



VENTURA COUNTY AREA AGENCY ON AGING ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

July 13, 2016

9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council Center
646 County Square Drive, Ventura (805) 477-7300

AGENDA

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| 9:00 a.m. | 1. | Call to Order and Agenda Review | Toni Olson |
| | 2. | Pledge of Allegiance | Toni Olson |
| | 3. | Approval of Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council Minutes of June 8, 2016 (page 1) | Toni Olson |
| | 4. | Public Comments | |

Procedure: The public is welcome to comments. All comments not related to items on the agenda may be made at the beginning of the meeting only. Comments are limited to three minutes per person.

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| | 5. | Consent Agenda Items | Toni Olson |
| | 5.1 | Livable Communities Report from June 8, 2016 (page 5) | |
| | 5.2 | Health Issues Committee Report from June 21, 2016 (page 7) | |
| | 5.3 | Senior Nutrition Committee Report from June 20, 2016 (page 11) | |
| | 5.4 | Legislative Committee Report from June 8, 2016 (page 15) | |
| | 5.5 | Optimal Aging Committee Report from June 22, 2016 (page 17) | |
| | 5.6 | Outreach Committee Report from June 28, 2016 (page 19) | |

DISCUSSION ITEMS/PRESENTATION/MOTION

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| 9:15 a.m. | 6.1 | Presentation: State of Ventura County's Transportation System | Darren Kettle |
| | 6.2 | Outreach Update and Program Spotlight – MSSP | Jannette
Jauregui |
| | 6.3 | Community Health Survey | Seleta
Dobrosky |
| | 6.4 | Ratification and Approval of Vendor Contract with Poncho's Place for the purchase of Home Delivered and Home Delivered Meals in Piru in the amount of \$ 32,100 and Revisions to FY 2016-2017 Senior Nutrition Program Funding (page 21) | Nick
Fotheringham |
| | 6.5 | Discussion and Update Regarding the Senior Nutrition Program and Gold Coast Grant | Victoria Jump |

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

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| 7. | Advisory Council Meeting Schedule for FY 2016-2017 (page 25) | Victoria Jump |
| 8. | Other Committee Meetings: | June Glasmeier |
| | a. California Senior Legislature Update | |
| | b. Triple A Council of California Update | |
| 9. | California Commission on Aging Age Watch for June | Toni Olson |
| 10. | Comments from the Chair | Toni Olson |
| 11. | Other Business | Toni Olson |
| 11:00 am | 12. Adjournment | Toni Olson |

The next meeting will be:

Wednesday, September 14, 2016 (9:00 am – 10:30 am)
Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council Center
646 County Square Drive, Ventura

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VENTURA COUNTY AREA AGENCY ON AGING
ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Advisory Council Center
646 County Square Drive, Suite 100
Ventura, CA 93003
June 8, 2016

Advisory Council Members Present

Cleo Anderson (Special Population)	Marty Kaplan (Supervisorial Appointee)
Dani Anderson (Special Population)	Suz Montgomery (Ventura COA)
David Birenbaum (Supervisorial Appointee)	Ginny Rockefeller (Ojai COA)
Kay Brainard (Oxnard COA)	Marcy Sherbok (Special Population)
Jay Evans (Camarillo COA)	Neill Spector (Simi Valley COA)
Sandra Fide (Moorpark COA)	Sylvia Stein (Service Provider)
Nick Fotheringham (Thousand Oaks COA)	Sue Tatangelo (Special Population)
June Glasmeier (CSL)	Robert Taylor (Camarillo COA)
Rose Gossom (Supervisorial Appointee)	Donald Todd (Special Population)
Lori Harasta (Ventura COA)	Vicki Tripoli (Moorpark COA)
Lawrence Hartmann (CSL)	Bill Witt (CSL)
Nancy Healey (Thousand Oaks COA)	

Advisory Council Members Absent

Smita Dandekar (Supervisorial Appointee)	Lisa Hayden (Supervisorial Appointee)
Rosemary Flores-Gordon (Service Provider)	Alice Sweetland (Oxnard COA)
Antoinette Olson (Simi Valley COA)	

VCAAA Staff Present

Marleen Canniff	Katharine Raley
Jannette Jauregui	Jason Sagar
Victoria Jump	Jacklyn Zaragoza
Monique Nowlin	

- 1. Call to Order and Review of Agenda** - The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m. by Chair Nick Fotheringham (Thousand Oaks COA).
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance** – Nick Fotheringham led the Pledge of Allegiance. A quorum was present.
- 3. Approval of Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council Meeting Minutes** - The minutes of the May 11, 2016, meeting were approved. (Gossom/Evans/Passed).
- 4. Public Comments** –

Monica Lindsay - Monica spoke on behalf of the Ventura County Cannabis Alliance and encouraged all to attend a meeting to be held on June 24, 2016. An informational flyer about the event along with the RSVP contact was provided.

