or via zoom.

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

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| 9:00 a.m. | 1. Call to Order and Agenda Review | Karen Gorbach |
| | 2. Pledge of Allegiance | Lyn Cotwright |
| | 3. Roll Call and Motion to Accept Online Virtual Attendance for those declaring “emergency Circumstances” | Monique Nowlin |
| | 4. Approval of Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council Minutes of March 13, 2024. | Karen Gorbach |
| | 5. Public Comments | Karen Gorbach |

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.

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| | 6. Consent Agenda Items – Committee Descriptions This Month | Karen Gorbach |
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Procedure: The Advisory Council will approve these reports all at once unless an Advisory Committee wishes to remove a report from the consent agenda and discuss and approve it separately.

- 6.1 Housing Committee Report – March 19, 2024
- 6.2 Workforce Committee Report – March 22, 2024
- 6.3 Optimal Aging Committee Report – March 27, 2024

ACTION ITEMS

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| 7. | Election of Officers (Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary) for FY 2024-2025; and one CSL representative for a two-year term starting July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026*. | Sue Tatangelo |
| 8. | Recommendation to Renew FY 2024-2025 Grantee/Contractor Funding and Related Service Categories. | Alyssa Corse |
| 9. | Recommendation for Senior Nutrition & Health Committee to review and approve governmental contracts and non-governmental contracts for Senior Nutrition Program for FY24-25. | Alyssa Corse |
| 10. | May Budget Revise – Impact on Older Adults & People with Disabilities | Victoria Jump |
| 11. | Legislative Update | Victoria Jump |

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

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| 12. | PIO Update | Roger Horne |
| 13. | Other Committee Meetings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. California Senior Legislature Update b. VCAAA Foundation Update c. LGBTQ Aging Coalition d. Dementia Friendly Ventura County | Gitt/Gorback
James Schicker
Martha Shapiro
Jason Sagar |
| 14. | Meeting Calendar FY 2024-2025 | Karen Gorback |
| 15. | Other Business | Karen Gorback |
| 16. | Comments from the Chair | Karen Gorback |
| 11:00 am | 17. Adjournment | Karen Gorback |

The next meeting will be:
Wednesday, July 10, 2024 (9:00 am – 11:00 am)

In person at 646 County Square Dr Suite 100, Ventura, CA 93003 in the Advisory Council Room.

Individuals who require accommodations for their disabilities (including interpreters and alternate formats) are requested to contact the Area Agency on Aging staff at (805) 477-7300 at least three days prior to the meeting.

***The meeting will be stopped at 9:30 a.m. to hold the CSL Elections (Item 7).**

VENTURA COUNTY AREA AGENCY ON AGING
Advisory Council Meeting Minutes
646 County Square Drive, Suite 100
Ventura, CA 93003
March 13, 2024

Advisory Council Members Present:

Blair Barker (Service Provider)	Patricia Lownes (Thousand Oaks COA)
Stephanie Belding (Thousand Oaks COA)	Luis Mendez II (Port Hueneme COA)
Ron Berkowsky (Focused Population)	Dr. Maria Munguia (Santa Paula COA)
Denise Calhoun (District 2)	Clark Owens (Oxnard COA)
Lyn Cotwright (Moorpark COA)	Anita Ruiz (BOS)
Smita Dandekar (District 4)	Martha Shapiro (Service Provider)
Carina Forsythe (Fillmore COA)	Alvin Brown (Simi Valley COA)
Tony Gitt (CSL)	Jeanette Sanchez-Palacios (District 1)
Dr. Karen Gorback (CSL)	Alice Sweetland (Oxnard COA)
Lynette Harvey	Anna Marie Reilley (Fillmore COA)
Maureen Hodge (Family Caregiver)	Sue Tatangelo (Consumer)
Sue Hughes (District 3)	Sylvia Taylor Stein (District 5)
Carol Leish (Disability Population)	Carmen Reyes (Camarillo COA)
Jonnie Lisman (Port Hueneme COA)	Dana Tomarken (Santa Paula COA)

Advisory Council Members Absent:

Reynaldo Rivera (Focused Population)
Nancy Rowe (Camarillo COA)
Peter Schreiner (Behavioral Health)

VCAAA Staff Members Present:

Monique Nowlin (Division Manager)	Sonia Vaughn (Program Manager)
Dr. Haleh Hashemzadeh (Sr. Manager)	Denise Noguera (Call Center Manager)
Roger Horne (Public Information)	Jerrica VanNest (Social Worker)
Victoria Jump (Deputy Director)	Shaun Schilder (Social Worker)
Brian Murphy (CALAIM Manager)	Martin Marquez (Data Integrity Manager)
Aurora Meadows (Registered Dietitian)	

Members of the Public Present:

Nune (last name not provided)
Sarah Mailes
Maria Sandoval

Mavis Laughlin
Raymond Fajardo
Nancy Healey
Eve Hill

- 1) **Call to Order and Agenda Review** – The March 13, 2024 Advisory Council meeting was called to order at 9:05 am by Chair Karen Gorback.

Motion: Approve agenda for March 13, 2024

Moved by: Sue Tatangelo, seconded by Sylvia Taylor Stein

Result: Motion passed

- 2) **Pledge of Allegiance** – The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Anna Marie Reilley.

- 3) **Roll Call and Motion to Accept Online Virtual Attendance for Those Declaring “Emergency Circumstances”** – Monique Nowlin called roll. The Advisory Council reached a quorum.

- 4) **Approval of Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council Minutes of January 10, 2024.**

Moved by: Stephanie Belding, seconded by Carol Leish

Result: Motion passed

- 5) **Public Comments** – Stephanie Belding commented on the Workforce Committee’s Senior Job Fair. Nune from Sunray Adult Day Care in Simi Valley introduced herself and looks forward to connecting in person with the Advisory Council. She could not be in person but was on zoom. Chair Gorback thanked staff for the name badges that the AC received. Al Brown gave a shout out to Roger for his presentation to the Council on Aging. Maureen Hodge encouraged members to participate in the Advocacy Day and Legislative Day May 8th and 9th. Martha Shapiro announced that Senior Concerns is having their annual Caregiver Recognition Day back in person on May 7th at Los Robles Greens in Thousand Oaks. Tony Gitt encouraged members to participate in Senior Rally Day on May 8th virtually or in person. Al Brown encouraged members to

attend the Little House on the Prairie 50th Anniversary Festival to be held in Simi Valley on 5/22, 5/23, 5/24.

6) Consent Agenda Items

6.1 Transportation Committee Report – January 10, 2024

6.2 Housing Committee Report – January 30, 2024

6.3 Optimal Aging Committee Report – February 7, 2024

Motion: Approve consent agenda items

Moved by: Clark Owens, seconded by Smita Dandekar

Result: Motion passed

ACTION ITEMS

7) Formation of an Ad-Hoc Nominating Committee for Election of Officers for FY 2024-2025

Chair Gorback called for volunteers. Those AC members that volunteered are as follows:

Dr. Karen Gorback
Sue Tatangelo
Blair Barker

8) Strategic Plan Update for FY 2024-2028 Public Hearing (9:30 am Time Certain) – Chair Gorback convened the Public Hearing at 9:30 a.m. and asked if anyone wanted to give testimony. She stated no written comments would be received because they were to be received by HSA-VCAAA yesterday. Chair Gorback further stated that before testimony began, staff (Monique Nowlin) would be providing a brief PowerPoint presentation. Monique Nowlin asked if anyone needed Spanish translation and interpretation. Martin Marquez asked the audience the same question in Spanish. No one required said service. Monique provided an overview of the federal, state, and legal requirements in regard to the annual public hearing. Monique also went on to articulate the overarching Agency goals, as well as the goals identified by the Advisory Council from the strategic planning session held in January 2024. After the staff presentation Chair Gorback opened the floor for formal testimony. No one came forward to testify in person or online. Chair Gorback closed the public hearing at 9:37 a.m.

9) Approval/Modification/Discussion of the FY 2024-2028 Strategic Plan and forward to the Ventura County Board of Supervisors For Approval (Due to CDA May 1, 2024)

Motion: Approve the FY 2024-2028 Strategic Plan and forward to the Ventura County Board of Supervisors for approval, after which, the document must then go to CDA (California Department of Aging) by May 1, 2024

Moved by: Al Brown, seconded by Anna Marie Reilley

Result: Motion passed

PRESENTATION/INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- 10) California 2030 Update** – Victoria Jump provided a brief update on the California 2030 Plan. Victoria stated this is timely because yesterday she was up in Sacramento. There was an Assembly Aging and Long-Term Care Oversight hearing on the Master Plan and she was asked to present on California 2030. Ventura County has access to more resources and more support from the County. Victoria stated where one lives does matter in regard to services for older adults. In the Fall of 2022, the California Department of Aging convened the California 2030 Steering Committee because in the year 2030, statewide over 30% of the population will be over the age of 60. In Ventura County, we have hit the tipping point sooner and as of 2019 have more older adults than children in this County. Victoria stated she was appointed as a member of the Steering Committee as a representative of County AAA's. The Steering Committee was tasked to look through the qualitative and quantitative data and make recommendations to the State to prepare at the local level for the tremendous growth and need for services for older adults. Additionally, their goal is to make the AAA network look more alike than different. Further, she stated the system they are building will be well known and accessible, as well as address ageism, racism, and implicit bias. Tony Gitt asked a question about funding. Victoria stated there are specific recommendations for funding, but the concern was no one is elevating aging and with the budget cuts they are concerned. Therefore, things like Senior Rally Day in Sacramento are important for advocacy. Sue Tatangelo asked if money will be taken away from Ventura County to fund other counties. Victoria stated there are weighted factors that are evaluated in the State funding formula. Maureen Hodge asked if caregiving came up at all at the meeting, since it is listed in the

Master Plan for Aging. Victoria stated that yes, in that paid and unpaid caregivers are a priority for the Master Plan. Victoria had previously provided everyone with a copy of the California 2030 plan.

- 11) **PIO Update** – Roger Horne provided an overview of activities; the Agency went to 14 events in January and 17 events in February. Roger also stated he himself went out to speak at several additional events. Further, he asked if anyone wants him to come out to speak or wants a representative from a department within the Agency to speak, let him know. Roger also provided a brief update on the website, stating the Agency website had experienced a significant increase in page views; more than we have had in 6 years. LiveWell magazines should be ready imminently. Lastly, Roger reminded everyone that CSL applications were due shortly.

