

VENTURA COUNTY AREA AGENCY ON AGING  
ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Advisory Council Center  
646 County Square Drive, Suite 100  
Ventura, CA 93003  
September 10, 2014

Advisory Council Members Present

Paul Boog (Port Hueneme COA)	Antoinette Olson (Simi Valley COA)
Smita Dandekar (Supervisory Appointee)	Ginny Rockefeller (Ojai COA)
Jay Evans (Camarillo COA)	Nancy Rowe (Immediate Past Chair)
Ady Esparza (Oxnard COA)	Mel Silberberg (Supervisory Appointee)
Rosemary Flores-Gordon (Service Provider)	Neill Spector (Simi Valley COA)
June Glasmeier (CSL)	Sue Tatangelo (Special Population)
Sandra Fide (Moorpark COA)	Sylvia Taylor Stein (Service Provider)
Nick Fotheringham (Thousand Oaks COA)	Donald Todd (Special Population)
Lori Harasta (Ventura COA)	Vicki Tripoli (Moorpark COA)
Lawrence Hartmann (CSL)	Bill Witt (CSL)
Lisa Hayden (Supervisory Appointee)	
Vivian Johnson (Fillmore COA)	

Advisory Council Members Absent

Nancy Healy (Thousand Oaks COA) - EA  
Marion Holzworth (Ventura COA)  
Marty Kaplan (Supervisory Appointee)  
Karen King (Camarillo COA) - EA  
Ricardo Melendez (Special Population)

VCAAA Staff Present

Beth Shepard	Elizabeth Renteria
Victoria Jump	
Monique Nowlin	

Guests

Lisa Powell  
Marisue Eastlake  
Renee Rakestraw  
Luz Diaz

1. **Call to Order** - The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chair Nick Fotheringham (Thousand Oaks COA).
2. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Nick Fotheringham the Pledge of Allegiance. A quorum was present.

3. **Approval of Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council Meeting Minutes** - The minutes of the July 9, 2014, meeting were approved. (Boog/Gordon/Passed)

4. **Public Comments – There were no public comments.**

5. **Consent Agenda Items** – the consent agenda containing the Outreach Committee Report from July 29, 2014, Legislative Committee Report from July 9, 2014, Housing and Transportation Committee Report from July 8, 2014, Health Issues Committee Report from July 15, 2014, and Senior Nutrition Committee Report from July 28, 2014 were accepted. (Glasmeier/Rockefeller/Passed). There were no abstentions. Two corrections were mentioned on the Legislative Committee report. Mel Silberberg reported that he was at the meeting listed as absent and Jay Evans indicated that he was listed as a guest but is a member. Sandra Fide also indicated that the Outreach Committee Report lists her as member when she is not.

6. **Discussion Items/Presentation/Motion**

6.1 **Fall Prevention Program.** Due to the interest and importance of the topic, this agenda item was continued from the July meeting. Questions were asked about the makeup of the Fall Prevention Coalition with VCAAA staff committing to asking the committee if they minded interested AC members attending the meetings. AC members also expressed concern about those members that have not fallen being able to access services. Currently the model is set up only for those that have fallen. Ideas mentioned included surveying lifeline companies regarding the incidence of falls, trying to measure the rate of people falling that don't come through EMS, looking at the demographics of where the falls are occurring and looking at falls in facilities. Members shared stories of their own falls, illustrating the prevalence of falls. The need for materials to be translated into other languages was also discussed.

Everyone was invited to the Fall Prevention Forum to be held September 26, 2014 from 12 pm – 3 pm at the Pleasant Valley Senior Center.

6.2 **Home share, Housing and the Housing Road Map.** Staff gave an update about the Home Share program and explained how it will work. Advisory Council members were introduced to Home Share staff. There was a lively discussion regarding who to target and why, the role of the social worker in evaluating the living situation, background checks, using technology, and connecting with the faith based community on outreach

7. **Advisory Council Meeting Schedule.** The meeting schedule for FY 2014-2015 was included for informational purposes.

8. **CSL/TACC Update.** Bill Witt and Larry Hartmann gave a brief update including a brief primer on what the California Senior Legislative is and the importance of the current Assembly Bill that was introduced that regarding their funding. A question was asked about June Glasmeier's TACC Report from August 2014 specifically

regarding the mention of a 10 year statewide housing plan. Advisory Council members asked June Glasmeier for a copy of the report.

9. **Committee Membership Selection for FY 2014-2015.** Members were review the list and make sure that their committee choices were reflected.
10. **California Commission on Aging AgeWatch for July 2014.** Included for informational purposes.
11. **Comments from the Chair.** Chair Nick Fotheringham mentioned that he is excited about being able to attend committee meetings remotely in the future (except AC meeting and meetings where votes are required regarding money).
12. **Other Business –**

Toni Olson – Toni handed out a flyer on the Simi Valley's Council on Aging Fall Arts And Crafts Fair to be held October 10, 2014 from 9-3 and on October 11, 2014 from 8 am -3 pm at the Simi Valley Senior Center.

Renee Rakestraw – Renee introduced herself to the council as the new City of Oxnard Senior Services Program Director.

Nick Fotheringham – Nick mentioned that the agenda for the Advisory Council was pretty fluid throughout the year and there was some flexibility regarding discussions that could be had at the council meetings. He asked that if anyone had any ideas or suggestions for topics to let him know. Mel Silberberg suggested that this idea should be agendized.

13. **Adjournment** – the meeting was adjourned at 10:25 am.