Don Metz – Don is a senior member of the Save Your Backside Society. Their mission is to help seniors prepare for disasters. He spoke of disaster preparedness for seniors and provided packages of Kleenex which should be in everyone's disaster kit.

Sue Tatangelo - Sue mentioned that last week she attended the National Association of Nutrition and Aging Service Providers conference and sat in on a session led by VCAAA's Teresa Nigro and Marleen Canniff. Sue enjoyed their presentation and said that there was a lot of interest in the senior nutrition placemats.

Nick Fotheringham – Nick mentioned that May was Older Americans Month and passed around the Board of Supervisors proclamation.

5. Consent Agenda Items – the consent agenda containing the Livable Communities Report from May 11, 2016, Health Issues Committee Report from May 17, 2016, Senior Nutrition Committee Report from May 16, 2016, Legislative Committee Report from May 11, 2016, Optimal Aging Committee Report from May 25, 2016, and Outreach Committee Report from May 31, 2016, was accepted. (Sherbok/Healey/Passed).

6. Discussion Items/Presentation/Motion

6.1 Advisory Council Member Recognition and Appreciation. Vanise Terry from Supervisor Parks' office presented certificates of appreciation from the Board of Supervisors to all members.

6.2 Outreach Update and Program Spotlight. Jannette Jauregui showed members the agency video on the home delivered meal program (HDM). A fact sheet was also provided to members so that they would be able to speak about who the HDM program serves and the need. Advisory Council members asked questions about the video and why only one HDM program was featured (Food Share). Jannette explained that this was the first video on the program and that there would be others as each program is so unique. Members also made a suggestion to include the contact numbers for each program on a slide in the video.

6.3 1st Year Grantee Presentation to the Advisory Council: Catholic Charities Family Caregiver Center. Lisa Nagy spoke about the new center and the services they would be offering Spanish speaking residents in the Santa Clara Valley. These services include respite, information and assistance, case management and home modification. Additionally they will have library of materials available in English and Spanish for caregivers. Their contact number are (844) 296-8578 or (805) 420-9608.

6.4 VCAAA Nominating Committee Report and Election of Advisory Council Officers for FY 2016-2017 and One (1) Service Providers for FY 2016-2018.

Committee Chair Ginny Rockefeller presented the report and Advisory Council Chair Nick Fotheringham conducted the election. For the Service Provider Seat Sylvia Taylor Stein was reelected to another two year term. There were no nominations for the floor. For the Election of Advisory Council Officers for FY 2016-2017, the slate

as presented (Chair – Toni Olson, Vice-Chair – Suz Montgomery and Secretary – Nancy Healey) recommended by the nominating committee was accepted. There were no nominations from the floor. (Sherbok/Gossom/Passed). Sylvia Taylor Stein, Suz Montgomery and Nancy Healey abstained from voting.

- 6.5 **World Elder Abuse Month Campaign.** Jannette Jauregui spoke about the statewide initiative of the California Association of Area Agencies on Aging to bring awareness to World elder Abuse month and what the VCAAA would be doing.
- 6.6 **Aging and Disability Resource Center – From Concept to Designation.** Victoria Jump and Dani Anderson provided an overview of the ADRC process and notified the council that after 17 months, the California Department of Aging finally provided designation.

7. **Advisory Council Meeting Schedule.** The meeting schedule for FY 2016-2017 was included for informational purposes.
8. **Committee Selection of FY 2016-2017.** Advisory council members were asked to select their committee preferences for FY 2016-2017. The by-laws require that each member be part of at least one committee.
9. **California Senior Legislature (CSL)/Triple A Council of California (TACC) Update.** June Glasmeier's report on the TACC meeting was included in the packet. She attended the Senior Rally in Sacramento last month and said over 400 people were in attendance. Donald Todd stated that he also attended and encouraged the VCAAA to send more representatives next year like Contra Costa did with busing people to the rally.

Larry Hartmann, June Glasmeier and Bill Witt spoke about CSL funding proposal bills that were not passed by the state and the future of CSL. Janice Baily's last day with CSL is June 30, 2016.

10. **California Congress of Seniors – Cal Seniors Newswire – Spring 2016.** Included for informational purposes.
11. **Comments from the Chair –** Nick Fotheringham mentioned that it's his last meeting as Advisory Council chair and that he was moving onto be the immediate past chair.
12. **Other Business –** none
13. **Adjournment –** the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 am.