- 12) **Other Committee Meetings:**
 - a. **California Senior Legislature Update** – Tony Gitt presented an update on the CSL activities and spoke about a big increase due to be attached to everyone’s electricity bill. He encouraged members to follow the bill and go to the legislative website to follow the bill. Tony also mentioned that there is a CSL opening, and he encouraged interested parties to apply. Chair Gorback provided an overview of how to look at the legislative bills.
 - b. **VCAA Foundation Update** – Monique Nowlin provided a brief update on behalf of Chair James Schicker. Monique shared that the Foundation is partnering with the CEO’s office Dani Anderson, Disability and Access Manager for the County on the Government and Disability Summit coming up later this year. The Foundation will be acting as a fiduciary for the event.
 - c. **LGBTQ Aging Coalition** – Martha Shapiro announced that they would be providing a business training that is totally free on April 11th from 9 – 11am in Oxnard. The other event Martha announced was an LGBT+ Trivia Night on April 13th at Goebel Senior Center. She added that she put some flyers out in the back.
 - d. **Dementia Friendly Ventura County** – Haleh Hashemzadeh provided an overview of the events of DFVC, one goal of which is expanding dementia friendly businesses in Ventura County this next fiscal year. Haleh went on to provide an overview of the Living Well Caring Well event held last Wednesday. She stated they had over 70 attendees, despite the rain. Lastly, she stated the next event will be at Goebel on June 5th from 2pm to 4pm.

- 13) **Meeting Calendar** – Chair Gorback reminded the Advisory Council members that each member needs to serve on at least one Committee.

- 14) Other Business** – Carol stated she hopes the local proposition that has more funding for mental health passes. Blair Barker asked if the Advisory Council could revisit discussion from the fall about creating a committee focusing on caregivers. Chair Gorback stated we could consider that. Monique Nowlin stated that would be an Ad Hoc Committee. Chair Gorback asked if Blair would chair that Committee and Blair agreed. Tony asked Victoria to provide a status on the State’s application to become age friendly. Victoria stated that the State became age friendly as part of the Master Plan. Victoria stated we applied in 2022 to become Age Friendly and receive the World Health Organization age friendly designation as well. Victoria stated VCAA is on the site list if you look. Victoria also spoke about a bill that was introduced to have all states go through a Master Plan for Aging process modeled on what California did. Stephanie stated it would be great if every member thought about being supportive of all the Advisory Council committees. Dr. Maria Munguia asked if it is okay to just sit in on another Committee to check it out and observe to determine if they want to join. Chair Gorback said yes and that was a good idea.
- 15) Comments from the Chair** – Chair Gorback thanked everyone for their time and stated the real work takes place between the Board meetings.
- 16) Adjournment** – Meeting adjourned at 10:12 AM. The next regular meeting for the Advisory Council will be held on May 22, 2024.

TO: VCAAA Advisory Council Members
FROM: Martha Shapiro, Chair
DATE: May 22, 2024
SUBJECT: **Housing Committee Report from March 19, 2024**

Housing Committee Members Present:

Martha Shapiro (Service Provider) - Chair
Stephanie Belding (TO COA)
Lyn Cotwright (Moorpark COA)
Maureen Hodge (Family Caregiver)
Sue Hughes (District 3)
Jeannette Sanchez-Palacios (District 1)
Anna Marie Reilly (Filmore COA)

Housing Committee Members Absent:

Dana Tomarken (Santa Paula COA)

VCAAA Staff Members Present:

Denise Noguera (Call Center Manager)
Monique Nowlin (Division Manager)
Jerrica Van Nest (HomeShare Social Worker)

1. **Welcome and Introductions** – Meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m. by Chair Shapiro.
2. **Public Comments** – There were no public comments.
3. **HomeShare Update** – Jerrica provided an update on the HomeShare program.
4. **Discuss Educational Workshop** – The Committee continued to discuss the possibility of hosting an educational workshop or embedding a workshop in a larger event.
5. **Adjournment** – Meeting was adjourned at 2:58 p.m. The next Housing Committee meeting will be held on May 21, 2024.

TO: VCAAA Advisory Council Members
FROM: Stephanie Belding, Interim Chair
DATE: May 22nd, 2024
SUBJECT: **Workforce Committee Report from March 22nd, 2024**

Committee Members Present:

Stephanie Belding Dr. Karen Gorback

Committee Members Absent:

Carina Forsyth Carol Leish
 Patricia Lownes

VCAAA Staff Members Present:

Roger Horne (PIO)

1. **Welcome and Introductions** – With only two of five members present, the committee did not reach a quorum. A debrief of the January 2024 job fair held in conjunction with the Wellness Fest in Thousand Oaks still took place. Stephanie Belding agreed to lead the discussion.

2. **Job Fair Discussion** – Coordinating with the Goebel Center’s Wellness Fest was a great idea and we should do it again in 2025 and beyond ... Scheduling two time frames with different sets of employers didn’t work. People didn’t come back a second time. Next time, the full complement of employers should be there the entire time ... The county one-stop-shop might not have been conducive to what we were trying to accomplish with the job fair, as they didn’t appear to be referring people to open jobs, but were referring them to their next events ... It was originally envisioned that people would use computers to be able to apply for the jobs they just learned about, but that didn’t happen. Perhaps signage was needed to explain their purpose, but it was also too noisy and crowded, so perhaps this was an idea that will not work ... More Advisory Council members are needed on the committee to help track down employers and run the event ... A January job fair wasn’t conducive to finding retail businesses (they need people before that during the holiday season), but that was okay as we found enough employers who were hiring year-round to fill our slots ... The placement of the room wasn’t ideal, being at the far end of the Goebel Center. We had to be proactive going out and telling people about the job fair. We should ask for a larger/more centrally located area if possible ... Three to four vendors at the event asked if they could participate in future job fairs ... Stephanie will talk to the people at the Pleasant Valley Senior Center in Camarillo about their September wellness fest and if we can attach a job fair to that ... Dr. Maria Munguia approached the committee about doing a job fair at the Santa Paula Wellness Fest in May 2025 ... The group thought that three job fairs a year were doable given more participation from additional Advisory Council members.

3. **Adjournment** – The discussion concluded at 10:50 a.m. Participants requested to postpone the next Workforce Committee meeting to take place after the Advisory Council meeting, which has been rescheduled for May 22.

TO: VCAAA Advisory Council Members
FROM: Alice Sweetland, Committee Chair
DATE: May 22nd, 2024
SUBJECT: **Optimal Aging Report from March 27th, 2024**

Committee Members Present:

Ronald Berkowsky	Carol Leish
Al Brown	Alice Sweetland
Denise Calhoun	

Committee Members Absent:

Nancy Rowe	Sylvia Taylor-Stein
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VCAAA Staff Members Present:

Roger Horne (PIO)

1. **Welcome and Introductions** – The VCAAA Optimal Aging Committee meeting was called to order at 2:06 p.m. The committee reached a quorum with five of seven members present.
2. **Public Comments** – None.
3. **Older Americans Month Art Project** – Alice Sweetland and Roger Horne gave an update on plans for the art exhibit that will be held in May for Older Americans Month. The VCAAA is working with the Arts and Culture Manager from the County’s CEO office, the Ventura County Arts Council, and a student who attends the Thatcher School in Ojai. A public call to artists will soon be put out, and will be promoted through the county’s senior centers. The senior centers will also serve as collection points. The show is scheduled to open on May 13 or 14 at the Hall of Administration. The Board of Supervisors proclamation for Older Americans Month is set for Tuesday, May 14, at 10 a.m. The date of a reception has not yet been set.
4. **Legacy Awards** – Roger Horne said that he would send out the 2023 Legacy Award nomination form for review, so that any changes could be discussed at the May meeting. The nomination period opens in June.
5. **Future Committee Goals** – As discussion about potential future events, Al Brown discussed that in Simi Valley they have events where older adults come in and do performances (sort of like a talent show). Ronald Berkowsky said that at Cal State Channel Islands they have students doing a research project with the LGBTQ+ Aging Coalition. In the fall, he is teaching a class that could do research, such as focus groups, to see what kind of optimal aging programs people might want.
6. **Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 2:33 p.m. The next Optimal Aging Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 22, at 2 p.m.

To: Advisory Council Members
From: Sue Tatangelo, Committee Chair
Date: May 22, 2024
Subject: Election of Officers (Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary) for FY 2024-2025; and one CSL representative for a two-year term starting July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026.

The committee met to discuss the need for filing the seats. Sue Tatangelo served as chair of the committee. Committee members included Dr. Karen Gorback and Blair Barker.

Election of Officers for FY 2024-2025

The committee is recommending that per the by-laws, an election be held to determine which of the following individuals will occupy each seat for FY 2024-2025. Nominations from the floor will also be accepted and added to the slate.

Chair	Dr. Maria Munguia
Vice Chair	Martha Shapiro
Secretary	Alice Sweetland

Election of One CSL (California Senior Legislature) Member for a Two Year Term starting July 1, 2024 through June 30, 206

The committee also discussed potential applicants for the one open CSL member seat. HSA- VCAAA recruited applicants for the seats via a legal notice, the website and social media. The following individuals applied for and are eligible to fill the open seats for a two-year term starting July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026. The committee is recommending that per the by-laws, an election be held to determine which of the following individuals will occupy the seat.

CSL Member Candidate	Brenda Birdwell
CSL Member Candidate	Dinah Frishling
CSL Member Candidate	Lynette Harvey
CSL Member Candidate	Anna Reilley



APPLICATION FOR CSL CANDIDACY

PSA _____ Incumbent ___ New Candidate X

Name of Candidate Brenda Blrdwell

Address [REDACTED]

City & Zip Thousand Oaks, 91360

Telephone(s) (Home) [REDACTED] (CP) [REDACTED]

Email [REDACTED]

My State Senator is: Senator Henry Stern District # 27

My State Assembly member is: Assemblymember Jacqui Irwin District # 42

My Congressional Representative is: Congressional Member Julia Brownley District # 26

For the Office of Senior Senator/Senior Assemblymember I certify that
(Senior Senator/Senior Assemblymember)

- I am 55 years of age on election day,
- I am a registered voter
- I reside in the Planning and Service Area (PSA) for which the election is held,
- I own a functioning computer and a printer. (Note: Ideally, the printer would be an all in one printer, fax, copier and scanner.)
- I have a personal email account and basic access to and knowledge of how to use email, transmit documents, and open MSOffice and PDF documents,
- I possess the ability to take top senior concerns/issues at local level and draft them into a legislative proposal following a template.
- I have the ability to navigate the Capitol Building in Sacramento as well as my local community.
- I can commute to and from the Capitol Building in the same day.

I agree that all decisions regarding my candidacy, election and/or recall are the responsibility of the CSL JRC and are final and binding.

Signature *Brenda Blrdwell* Date Signed 03/29/2024

Attach the following documents to this application:

- Resume outlining broad base of experience at the city and county levels on issues dealing with seniors
- Signed Code of Ethics
- Signed Volunteer Agreement and Waiver
- Signed Statement of Commitment

- **Community Outreach.** Educate Ventura, Santa Barbara, and San Luis Obispo County regarding low vision services. Provide educational seminars regarding Independent Living Skills. Facilitate low vision support groups. Facilitate Diabetes Empowerment Enrichment Program (DEEP) Evidence-Based class.

Senior Concerns/Goebel Adult Community Center, Thousand Oaks, CA, January 2011-April 2014

- **Senior Advocate.** Counseled over 1,300 clients per fiscal year on aging-in-place issues, including food insecurity, transportation, housing, legal, and assistance-programs. Tracked client demographics and reported on weekly basis to fulfill grant requirements.
- **Chair, City of Thousand Oaks Senior Adult Master Plan Assistance & Volunteer Team.** Negotiated with the City of Thousand Oaks and key community leaders to open Conejo Connections Resource Center at The Oaks Shopping Center supplying resources to community.
- **Master Trainer, Facilitator, Stanford Evidence-Based Healthy Living Class.** Stanford certified Master Trainer, certified to teach trainers to facilitate class. Facilitated behavior modification and self-empowering motivation techniques for clients with chronic conditions.

Verizon, Thousand Oaks, CA, 1982-2008

- **Communications Manager, June 2007-November 2008.** Managed fiber build from Malibu to Oxnard, collaborating with internal departments, City Officials, and residents, meeting deadlines under budget. Addressed challenging union issues while supervising 20 plus union employees.
- **Senior Marketing Manager, December 2005-June 2007.** Planned and implemented fiber television/internet launch in California. Oversaw Pierce Promotions, outside consultants, detailing assignments, reviewing targets over performance, and tracking budgets.
- **Senior Regulatory Consultant, June 1994-December 2005.** Member of Verizon Grant Committee. Manage dockets for California Public Utility Commission filings, including implementing 211 in California, consistently reducing or minimizing financial impact. Supplied reporting information for Annual Reports.
- **Pension Plan Administrator, January 1982-June 1994.** Administered all aspects of the pension plan, including annual audit, presenting retirement seminars, and supervised hourly and management employees. Supplied sworn testimony for court appearances involving wrongful discharge lawsuits, worker's compensation, and unemployment hearings.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Founding Member, Conejo Valley Village (2015-2017)

Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP) Medicare Counselor (2012-2015)

Board of Directors and Executive Committee for Community Action of Ventura County (2013-2017)

Ventura County District Attorney's Office, Volunteer Elder Abuse Victim Advocate (2008-2009)



APPLICATION FOR CSL CANDIDACY

PSA 18 Incumbent New Candidate

Name of Candidate Dinah Frishling

Address [REDACTED]

City & Zip Newbury Park, California 91320

Telephone(s) (Home) [REDACTED] (CP) _____

Email [REDACTED]

My State Senator is: Henry Stern District # 27

My State Assembly member is: Jacqui Irwin District # 42

My Congressional Representative is: Julia Brownley District # 26

For the Office of Senior Assembly Member I certify that
(Senior Senator/Senior Assemblymember)

- I am 55 years of age on election day,
- I am a registered voter
- I reside in the Planning and Service Area (PSA) for which the election is held,
- I own a functioning computer and a printer. (Note: Ideally, the printer would be an all in one printer, fax, copier and scanner.)
- I have a personal email account and basic access to and knowledge of how to use email, transmit documents, and open MSOffice and PDF documents,
- I possess the ability to take top senior concerns/issues at local level and draft them into a legislative proposal following a template.
- I have the ability to navigate the Capitol Building in Sacramento as well as my local community.
- I can commute to and from the Capitol Building in the same day.

I agree that all decisions regarding my candidacy, election and/or recall are the responsibility of the CSL JRC and are final and binding.

Signature Dinah Frishling Date Signed 3/22/2024

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APPLICATION FOR CALIFORNIA SENIOR LEGISLATURE**DINAH FRISHLING****MARCH 22, 2024****RESUME OUTLINING BROAD BASE OF EXPERIENCE AT THE CITY AND COUNTY LEVELS ON ISSUES DEALING WITH SENIORS**

After graduating high school, I earned a BA in Political Science, an MA in International Relations from UCLA, and an MBA from Cal Lutheran University.

By the time I finished school, Computers were surging so I studied them and turned my interest to Information Technology. I had an exciting and productive 40-year career in Information Technology in the Aerospace industry, primarily at Northrop Grumman and Litton Industries.

On retirement, I knew that it was time to give back to my community and turned my attention to Volunteering in the California community where I reside, Newbury Park/Thousand Oaks.

2012-My first job with a non-profit was targeted to an organization filling a great need, the Food Bank, where food is made available to those experiencing food shortage. At some point I knew that I could contribute more if I were able to apply my core skills, which were the management of programs, projects, and people; designing systems, analysis, budgets, planning, and executing; as well as consensus and team building, and leadership.

2013-My next opportunity came from the Thousand Oaks City Council. The Council on Aging developed a Senior Adult Master Plan which included developing a high visibility Local Resource Center in the Oaks Mall in Thousand Oaks and further automating the identification and access to available services, and critical cost-effective resources to local senior citizens and potential volunteers to non-profits. I was co-manager of this project where my professional experience was able to help provide automated

information to help access critical information online. “Conejo Connections” was a useful Resource Center for the City of Thousand Oaks.

2015- I became more aware and concerned with (1) the many obstacles that seniors encounter, especially those with inadequate financial resources and (2) the inadequate care continuum they available to seniors.

Many solutions were being looked at with the success of such organizations as Neighbors Helping Neighbors, Aging in Place, and the Village Movement. And taking notice of the value and need for such communities for seniors and the disabled. Books and articles on Aging Well and Social Health were appearing everywhere. Encouragement was given by the Thousand Oaks Council on Aging, Senior Concerns, the VCAAA, et. al. We focused on the Village model due to its innovative approach of independent, grass-roots organizations, member driven, with each entity reflecting its larger community; and the wishes of most seniors to age comfortably and securely in their homes. At the request of the T.O. Council on Aging, two colleagues and I performed a Feasibility Study and held small study groups with members of the public providing feedback. Eventually, we had open, public meetings with as many as 200+ people attending the larger ones. Everyone concurred that there was indeed strong support and that using the village model, we could establish a Village and make our contribution to an Age-Friendly world. It would be called Conejo Valley Village (CVV).

2016- My responsibility was to get CVV established. Meetings were often and were open to anyone interested in designing and developing CVV. Eventually, we ended up with an Advisory Board consisting of about 25 people. We needed experts of all types and they appeared; tax, legal, financial bookkeeping, technology, insurance, health and care, program management, finding and managing volunteers, grant writers, activity planners, writing procedures, public relations, and many more. The process of starting a non-profit has been compared to starting a for-profit company and indeed it is similar.

This was an exceptionally positive experience with high hopes of making the aging experience better for a growing senior community. I served as Chairperson for CVV's Board of Directors for the initial two years.

2017, April- Conejo Valley Village opens and starts growing with more members and allies in the community. It is a process. It is a challenge to establish a village which takes time and commitment and some initial investment. This is followed by strengthening the impact of a village and its sustainability.

Village Movement California (VMC) 2016: There existed a group active in establishing multiple villages in the California Bay Area. They were familiar with the challenges, and they sought ideas that would best expand the number and strength of Villages. They engaged existing villages in California to participate in defining how best VMC could position itself to meet the needs of the current Village community and support the establishment of additional Villages. To position VMC for the task involved, the *new organization would need to be a valuable resource to villages as well as external stakeholders.*

CVV chose to join VMC as a Charter member, recognizing its potential and inspired that the Village concept could spread throughout the state.

VMC would address "the big idea behind their work: to transform the experience of aging across our state" to improve the quality of life. Villages would work cooperatively to create social change and to help build and support strong viable villages that thrive in their communities and support those looking for a path to age successfully.

While individual villages work to fulfill their purpose and goals, VMC hopes to insure the future longer-term viability, sustainability, and relevancy of all California villages.

Just as individual villages reach out, interact, and cooperate with local entities building allies in their towns and cities, VMC mirrors this within California, building relationships with large entities in the Health and Care industries, as well as local, regional, and state government groups, aging services

advocates, and funders. These close relationships are valuable sources of information, and cooperative endeavors.

An example of VMC's efforts is the close monitoring of and interacting with members of the California Master Plan for Aging which defines the goals and implementation that California will use in financing and providing services for the aging in the coming years. An attempt is underway to build a systemic approach to aging, and VMC hopes to make Villages a part of this continuum.

Villages are in the current California Master Plan for Aging as Goal #3 (Promote and Adapt the Village Model) which will help to bring the Village Model to the aid of many older adults by providing a cost-effective community-based solution!

I have had the good fortune to work with VMC in creating a "Village Incubator Program" which empowers communities to organize and create their own unique villages due to the unprecedented increase in our state's population. I also participated in the planning of the last two conferences for California village leaders in the state. Nine groups from across the state have signed up for the program this year to start a new Village, and many are currently participating. The target is to have at least one Village in each of the 58 counties.

The CSL position is very exciting and important to me. I want to continue to work towards a better environment for seniors. It is an important time of one's life, and that life should be secure, comfortable, full of friends and a community that "has your back", and where you are encouraged to learn, to grow as a human being, and to take pleasure in your life.

I would value the opportunity to serve and so I respectfully submit this application for the CSL position to you, for your consideration. Thank you,

Dinah Frishling, 3/17/2024





APPLICATION FOR CSL CANDIDACY

PSA _____ Incumbent ___ New Candidate

Name of Candidate Lynette K Harvey

Address _____

City & Zip Ventura, CA 93004

Telephone(s) (Home) N/A (CP) _____

Email _____

My State Senator is: Monique Limon District # 19

My State Assembly member is: Steve Bennett District # 38

My Congressional Representative is: Julia Brownley District # 26

For the Office of Senior Assemblymember I certify that
(Senior Senator/Senior Assemblymember)

- I am 55 years of age on election day,
- I am a registered voter
- I reside in the Planning and Service Area (PSA) for which the election is held,
- I own a functioning computer and a printer. (Note: Ideally, the printer would be an all in one printer, fax, copier and scanner.)
- I have a personal email account and basic access to and knowledge of how to use email, transmit documents, and open MSOffice and PDF documents,
- I possess the ability to take top senior concerns/issues at local level and draft them into a legislative proposal following a template.
- I have the ability to navigate the Capitol Building in Sacramento as well as my local community.
- I can commute to and from the Capitol Building in the same day.