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TO: VCAA Advisory Council Members

FROM: Jay Evans, Committee Chair

DATE: June 8, 2016

SUBJECT: Livable Communities Committee Report from June 8, 2016

Committee Members Present (3)

David Birenbaum (Supervisory Appointee)

Jay Evans (City of Camarillo)

Nick Fotheringham (City of Thousand Oaks)

Rose Gossom (Supervisory Appointee)

Committee Members Absent (3)

Antoinette "Toni" Olson (City of Simi Valley)

VCAA Staff Present (3)

Victoria Jump, Agency Director

Jason Sagar, Transportation Coordinator

Jaclyn Zaragoza, HomeShare Manager

1. **Welcome and Introductions** – The meeting began at 10:45 AM (immediately following the Advisory Council meeting)
2. **Public Comments** –

Mike Culver with Mobility Management Partners (MMP) spoke about their travel training and mileage reimbursement program.
3. **Approval of minutes from May 11, 2016** - Approved
(Fotheringham/Gossom/Passed)
4. **Ventura County General Plan** – staff provided an update. The committee discussed universal design and the link with fall prevention. A handout containing a February 2014 Housing and Transportation committee report and recommendation that the Advisory Council adopt universal design concept was provided to committee members. Committee members discussed continuing to use this concept and trying to get universal design incorporated into the Ventura county general plan update as a next step.
5. **VCAA Transportation Program** - Jason Sagar provided an update as well as a brief primer on the ElderHelp transportation and Medi-Ride program and how they work with MMP in pushing riders to the last costly transportation. Mike Culver discussed the ADA card process and the reasons why a senior would want to be

ADA certified. Additionally, committee members discussed how seniors and persons with disabilities find out about the different transportation options.

6. **VCAAA Home share Program** – Jacklyn Zaragoza provided an update on the Home Share Program. Jacklyn informed the committee that they had finalized and mailed out their communication piece to the faith based community in Ventura and were in the process of mailing them out to faith based organizations throughout the rest of the county. Jay offered to share his database of Camarillo faith based organizations with her. It was also suggested that she reach out to private geriatric care managers and elder law attorneys to let them know about Home Share. Jay also mentioned that Home Share was featured in the City of Camarillo newsletter and that Jacklyn should explore that option with other cities. She also spoke about the \$4000 grant in CDBG funds from the City of Ventura that will be available for low income home share participants living in Ventura starting in July. Home Share is also partnering with CEDC linking home seekers with seniors in an effort to keep seniors in their housing. Home Share is also looking for volunteers for the program.
7. **Informational – News Article – Project with 240 Affordable Apartments a First for Oxnard’s Fast Track Program.** Included for informational purposes.
8. **Informational – News Article – Oxnard to Halt Harbor and Beaches Dial-A-Ride Service.** Included for informational purposes.
9. **Other Committee Involvement/Notification, if any:** None
10. **Other Items** – Committee members also discussed and agreed that development of Dementia Friendly America would be on future Livable Community agendas.
11. **Next Meeting: Wednesday, July 13, 2016, 11 AM to Noon, Garden View Room**

The meeting adjourned at 11:55 AM.

TO: VCAAA Advisory Council Members
FROM: Ginny Rockefeller, Chair
DATE: June 21, 2016
SUBJECT: **Health Issues Committee Meeting Report from June 21, 2016**

Members Present

David Birenbaum, DDS (Supervisory Appointee)
Ginny Rockefeller (City of Ojai)
Jay Evans (City of Camarillo)
Lori Harasta (Ventura COA)
Sue Tatangelo (Family Caregiver Representative)

Members Absent

Smita Dandekar (Supervisory Appointee)

VCAAA Staff Present

Christine Voth, Manager, Business Strategy & Strategic Planning
Patti Jaeger, Registered Dietitian

Community Participants

Blair Craddock, Ventura County Evidence-Based Health Promotion Coalition (CHCD)
John Madrigal, Branch Director, NurseCore
Susan Landeros, Public Health, County of Ventura
Teri Helton, Livingston Memorial VNA

1. **Welcome and Introductions** - The meeting was called to order at 1:01 p.m. Newcomer, John Madrigal, was welcomed.
2. **Public Comments** – Sue T. shared concern about the Senate Appropriations Committee’s recommendation to eliminate funding for HICAP. She shared information on how to advocate as a private citizen to keep funding intact for HICAP.
3. **Review/Approval of Minutes from November meeting** – Approved (Ginny/David)
- 4a. **Senior Nutrition Placemat - Update from Patti Jaeger.** Patti and VCAAA grants administrator, Marleen Canniff, presented the placemat as an innovation tool recently at the 2016 annual meeting of the National Association of Nutrition and Aging Services Programs (NANASP). There is national interest in the placemat. Other senior programs and school districts are interested in the placemat as a template and/or for purchase. Jay suggested licensing it to a vendor such as US foods or Cisco and they could print,

store and ship orders for placemats. Per Patti, Victoria jump has asked County Counsel for guidance and a response is expected next month. VCAAA has received an award for the placemat from the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging (n4a). More information will be forthcoming.