I agree that all decisions regarding my candidacy, election and/or recall are the responsibility of the CSL JRC and are final and binding.

Signature Lynette Harvey Date Signed 1/30/24

Attach the following documents to this application:

- Resume outlining broad base of experience at the city and county levels on issues dealing with seniors
- Signed Code of Ethics
- Signed Volunteer Agreement and Waiver
- Signed Statement of Commitment

TO: VCAAA Advisory Council
FROM: Lynette Harvey
DATE: March 27, 2024
SUBJECT: CA Senior Legislature application and documentation

To whom it may concern:

The application for CSL asked for documentation outlining my base of experience in issues dealing with seniors. Hopefully the following will give you some of that experience.

In my professional career, I worked for Anthem Insurance on a national level and was responsible for the Medicare population. This experience, along with my many years in healthcare, set the stage for dealing with issues affecting older adults.

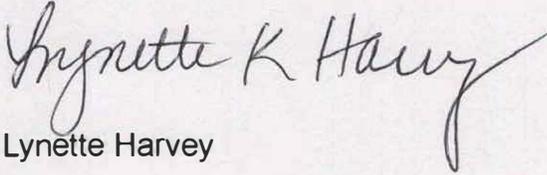
Over the years, I have been involved in advocacy in many ways (and more so in the last 4 years). Some of those activities are as follows:

- * Former Board Member of the Alzheimer' Association
- * Member of VCAAA Advisory Council as a healthcare provider for 2+ years
- * Chair of Advisory Council Health and Nutrition subcommittee for the last year
- * Actively involved with the Dementia Friendly Ventura County movement over the last 6+ years, including becoming a Dementia champion
- * Member of the Ventura County Coalition for Compassionate care, with emphasis on education and promotion of Advance Directives and Life Care Planning
- * Participation in the Ventura County Caregiver Coalition to prioritize and elevate issues related to seniors and caregiving.
- * Member of Steering Committee for the Hospital to Home Alliance of Ventura County (HHAVC) for the last 7 years. Some of the ways I advocated for seniors as part of the Alliance include:
 - Educating the Alliance members on why they should be advocates at the city, county and state levels on issues regarding seniors, particularly the issues of health care and caregiving.
 - Worked to inform and educate elected officials about the CA Master Plan for Aging (and later the VC MPA) and encouraged these officials to support items that advanced the Master Plan for Aging.
 - Organized annual events (2 in person and 1 online) to promote the CA Master Plan for Aging in 2021, 2022, and 2023. These events were to educate both professionals, legislators and the public on what is in the CA Master Plan for Aging and to actively advocate for the items in the CA MPA. Emphasis was on two of the five BOLD goals: Health Reimagined and Caregiving that Works.
 - Participated in CA Senior Rally and Advocacy Day on behalf of the Alliance and in 2021, 2022, and 2023 to promote items related to seniors, including partnering with Santa Barbara County on some likeminded goals.

- Continued visitation of elected officials both locally and in Sacramento to advocate for seniors and encourage them to advance current bills we wanted them to support. These visits include VenturaCounty Supervisors, as well as the senators and assembly persons that serve Ventura County.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lynette K. Harvey". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Lynette Harvey



APPLICATION FOR CSL CANDIDACY

PSA _____ Incumbent ___ New Candidate

Name of Candidate Anna Marie Reilley

Address _____

City & Zip Fillmore, 93015

Telephone(s) (Home) N/A (CP) _____

Email _____

My State Senator is: Monique Limón District # 19th

My State Assembly member is: Steve Bennett District # 38th

My Congressional Representative is: Julia Brownley District # 26th

For the Office of California Senior Legislature ^{volunteer} I certify that
(Senior Senator/Senior Assemblymember)

- I am 55 years of age on election day,
- I am a registered voter
- I reside in the Planning and Service Area (PSA) for which the election is held,
- I own a functioning computer and a printer. (Note: Ideally, the printer would be an all in one printer, fax, copier and scanner.)
- I have a personal email account and basic access to and knowledge of how to use email, transmit documents, and open MSOffice and PDF documents,
- I possess the ability to take top senior concerns/issues at local level and draft them into a legislative proposal following a template.
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- I can commute to and from the Capitol Building in the same day.

I agree that all decisions regarding my candidacy, election and/or recall are the responsibility of the CSL JRC and are final and binding.

Signature Anna Marie Reilley Date Signed 3/14/2024

Attach the following documents to this application:

- **Resume** outlining broad base of experience at the city and county levels on issues dealing with seniors
- **Signed Code of Ethics**
- **Signed Volunteer Agreement and Waiver**
- **Signed Statement of Commitment**

Anna Marie Reilly

Education, Certifications & Licenses

MBA, Leadership Emphasis, University of La Verne, CA 08/2004 - 05/2005
 BA, Business Administration, University of La Verne, CA 08/2002 - 06/2004

Master Practical Relevant Leadership Skills Certification, Rotary International
 State of California DRE, California Real Estate Salesperson License, ID: 00954804

Organizations & Community Outreach

Rotary Club of Fillmore - President-Elect, President 07/2023 - Present, Sworn in 07/2024
 Fillmore, CA

- Foster and enhance relationships with community leaders and other Rotary Clubs
- Facilitate grant discovery and funding acquisition for important projects
- Prepare annual budget, aligning finances with club goals and projects
- Manage event sponsorships, from securing local business contributions to treasurer transfer
- Lead the planning and coordination of club events and fundraisers, directly contributing to community projects and the club's visibility in the community:
 - Spring Fling 5k & 10k Run Event
 - Firework Fundraiser for High School Student Scholarships
 - Rotary Youth Leadership Award Camp for High School Students

Rotary Club of Fillmore - Board Member 10/2023 - Present
 Fillmore, CA

- Contribute in decision-making process for the club's budget and financial operations, including administrative costs, event expenses, and member initiatives
- Allocate funds towards district and international grants, bolstering Rotary's projects and charitable efforts
- Refined parliamentary skills and bylaw compliance using Robert's Rules in meetings

Ventura County Area Agency on Aging - Advisory Council Member 07/2022 - Present
 Ventura, CA

- Provide guidance on programs and services aimed at improving the quality of life for seniors
- Support development and implementation of strategies to address senior housing needs
- Address needs of seniors, such as transportation, nutrition, and social engagement
- Participate in outreach efforts to raise awareness of the agency's services

General Federation of Women's Clubs, San Buenaventura - Member 03/2022 - Present
 Ventura, CA

Toastmasters International, Club #24 - Member 01/2024 - Present
 Ventura, CA

Work Experience

Coldwell Banker, Select Properties, RE/MAX - Receptionist, Administrator, Agent
 Ventura County, CA

- Strategize and execute comprehensive marketing campaigns for property listings, encompassing open houses, multimedia advertising, and focused outreach to potential buyers
- Conduct contract negotiations, ensuring clear communication and mutually beneficial agreements between buyers and sellers
- Maintained meticulous records of essential documentation, including disclosures, fair housing compliance, and agency agreements, upholding strict industry standards and regulations

TO: Advisory Council Members

FROM: Alyssa Corse

DATE: May 22, 2024

SUBJECT: **Recommendation to Renew Grantee/Contractor Funding for FY 2024-2025 Title III E FCRC; III B Senior Support Line; Title IIIE Pre-Placement Counseling; Title IIIB, VIIA, SDF, Q&A Long Term Care Ombudsman Program; and Title IIIB, VIIB FAST, HICAP Legal Services;**

SECTION 8: Renewal Grants — FY 2024-2025 Recommended Funding by Program

Applicant		OAA Funding Category	Project/Service	Annual Grant Amount*	Grant Cycle
8.1	Conejo Valley Senior Concerns	Title III E Family Caregiver Support Program (FCSP)	Family Caregiver Resource Center – East Ventura County (i.e., Thousand Oaks, Simi Valley, Moorpark, the portion of Westlake Village in Ventura County, unincorporated areas of east Ventura County, including Newbury Park)	\$40,000	2 out of 4
8.2	Camarillo Health Care District	Title III E FCSP	Family Caregiver Resource Center (Camarillo)	\$40,000	2 out of 4
8.3	Camarillo Health Care District	Title III B Supportive Services	Senior Support Line – Countywide	\$50,000	2 out of 4
8.4	Long Term Care Services	Title IIIE FCSP	<u>SOLE SOURCE</u> Pre-Placement Counseling – Countywide	\$27,624	2 out of 4
8.5	Long Term Care Services	Title IIIB, VIIA, SDF, Q&A LTCOP Ombudsman	<u>SOLE SOURCE</u> Long Term Care Ombudsman Program – Countywide	\$383,754	2 out of 4
8.6	Grey Law	Title IIIB, VIIB FAST, HICAP Legal Services	Legal Services – Countywide	\$74,000	2 out of 4

*Grant amounts are contingent upon the availability of state and federal monies and may be subject to revision.

The initial contract period for these grants will be July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025. All grants may be eligible for renewal in subsequent fiscal years through June 30, 2027. The

Annual renewals are not guaranteed; they are at the discretion of the VCAA and are subject to renegotiation and the availability of federal, state, and local funding.

Advisory Council Legislative Update – May 2024

AB 817 (Pacheco D) Open Meetings: teleconferencing: subsidiary body

Introduced: 2/13/2023

Last Amed: 01/17/2024

Status: 05/01/2024 – referred to Coms. on L. GOV. and JUD.

Location: 5/01/2024 – Committee on local government and judiciary committee

Summary: The Ralph M. Brown Act requires, with specified exceptions, each legislative body of a local agency to provide notice of the time and place for its regular meetings and an agenda containing a brief general description of each item of business to be transacted. The act also requires that all meetings of a legislative body be open and public, and that all persons be permitted to attend unless a closed session is authorized. The act generally requires for teleconferencing that the legislative body of a local agency that elects to use teleconferencing post agendas at all teleconference locations, identify each teleconference location in the notice and agenda of the meeting or proceeding, and have each teleconference location be accessible to the public. Existing law also requires that, during the teleconference, at least a quorum of the members of the legislative body participate from locations within the boundaries of the territory over which the local agency exercises jurisdiction. Current law authorizes the legislative body of a local agency to use alternate teleconferencing provisions during a proclaimed state of emergency (emergency provisions) and, until January 1, 2026, in certain circumstances related to the particular member if at least a quorum of its members participate from a singular physical location that is open to the public and situated within the agency's jurisdiction and other requirements are met (nonemergency provisions). This bill, until January 1, 2026, would authorize a subsidiary body, as defined, to use similar alternative teleconferencing provisions and would impose requirements for notice, agenda, and public participation, as prescribed. In order to use teleconferencing pursuant to this act, the bill would require the legislative body that established the subsidiary body by charter, ordinance, resolution, or other formal action to make specified findings by majority vote before the subsidiary body uses teleconferencing for the first time and every 12 months thereafter.

AB 1967 (Jackson D) Food Insecurity Officer

Introduced: 01/30/2024

Last Amed: 04/16/2024

Status: 04/17/2024 – rereferred to Com on Human Services.

Location: 5/08/2024 – in committee: set, first hearing. Committee hearing date 05/16/2024

Summary: Would create, within the State Department of Social Services, a Food Insecurity Officer, to be appointed by, and serve at the pleasure of, the Governor. The Food Insecurity Officer would be required to report to the Secretary, or the Secretary's designee, of the California Health and Human Services Agency. The bill would require the Food Insecurity Officer to coordinate and address food insecurity throughout state government operations and would authorize the Food Insecurity Officer to engage with state entities for these purposes, as specified. The bill would include among the Food Insecurity Officer's duties advancing the benefit adequacy and enrollment rates of the CalFresh and California Food Assistance Program (CFAP), as specified. The bill would

require the Food Insecurity Officer to consult with relevant state entities and stakeholders with expertise in food insecurity and related best practices in carrying out their duties. The bill would also require the Food Insecurity Officer, beginning January 1, 2026, to submit an annual report to the relevant policy and budget committees of the Legislature that includes, among other things, data on food insecurity, CalFresh and CFAP enrollment rates, and budgetary and policy recommendations, as specified.

AB 1968 (Jackson D) CalFresh: supplemental nutrition assistance for senior citizens.

Introduced: 01/30/2024

Last Amed: 04/04/2024

Status: 04/08/2024 – rereferred to Com on Appropriations

Location: Assembly Appropriations. Hearing set for 05/16/2024

Summary: Current federal law provides for the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), known in California as CalFresh, under which supplemental nutrition assistance benefits allocated to the state by the federal government are distributed to eligible individuals by each county. Under current law, the Supplemental Security Income/State Supplementary Program for the Aged, Blind, and Disabled (SSI/SSP) is, pursuant to contract, administered by the federal government and the department. This program provides cash assistance to low-income aged, blind, and disabled persons. Current law requires the department to also establish the California Food Assistance Program (CFAP) to provide nutrition benefits to households that are ineligible for CalFresh benefits solely due to their immigration status, as specified. Existing law requires that CFAP benefits be equivalent to SNAP benefits. Under current law, operative on the date that the department notifies the Legislature that the Statewide Automated Welfare System can perform the necessary automation for this purpose, an individual 55 years of age or older is eligible for CFAP benefits, subject to an appropriation. Current law generally requires the federal and state laws and regulations governing the SSI/SSP program to also govern the Cash Assistance Program for Immigrants (CAPI). This bill would require, on or before January 1, 2026, and on an annual basis thereafter, the State Department of Social Services to create a system to automatically enroll and to enroll in the CalFresh program and the CFAP qualifying individuals who meet the eligibility requirements of the SSI/SSP and those who meet the eligibility requirements of the CAPI, as specified. The bill would require, commencing January 1, 2026, or after the automatic enrollment process takes effect, whichever is sooner, the department to require county eligibility workers to regularly contact qualifying individuals who meet those requirements to notify them of their estimated potential benefit, including through notice by mail.

AB 1993 (Kalra D) Residential care facilities for the elderly: maximum number of residents

Introduced: 01/30/2024

Last Amed: 04/17/2024

Status: 4/17/2024-In committee: Set, first hearing. Referred to suspense file.

Location: Appropriations suspense file. Hearing date 05/16/2024

Summary: The California Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly Act (act), requires the State Department of Social Services to license, inspect, and regulate residential care facilities for the elderly, as defined, and imposes criminal penalties on a person who violates the act or who willfully or repeatedly violates any rule or regulation adopted under the act. Under current law, whether or not unrelated persons are living together, a residential care facility for the elderly that serves 6 or fewer persons is considered a residential use of property, as specified. This bill would increase the maximum number of residents served for purposes of those provisions from 6 to 10.

AB 2207 (Reyes D) State boards and commissions: representatives of older adults.

Introduced: 2/7/2024

Last Amed: 2/7/2024

Status: pending referral to Senate

Location: 05/09/2024 – read second time and ordered to consent calendar

Summary: Current law establishes the California Commission on Aging composed of 25 persons, as specified, and requires the commission to hire an executive director. Current law also establishes the California Department of Aging and provides for a director of that department. Existing law establishes various state boards and commissions to address public health concerns throughout the state and generally requires that individuals appointed to these state entities be broadly reflective of the general public. This bill would expand the membership of the Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Disorders Advisory Committee, the California Health Workforce Education and Training Council, the California Workforce Development Board, the California Behavioral Health Planning Council, the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission, and the Interagency Council on Homelessness to include the Executive Director of the California Commission on Aging, the Director of the California Department of Aging, or both, or other persons that serve or advocate for older adults, as specified.

AB 2302 (Addis D) Open meetings: local agencies: teleconferences.

Introduced: 2/12/2024

Last Amed: 02/12/2024

Status: 05/09/2024 - In Senate. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment.

Location: in Senate

Summary: The Ralph M. Brown Act generally requires for teleconferencing that the legislative body of a local agency that elects to use teleconferencing post agendas at all teleconference locations, identify each teleconference location in the notice and agenda of the meeting or proceeding, and have each teleconference location be accessible to the public. Current law also requires that, during the teleconference, at least a quorum of the members of the legislative body participate from locations within the boundaries of the territory over which the local agency exercises jurisdiction. The act provides an exemption to the jurisdictional requirement for health authorities, as defined. Current law, until January 1, 2026, authorizes the legislative body of a local agency to use alternative teleconferencing in specified circumstances if, during the teleconference meeting, at least a quorum of the members of the legislative body participates in person from a singular physical location clearly identified on the agenda that is open to the public and situated within the boundaries of the territory over which the local agency exercises jurisdiction,

and the legislative body complies with prescribed requirements. Current law imposes prescribed restrictions on remote participation by a member under these alternative teleconferencing provisions, including establishing limits on the number of meetings a member may participate in solely by teleconference from a remote location, prohibiting such participation for a period of more than 3 consecutive months or 20% of the regular meetings for the local agency within a calendar year, or more than 2 meetings if the legislative body regularly meets fewer than 10 times per calendar year. This bill would revise those limits, instead prohibiting such participation for more than a specified number of meetings per year, based on how frequently the legislative body regularly meets.

AB 2329 (Muratsuchi D) Energy: California Affordable Decarbonization Authority.

Introduced: 02/12/2204

Last Amed: 03/21/2024

Status: 05/08/2024 - In appropriations committee: Set, first hearing. Referred to suspense file.

Location: Appropriations committee. Hearing date 05/16/2024

Summary: Would require the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) and State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission (Energy Commission) to jointly authorize the establishment of the California Affordable Decarbonization Authority as a nonprofit public benefit corporation and to take all necessary measures to create the authority. The bill would require the authority to be governed by an independent board of directors appointed by the Governor, Speaker of the Assembly, and Senate Committee on Rules, as specified. The bill would require the authority to maintain open meeting standards and meeting notice requirements consistent with the requirements of the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act and the California Public Records Act. The bill would establish the Climate Equity Trust Fund as a trust fund, separate and apart from all public moneys or funds of the state, and would, upon appropriation by the Legislature, require that the moneys in the trust fund be expended by the authority for the benefit of electricity customers and to promote affordable electricity rates, as specified. The bill would authorize disbursements from the trust fund to be made through direct credits on ratepayer bills, direct rebates or incentives to market participants, technology vendors, technology installers, and end-use customers, and reimbursement of eligible costs, including costs for building electrification programs and incentives, incurred by an electrical corporation, electric service provider, community choice aggregator, or local publicly owned electric utility in the form of matching funds. The bill would require the authority to submit annual and multiyear spending plans for review and approval to the PUC and the Energy Commission before disbursing trust fund moneys.

AB 2410 (Wallis R) Meal program: senior citizens.

Introduced: 02/12/2024

Last Amend: 03/21/2024

Status: 05/01/2024 In Appropriations Committee. Set, first hearing. Referred to suspense file.

Location: Assembly Appropriations

Summary: Current law authorizes the California Department of Aging to make specified

funds available for nutrition projects serving the needs of individuals 60 years of age or over and their spouses, as specified. The McCarthy-Kennick Nutrition Program for the Elderly Act of 1972, among other things, establishes the Nutrition Reserve Fund for the purpose of maintaining existing nutrition services and lending moneys to senior nutrition projects, as specified. Current law requires the California Commission on Aging, with the approval of the Secretary of the California Health and Human Services Agency, to develop and submit to the federal government a state plan for implementing the federal Older Americans Act of 1965, as amended, by May 1 of each year. This bill would require the above-described state plan to include the establishment of projects that would provide, at least 5 days per week, at least one meal per day and any additional meals the contracting agency or organization may elect to provide, to be made available for pickup by eligible individuals 60 years of age or older.

AB 2510 (Arambula D) Dental care for people with developmental disabilities.

Introduced: 02/13/2024

Last Amend: 04/15/2024

Status: 05/15/2024 – in Assembly Appropriations Committee: Set, first hearing. Referred to suspense file.

Location: Assembly Appropriations Committee

Summary: The Lanterman Developmental Disabilities Services Act requires the State Department of Developmental Services to contract with regional centers to provide services and supports to individuals with developmental disabilities, including intellectual disabilities and other conditions, and their families. Current law defines “services and supports for persons with developmental disabilities” to mean specialized services and supports or special adaptations of generic services and supports directed toward the alleviation of a developmental disability or toward the social, personal, physical, or economic habilitation or rehabilitation of an individual with a developmental disability, or toward the achievement and maintenance of an independent, productive, and normal life. Under current law, specialized medical and dental care are included within that definition. Under current law, the determination of which services and supports are necessary for each consumer are made through the IPP process. This bill would require the department, by July 1, 2026, to enter into a contract with a dental school or college in the state that meets certain criteria relating to public status, accreditation, and a demonstrated record of working with regional centers, for the purpose of establishing a statewide program centered in the state’s regional centers. The bill would require that the contract expire on June 30, 2031. Under the bill, the program would be established to improve the provision of dental care services to people with developmental and intellectual disabilities, and specifically to prevent or reduce the need for developmental services consumers to receive dental treatment using sedation and general anesthesia.

AB 2620 (Bains D) California Commission on Aging

Introduced: 02/14/2024

Last Amend: N/A

Status: 05/09/2024 - In Senate. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment.

Location: In Senate

Summary: The Mello-Granlund Older Californians Act establishes the California Commission on Aging, comprised of 25 members, appointed as specified, including 19 members appointed by the Governor. Current law requires the commission to be comprised of actual consumers of services provided under the federal Older Americans Act. Under existing law, the commission's mission is, among other things, to serve as the principal advocate body in the state on behalf of older individuals, to participate with and advise the California Department of Aging in various ways relating to the State Plan on Aging, and to develop a method for the selection of delegates to the statewide legislative meeting of senior advocates. Current law sets forth the duties and powers of the commission, including participating with the department in training workshops for community, regional, and statewide senior advocates, to help older individuals to understand legislative, regulatory, and program implementation processes, and meeting at least 6 times annually in order to study problems of older individuals and present findings and make recommendations. This bill would reduce the number of members of the commission to 18, and require 12 members to be appointed by the Governor, with at least 2 appointed from a list of nominees submitted by, among others, area agency on aging directors and the Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council of California. The bill would require the members of the commission be comprised of consumers and providers of services under the federal Older Americans Act, instead of just consumers, who have professional, lived, or academic expertise both within and outside of the field of aging, in specified areas, including health, behavioral health, and housing.

AB 2636 (Bains D) Mello-Granlund Older Californians Act.

Introduced: 02/14/2024

Last Amend: 03/21/2024

Status: 05/08/2024 – in committee: Set, first hearing. Referred to suspense file.

Location: Assembly Aging and Long Term Care Committee

Summary: Current law requires the California Department of Aging to administer the Mello-Granlund Older Californians Act (act), which establishes various programs that serve older individuals, defined as persons 60 years of age or older, except as specified. The act requires the department to designate various private nonprofit or public agencies as area agencies on aging to work within a planning and service area and provide a broad array of social and nutritional services. Under the act, the department's mission is to provide leadership to those agencies in developing systems of home- and community-based services that maintain individuals in their own homes or least restrictive homelike environments. This bill would recast and revise various provisions of the act, including updating findings and declarations relating to statistics and issues of concern to the older adult population, and replacing references throughout the act from "senior," and similar terminology to "older adult."

AB 2650 (Zbur D) Licensed adult residential facilities and residential care facilities for the elderly: data collection.

Introduced: 02/14/2024

Last Amend: 3/18/2024

Status: 05/01/2024 - In committee: Set, first hearing. Referred to suspense file.

Location: Assembly Appropriations Committee

Summary: The California Community Care Facilities Act provides for the licensure and regulation of community care facilities by the State Department of Social Services, including various adult residential facilities, as described. The act includes legislative findings and declarations that there is an urgent need to establish a coordinated and comprehensive statewide service of quality community care for persons with a mental illness, persons with developmental and physical disabilities, and children and adults who require care or services. A person who violates the California Community Care Facilities Act is guilty of a misdemeanor. The California Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly Act provides for the licensure and regulation of residential care facilities for the elderly, as defined, by the department and expresses the intent of the Legislature to require that those facilities be licensed as a separate category within the existing licensing structure of the department. Current law requires the department to collect information and send a report to each county's department of mental health or behavioral health, beginning May 1, 2021, and annually thereafter, of all licensed adult residential facilities and residential care facilities for the elderly, as described, that accept a specified federal rate and accept residents with a serious mental disorder, as defined, and the number of licensed beds at each facility. This bill would require the department, beginning May 1, 2026, and annually thereafter until January 1, 2029, to collect information and send a report to each county's department of mental health or behavioral health of all licensed adult residential facilities and residential care facilities for the elderly, as described, that accept the above-described specified federal rate and accept residents with a serious mental disorder, as defined, and the number of licensed beds at each facility.

AB 2654 (Boerner D) Property tax postponement: Senior Citizens and Disabled Citizens Property Tax Postponement Fund.

Introduced: 02/14/2024

Status: 05/15/2024 – in committee: In committee: Set, first hearing. Referred to suspense file.

Location: Assembly Appropriations

Summary: Current law authorizes the Controller, upon approval of a claim for the postponement of ad valorem property taxes, to directly pay a county tax collector for the property taxes owed by the claimant, as provided. Current law establishes the Senior Citizens and Disabled Citizens Property Tax Postponement Fund and continuously appropriates moneys in the fund to the Controller for specified purposes, including disbursements relating to the postponement of property taxes pursuant to the Property Tax Postponement Law. Current law requires the Controller, on June 30, 2018, and on June 30 each year thereafter, to transfer any moneys in the fund in excess of \$15,000,000 to the General Fund. This bill would require money to be transferred, on June 30, 2025, and on June 30 each year thereafter, from the General Fund to the Senior Citizens and Disabled Citizens Property Tax Postponement Fund when the balance in the latter fund is less than \$15,000,000.

AB 2685 (Ortega D) Older individuals: case management services

Introduced: 2/14/2024

Last Amed: 4/8/2024

Status: 5/1/2024-In committee: Set, first hearing. Referred to suspense file.

Location: 5/1/2024-A. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE

Summary: Existing law requires the California Department of Aging to administer the Mello-Granlund Older Californians Act, which establishes various programs that serve older individuals, defined as persons 60 years of age or older except as specified. The act requires the department to designate various private nonprofit or public agencies as area agencies on aging to work within a planning and service area and provide a broad array of social and nutritional services. Under the act, the department's mission is to provide leadership to those agencies in developing systems of home- and community-based services that maintain individuals in their own homes or least restrictive homelike environments. This bill would, until January 1, 2031, and subject to an appropriation, require the department to establish a case management services-demonstration project in up to 4 counties located in varying regions of the state, based on a process of selection by the department and voluntary participation by the selected counties. Under the bill, the purpose of the project would be to expand statewide the local capacity of supportive services programs by providing case management services to older individuals who need assistance to maintain health and economic stability.–The bill would require an area agency on aging corresponding to a participating county to assume the lead role in coordination with county agencies and local partner organizations within the county, as appropriate, and would authorize the area agency on aging to deliver the services directly or through coordination, as specified.

AB 2800 (Kalra D) Elders and dependent adults: abuse or neglect.

Introduced: 02/15/2024

Last Amend: 03/21/2024

Status: 4/9/2024-In committee: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.

Location: 3/21/2024-A. AGING & L.T.C.

Summary: The Elder Abuse and Dependent Adult Civil Protection Act, sets forth various provisions for the reporting, investigation, and prosecution of elder and dependent adult abuse. The act requires specified persons, known as mandated reporters, to report cases of elder or dependent adult abuse, including cases of physical abuse or neglect. Under the act, failure to report the abuse is a misdemeanor. Existing law defines "neglect" for purposes of the act to include, among other things, failure to assist in personal hygiene or in the provision of food, clothing, or shelter, or failure to prevent malnutrition or dehydration. This bill would expand the definition of neglect to include (1) failure to implement a treatment plan, (2) failure to provide or arrange for services necessary for physical, mental, or emotional health, and (3) carelessness that produces or could reasonably be expected to result in serious physical injury, mental suffering, or death. Existing law defines "physical abuse" for purposes of the act to include, among other things, use of a physical or chemical restraint or psychotropic medication for specified purposes, including for punishment or for any purpose not authorized by a physician and surgeon. This bill would expand the definition of physical abuse to include use of a physical or chemical restraint or psychotropic medication for discipline or convenience when not required to treat the resident's medical symptoms and administered by a long-term health care facility or residential care facility for the elderly, as defined

AB 3030 (Calderon D) Health care services: artificial intelligence.

Introduced: 02/16/2024

Last Amend: 04/11/2024

Status: 05/13/2024 from consent calendar, ordered for 3rd reading

Location: Assembly Floor. 05/13/2024 ordered to a 3rd reading.

Summary: Current law provides for the licensure and regulation of health facilities and clinics by the State Department of Public Health. This bill would require an entity, including a health facility, clinic, physician's office, or office of a group practice that uses a generative artificial intelligence tool to generate responses for health care providers to communicate with patients to ensure that those communications include both (1) a disclaimer that indicates to the patient that a communication was generated by artificial intelligence and (2) clear instructions for the patient to access direct communications with a health care provider, as specified. The bill would prohibit an entity or health care provider from being subject to any disciplinary action related to licensure or certification solely because of the entity's or health care provider's failure to comply with these provisions.

AB 2551 (Bains D) Crimes: elder abuse.

Introduced: 02/14/2024

Amended: N/A

Status: 03/21/2024 – in Assembly Aging and Long Term care Committee – Hearing canceled at the request of author

Location: Assembly Aging and Long Term Care

Summary: Current law prohibits the abuse or neglect of an elder or dependent adult, as specified. Under existing law, a violation of these provisions is punishable as either a misdemeanor or felony, depending on the circumstances. Current law, for purposes of these provisions, defines an "elder" as a person 65 years of age or older, and a "dependent adult" as a person between 18 and 64 years of age who has certain defined physical or mental limitations. This bill would, for purposes of the elder and dependent adult abuse and neglect provisions, define an "elder" as a person who is 60 years of age or older, and define a "dependent adult" as a person between 18 and 59 years of age who has certain defined physical and mental limitations.

AB 3207 (Patterson, Joe R) The Secure Seniors Online Protection Act.

Introduced: 02/16/2024

Amended: 04/24/2024

Status: 05/08/2024 – Appropriations Committee: Set, first hearing. Referred to suspense file.

Location: Assembly Appropriations

Summary: Current law establishes the State Department of Social Services in the California Health and Human Services Agency. Current law designates the department as the single state agency with full power to supervise every phase of the administration of public social services, except health care services and medical assistance, as specified. This bill, the Secure Seniors Online Protection Act, would require the State Department of Social Services to, subject to an appropriation, on or before January 1,

2026, establish and administer a 24 hours per day, 7 days per week, toll-free hotline to assist all Californians in dealing with online scams, as provided. The bill would require the State Department of Social Services to ensure that the program and its staff are equipped to meet the needs of individuals who are 60 years of age and older. The bill would require, on or before January 31, 2027, and annually thereafter, the State Department of Social Services to submit a report to the Legislature and the relevant policy committees containing, among other things, the number of seniors served, the types of problems the program assisted seniors with, and recommendations for improving the program.

SB 37 (Caballero D) Older Adults and Adults with Disabilities Housing Stability Act.

Introduced: 12/5/2022

Last Amend: 1/22/2024

Status: 1/29/2024-Read third time. Passed. (Ayes 36. Noes 0.) Ordered to the Assembly. In Assembly. Read first time. Held at Desk.

Location: 1/29/2024- Assembly desk

Summary: Current law establishes various programs to address homelessness, including requiring the Governor to create an Interagency Council on Homelessness and establishing the Homeless Emergency Aid program for the purpose of providing localities with one-time grant funds to address their immediate homelessness challenges, as specified. Current law commits to the Department of Housing and Community Development the administration of various housing assistance programs, including provisions relating to residential hotel rehabilitation and tasks the department, in consultation with each council of governments, with the determination of each region's existing and projected housing need. This bill would, upon an appropriation by the Legislature for this express purpose, require the Department of Housing and Community Development, commencing January 1, 2025, to begin developing the Older Adults and Adults with Disabilities Housing Stability Pilot Program.

SB 1106 (Rubio D) Conservators: required notices.

Introduced: 2/13/2024

Last Amed: 5/2/2024

Status: 5/2/2024-Read second time and amended. Ordered to third reading.

Location: Senate Floor. 3rd reading on 05/16/2024

Summary: he Guardianship-Conservatorship Law generally establishes the powers and duties of a guardian or conservator of a person, an estate, or both. Current law authorizes a conservator to establish the residence of a conservatee within and outside of California, as prescribed, and requires the conservator to select the least restrictive appropriate residence that is available, which existing law presumes to be the personal residence of the conservatee. Current law requires the conservator to file a notice of change of residence with the court within 30 days of the date of the change and requires the conservator to deliver a copy of the notice to the spouse or registered domestic partner of the conservatee, if any, and to the relatives named in the petition for appointment of the conservator, as specified, and to file proof of delivery of that notice with the court. If the conservator proposes to remove the conservatee from their personal residence, current law requires the conservator to provide notice to those persons at least 15 days before the proposed removal of the conservatee, except as specified. Current law, at any

time after issuance of letters of guardianship or conservatorship, authorizes specified individuals, including an interested person, to file with the court clerk a written request for special notice. This bill would require the conservator to provide notice if the conservator proposes to remove the conservatee from their current residence or location where they are staying for an extended period of time.

SB 1249 (Roth) Mello-Granlund Older Californians Act.

Introduced: 2/15/2024

Last Amed: 4/16/2024

Status: 05/08/2024 – Senate Floor

Location: Senate Floor – 05/16/2024 Senate 3rd reading

Summary: Current law requires the California Department of Aging to designate various private nonprofit or public agencies as area agencies on aging to work within a planning and service area and provide a broad array of social and nutritional services. Current law includes various findings and declarations relating to the purposes of the Mello-Granlund Older Californians Act. This bill would update and revise those legislative findings and declarations, including recognizing the state’s major demographic shift towards an older, more diverse population and declaring the intent to reform provisions of the act related to various functions of the area agencies on aging. The bill, within specified time periods, would require the department to take various actions to reform the act, including giving counties the option to petition the department to be considered for designation as the area agency on aging that serves its local jurisdiction, developing core programs and services and developing a statewide public awareness engagement strategy.

AB 1906 (Gipson D) California Law Revision Commission: persons with disabilities: terminology.

Introduced: 1/23/2024

Last Amend: 3/13/2024

Status: 4/10/2024-In committee: Set, first hearing. Referred to suspense file.

Location: 4/10/2024-A. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE

Summary: Existing law establishes the California Law Revision Commission to, among other things, examine the law for defects or anachronisms and recommend changes to modify or eliminate antiquated or inequitable rules of law. Existing law requires the commission to study any topic that the Legislature, by concurrent resolution or statute, refers to the commission. Existing law establishes the Committee on Revision of the Penal Code, within the commission, to study and make recommendations related to the Penal Code to achieve various objectives, including simplifying criminal law and procedure.

Existing law uses the terms “dependent adult” and “dependent person” to refer to a person, regardless of whether the person lives independently, who is between the ages of 18 and 64 and has physical or mental limitations that restrict their ability to carry out normal activities or to protect their rights, as specified. Existing law uses those terms in various provisions related to, among other topics, prohibitions on, prescribes penalties for, mandated reporting of, and settlements, protective orders, and law enforcement training related to, the commission of specified offenses committed against those persons.

Existing federal law requires the Governor to designate a private nonprofit corporation in this state for the protection and advocacy of persons with disabilities, as specified. Existing state law refers to this entity as “the protection and advocacy agency.” This bill would require the California Law Revision Commission, with input from stakeholders, including the protection and advocacy agency, to complete and submit to the Legislature a study on how to remove the terms “dependent adult” and “dependent person” from existing code sections, including those that use the term “dependent” in conjunction with the term “elder,” as specified. The bill would require the commission, as part of the study, to convene a working group that includes the protection and advocacy agency, persons described by those terms, and groups representing those persons. The bill would require the study to include recommendations on how to replace the terms “dependent adult” and “dependent person” with new terminology that would respectfully describe those persons and would preserve the legal rights and protections of those and other persons, as specified.

AB 1911 (Reyes D) Residential care facilities: complaints.

Introduced: 1/24/2024

Last Amend: 4/4/2024

Status: 4/17/2024-In committee: Set, first hearing. Referred to suspense file.

Location: 4/17/2024-A. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE

Summary: Existing law establishes the State Department of Social Services and sets forth its powers and duties, including, but not limited to, the licensing and administration of residential care facilities for the elderly. Existing law authorizes any person to request an investigation of a residential care facility for the elderly by making a complaint to the department, as specified. Existing law requires the department to make a preliminary review, except as specified, and make an onsite inspection within 10 days of receiving the complaint unless the visit would adversely affect the investigation, as specified. Existing law requires the department, upon receipt of a complaint, to make a good faith effort to contact and interview the complainant of the department’s proposed course of action and relevant deadline for the department to complete the investigation. Existing law requires the department, within 10 days of completing that investigation, to notify the complainant of the department’s determination as a result of the investigation.

This bill would instead authorize any person to file a complaint with the department against a residential care facility for the elderly. The bill would require the department to conduct an onsite investigation within one business day of receipt of the complaint if the complaint involves a threat of imminent danger of death or serious harm. The bill would require the department to inform the complainant within 10 calendar days of receipt of the complaint if the department determines that an investigation is not warranted and the reason for that determination. The bill would require the department, prior to conducting an onsite investigation, to send a notification to the complainant notifying them of, among other things, the nature of the allegations to be investigated and the relevant deadline for the department to complete the investigation. The bill would require the department, for complaints received on or after July 1, 2025, to complete an investigation within 60 calendar days of receipt of a complaint, or within 30 calendar days if the complaint involved a threat of imminent danger or death or serious harm. The bill would require the

department, when providing notification of the outcome of the investigation, to also provide notification of the right to seek an informal conference, and to provide a copy of any reports describing violations and enforcement actions resulting from the investigation, if applicable. The bill would authorize a complainant to appeal a determination made by the department, as specified.

AB 2026 (Mathis R) Disabilities: person-first terminology.

Introduced: 2/1/2024

Status: 3/12/2024-In committee: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.

Location: 2/12/2024-A. JUD.

Summary: Existing law makes various references to the terms “autistic children,” “developmentally disabled children,” “developmentally disabled adults,” “disabled adults,” “severely disabled children,” and “seriously emotionally disturbed children” in provisions of the Health and Safety Code and Welfare and Institutions Code. This bill would make technical changes to those terms to put the person first, and would make other technical, nonsubstantive changes.

AB 2075 (Alvarez D) Resident Access Protection Act.

Introduced: 2/5/2024

Last Amend: 4/25/2024

Status: 4/29/2024-Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Location: 4/23/2024-A. APPR.

Summary: Existing law, including the California Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly Act and the California Community Care Facilities Act, requires the licensure and regulation of certain residential health and care facilities and establishes specified rights for the residents of these licensees. Existing law makes a violation of certain of these provisions or a willful or repeated violation of any rule or regulation promulgated under these provisions a crime.

This bill would enact the Resident Access Protection Act. The act would provide a resident of a long-term care facility with the right to in-person, onsite access to a visitor or a health care and social services provider during a public health emergency in which visitation rights of residents are curtailed by a state or local order, as specified. The act would prescribe how a resident may leave their long-term care facility on outings during a public health emergency. The act would require a long-term care facility, among other things, to provide safety protocols required of care staff, visitors, and health and social services providers during a public health emergency to the residents, resident representatives, and visitors in writing. A violation of the act would be a crime and subject to civil penalties. By creating a new crime, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

AB 2352 (Irwin D) Mental health and psychiatric advance directives.

Introduced: 2/12/2024

Last Amend: 4/25/2024

Status: 4/29/2024-Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Location: 4/23/2024-A. APPR.

Calendar: 5/8/2024 In committee: Set, first hearing. Referred to suspense file

Summary: Existing law establishes the requirements for executing a written advance health care directive that is legally sufficient to direct health care decisions. Existing law provides a form that an individual may use or modify to create an advance health care directive. Under existing law, a written advance health care directive is legally sufficient if specified requirements are satisfied, may be revoked by a patient having capacity at any time, and is revoked to the extent of a conflict with a later executed directive. Existing law requires a supervising health care provider who knows of the existence of an advance health care directive or its revocation to record that fact in the patient's health record. Existing law sets forth requirements of witnesses to a written advance health care directive. A written advance health care directive or similar instrument executed in another jurisdiction is valid and enforceable in this state under existing law. A person who intentionally falsifies, forges, conceals, defaces, or obliterates an individual's advance health care directive or its revocation without the individual's consent is subject to liability of up to \$10,000 or actual damages, whichever is greater, plus reasonable attorney's fees.

Existing law authorizes an appeal of specified orders relating to an advance health care directive. Existing law generally prohibits involuntary civil placement of a ward, conservatee, or person with capacity in a mental health treatment facility, subject to a valid and effective advance health care directive. Existing law prohibits specified entities, including a provider, health care service plan, or insurer, from requiring or prohibiting the execution or revocation of an advance health care directive as a condition for providing health care, admission to a facility, or furnishing insurance. Existing law requires the Secretary of State to establish a registry system for written advance health care directives, but failure to register does not affect the directive's validity and registration does not affect a registrant's ability to revoke the directive.

Under existing law, an advance psychiatric directive is a legal document, executed on a voluntary basis by a person who has the capacity to make medical decisions and in accordance with the requirements for an advance health care directive, that allows a person with mental illness to protect their autonomy and ability to direct their own care by documenting their preferences for treatment in advance of a mental health crisis. An individual may execute both an advance health care directive and a voluntary standalone psychiatric advance directive.

This bill would extend the above-described advance health care directive provisions to psychiatric advance directives and would make conforming changes. The bill would specify that a psychiatric advance directive is a legal written or digital document, executed as specified, that allows a person with behavioral health illness to document their preferences for treatment and identify a health care advocate in advance of a behavioral health crisis. Under the bill, a written or digital psychiatric advance directive may include the individual's nomination of a health care advocate who is in agreement to uphold the person's preferences for treatment in the case of a behavioral health crisis. If the health care advocate is informed of the directive's revocation, the bill would require them to promptly communicate that fact to the supervising health care provider and any health care institution where the patient is receiving care. The bill would specify that a psychiatric

advance directive is legally sufficient if it contains the date of its execution and is signed by the individual, their health care advocate or another adult in the individual's presence and at the individual's direction, and one additional, unrelated witness.

Existing law requires a court determining whether to grant or deny a conservatorship petition to consider the person's abilities and capacities with current and possible supports. Existing law requires the Judicial Council's conservatorship alternatives program to provide information relating to less restrictive alternatives to conservatorship. This bill would specify that a person's current and possible supports to be considered by a court in a conservatorship determination include psychiatric advance directives and health care advocates. The bill would specify that less restrictive alternatives to conservatorship include psychiatric advance directives for purposes of the conservatorship alternatives program.

Existing law sets forth various requirements and procedures for mental health treatment, community mental health services, and for a person with a psychiatric advance directive that allows a person with mental illness to protect their autonomy and ability to direct their own care by documenting their preferences for treatment in advance of a mental health crisis. Existing law requires directions in an advance health care directive to be considered in formulating a written treatment plan for a person who is the subject of a petition for involuntary treatment. This bill would require a designated facility evaluating if a patient is in need of involuntary mental health services to keep a record that includes if the person detained has an advance health care directive or a psychiatric advance directive. If a person who is the subject of a petition for involuntary treatment has a psychiatric advance directive, the bill would require directions in that directive to be considered in formulating their written treatment plan.

Existing law authorizes a person experiencing a serious mental disorder who meets specified criteria to be a respondent in a CARE plan to provide an individualized, appropriate range of community-based services and supports. Existing law authorizes the respondent to designate a supporter to assist them to understand, make, communicate, implement, or act on their own life decisions during the CARE process, and sets forth the duties of a supporter.

This bill would authorize health care advocate to be a supporter in the CARE process. The bill would authorize a supporter to provide information to the respondent about advance health care directives or psychiatric advance directives and would authorize the supporter to be present in a meeting, proceeding, or communication relating to interacting or communicating with the chosen health care advocate. The bill would prohibit a supporter from creating a psychiatric advance directive without explicit authorization by the respondent with capacity.

SB 402 (Wahab D) Involuntary commitment.

Introduced: 2/9/2023

Status: 4/29/2024-Referred to Coms. on HEALTH and JUD.

Location: 4/29/2024- Assembly Health Committee

Summary: Existing law, the Lanterman-Petris-Short Act, authorizes the involuntary commitment and treatment of persons with specified mental disorders. Under the act,

when a person, as a result of a mental health disorder, is a danger to self or others, or gravely disabled, the person may, upon probable cause, be taken into custody by specified individuals, including, among others, by peace officers and designated members of a mobile crisis team, and placed in a facility designated by the county and approved by the State Department of Health Care Services for up to 72 hours for evaluation and treatment. This bill would additionally authorize a person to be taken into custody, pursuant to those provisions, by a licensed mental health professional, as defined.

SB 875 (Glazer D) Health and care facilities: residential care facilities for the elderly: referral agencies.

Introduced: 2/17/2023

Last Amend: 1/11/2024

Status: 1/29/2024-Read third time. Passed. (Ayes 32. Noes 0.) Ordered to the Assembly. In Assembly.

Read first time. Held at Desk.

Location: 1/29/2024-A. DESK

Summary: The California Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly Act generally requires the State Department of Social Services to license, inspect, and regulate residential care facilities for the elderly and imposes criminal penalties on a person who violates the act or who willfully or repeatedly violates any rule or regulation adopted under the act. The act prohibits a placement agency, as defined, from placing an individual in a licensed residential care facility for the elderly if the individual, because of a health condition, cannot be cared for within the limits of the license or requires inpatient care in a health facility. The act requires an employee of a placement agency who knows, or reasonably suspects, that a facility is improperly operating without a license to report the facility to the department and requires the department to investigate those reports. The act further requires a placement agency to notify the appropriate licensing agency of any known or suspected incidents that would jeopardize the health or safety of residents in a facility. The act specifically makes a violation of these requirements a crime. Existing law requires a referral agency to obtain a license from the State Department of Public Health in order to refer a person to any extended care facility, skilled nursing home, or intermediate care facility. Existing law exempts a local public agency from performing referral services without cost from these provisions. Under existing law, a violation of these provisions is subject to a civil penalty and suspension or revocation of the license.

This bill would additionally require a referral agency to obtain a license from the State Department of Social Services in order to refer a person to a residential care facility for the elderly. The bill would prohibit an extended care facility, skilled nursing home, intermediate care facility, or residential care facility for the elderly from paying a commission or fee to a referral agency that is not licensed, as specified. The bill would prohibit a referral agency from holding any power of attorney or any other property of a person receiving referral services, or to receive or hold a client's property in any capacity. With respect to a residential care facility for the elderly, the bill would require a referral agency to disclose specified information to each person receiving its services, and to maintain records of those disclosures for a period of 3 years, as specified. The bill would

specify that a referral agency licensee would be subject to specified provisions relating to placement agencies for residential care facilities for the elderly. By expanding the definition of a crime, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program. The bill would also require referral agencies to maintain liability insurance in specified amounts. The bill would also make it unlawful for an employee, independent contractor, or other person who is acting on behalf of a governmental agency, hospital, or other health care institution to offer, provide, or accept a payment, rebate, refund, commission, preference, or discount as payment, compensation, or inducement for referring patients, clients, or customers to a facility or licensee.

Existing law makes specified persons mandated reporters of elder or dependent adult abuse, including administrators, supervisors, and licensed staff of a facility that provide care or services for elder or dependent adults. Under existing law, failure to report physical abuse, abandonment, abduction, isolation, financial abuse, or neglect of an elder or dependent adult is a misdemeanor. The bill would include owners, operators, and employees of a referral agency as mandated reporters. By expanding the crime of failure to report elder or dependent adult abuse, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

SB 1355 (Wahab D) Medi-Cal: in-home supportive services: redetermination.

Introduced: 2/16/2024

Last Amend: 4/25/2024

Status: 5/6/2024-May 6 hearing: Placed on APPR suspense file.

Location: 5/6/2024-S. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE

Summary: Existing law establishes the Medi-Cal program, which is administered by the State Department of Health Care Services, under which qualified low-income individuals receive health care services, including in-home supportive services. The Medi-Cal program is, in part, governed and funded by federal Medicaid program provisions. Existing law generally requires a county to redetermine a Medi-Cal beneficiary's eligibility to receive Medi-Cal benefits every 12 months and whenever the county receives information about changes in a beneficiary's circumstances that may affect their eligibility for Medi-Cal benefits.

Existing law provides for the In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) program, administered by the State Department of Social Services and counties, under which qualified aged, blind, and disabled persons are provided with supportive services in order to permit them to remain in their own homes. Existing law authorizes certain Medi-Cal beneficiaries to receive IHSS as a covered Medi-Cal benefit.

This bill would, to the extent that any necessary federal approvals are obtained, and federal financial participation is available and not otherwise jeopardized, require an IHSS recipient to be continuously eligible for Medi-Cal for 3 years, if they have a fixed income, and would prohibit a redetermination of Medi-Cal eligibility before 3 years, except as specified. The bill would make the implementation of its provisions contingent upon the department obtaining all necessary federal approvals, the department determining that systems have been programmed to implement these provisions, and the Legislature has appropriated funding to implement these provisions after a determination that ongoing

General Fund resources are available to support the ongoing implementation of these provisions. To the extent the bill would increase county duties in administrating the IHSS program, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.



**VENTURA COUNTY AREA AGENCY ON AGING
ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE
FY 2024-2025**

All Advisory Council meetings are held in person.

All sub-committee meetings are held via Zoom.

	Advisory Council	ADRC	Transportation	Housing	Senior Nutrition & Health	Optimal Aging	Workforce
July	July 10 9-11 a.m.	July 17 1 - 2 p.m.	July 10 11:15 – 12:15 p.m.	July 16 2 – 3 p.m.	July 24 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.	July 26 2 – 3:00 p.m.	July 18 10 – 11 a.m.
August							
September	Sept 11 9-11 a.m.	Sept 18 1 - 2 p.m.	Sept 11 11:15 – 12:15 p.m.	Sept 17 2 – 3 p.m.	Sept 25 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.	Sept 27 2 – 3:00 p.m.	Sept 19 10 – 11 a.m.
October							
November	Nov 13 9-11 a.m.	Nov 20 1 - 2 p.m.	Nov 13 11:15 – 12:15 p.m.	Nov 19 2 – 3 p.m.	Nov 22 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.	Nov 20* 2 – 3:00 p.m.	Nov 21 10 – 11 a.m.
December							
January	Jan 8 9-11 a.m.	Jan 15 1 - 2 p.m.	Jan 8 11:15 – 12:15 p.m.	Jan 21 2 – 3 p.m.	Jan 24 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.	Jan 22 2 – 3:00 p.m.	Jan 16 10 – 11 a.m.
February							
March	March 12 9-11 a.m.	March 19 1 - 2 p.m.	March 12 11:15 – 12:15 p.m.	March 18 2 – 3 p.m.	March 27 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.	March 26 2 – 3:00 p.m.	March 20 10 – 11 a.m.
April							
May	May 14 9-11 a.m.	May 21 1 - 2 p.m.	May 14 11:15 – 12:15 p.m.	May 20 2 – 3 p.m.	May 22 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.	May 28 2 – 3:00 p.m.	May 15 10 – 11 a.m.
June							

*Changed the date from 11/27/24 because the next day is Thanksgiving

New Member Orientation will be held as needed. Please email roger.horne@ventura.org for the registration link.