- 4b. **Farmers Market Coupons (added to agenda)** - Patti reported Ventura County's redemption of coupons in 2015 was #1 in the state. For 2016, coupons are in increments of \$4 (formerly \$2) and must be redeemed by November 30. She needs volunteers for sites in Oxnard, Ventura and Thousand Oaks.

5. **May 25, 2016: National Senior Health & Fitness Day® (NSH&FD) VCAAA's event - Update from Jannette Jauregui.** Jannette reported the event was well organized and there were no issues other than higher attendance would have been nice. This was VCAAA's first NSH&FD event. Ideas for future events included holding VCAAA's event in Oxnard (where no events were held); and collaborating with the Health Care Agency in different locales throughout the month of May. Jannette said that next year the agency will probably hold an event on a different day; and/or will do it earlier in the month; and/or will reach out to other agencies collaborate on the event. David suggested that VCAAA's role is to "fill the gaps", thus future events might be planned accordingly. He expressed concern that VCAAA is getting bigger, and in its expansion is losing sight of the seniors, and the reason why VCAAA exists. He said VCAAA needs to identify gaps in service and then reach out to the gap cities, and seniors in those areas, to facilitate the presentation of NSH&FD activities.

6. **Evidence-Based Exercise Classes – Update on classes and facilitator training from Blair Craddock (Evidence Based Health Coalition).** Blair reported the first Matter of Balance class will be held in Port Hueneme at Hueneme Bay. The Matter of Balance classes continue to be extremely popular with the ARC participants. Walking With Ease will start in Leisure Village in July, and the offering of more classes is being explored. The DEEP classes are starting in July and August, and the feedback has been positive. Optimal Living Club (OLC): Participants in a new Matter of Balance class were the first recipients of the OLC T-shirt.

7. **Faith Leaders' Health Symposium (continued from last fall).** Ideas were shared on how to reach more seniors via their congregations (churches, temples, mosques, etc.). Teri said Los Angeles County has a grant to extend evidence-based fitness classes into 198 congregations. Ginny suggested distributing senior nutrition placemats to faith-based facilities where seniors convene. Jay suggested establishing a database of faith-based leaders. He has a mailing list of the Camarillo churches. Ginny said she can provide Temple contacts. It was the consensus that a symposium would be a good idea, and in a "safe place" such as a hospital, Ventura County Community Foundation center or the Camarillo Health Care District (CHCD). Sue T. said CHCD used to do a breakfast for faith-based leaders to showcase their services. Jay suggested inviting the councils on aging to provide local faith-based resources, and to identify a "champion" in each church/facility. Teri said she has resources to reach out to the ministerial councils. *What is the next step? How do we start this? Form an ad hoc committee?* Christine said she would consult with Victoria Jump and report back at the next meeting.

8. **Dementia Friendly America Initiative and VCAAA - Christine Voth.** Christine reviewed the key elements of a dementia friendly community. Due to time constraints, the session focused on identifying organizations to involve in creating a dementia friendly Ventura County.
9. **Alzheimer's Foundation of America (AFA) Memory Screening Program and VCAAA –** Tabled to future meeting.
10. **Other Committee Involvement/Notification.** None
11. **Next Meeting:** July 19, 2016, from 1 PM to 2:30 PM, VCAAA's Advisory Council Conference Room.
12. **Adjournment.** The meeting adjourned at 2:30 PM

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TO: VCAAA Advisory Council Members
FROM: Vicki Tripoli – Chairperson (Pro Tem)
DATE: June 20, 2016
SUBJECT: **Senior Nutrition Committee Report from June 20, 2016**

Senior Nutrition Committee Members Present

Jay Evans (Camarillo COA)
Rose Gossom (Supervisorial Appointee)
Alice Sweetland (Oxnard COA)
Donald Todd (Veterans Representative)
Vicki Tripoli (Moorpark COA) Chairperson (Pro Tem)

Senior Nutrition Committee Members Absent

Toni Olson (Simi Valley COA) - Chairperson

VCAAA Staff Present

Marleen Canniff, Grants Administrator
Brian Murphy, Fiscal and Contracts Manager

Guests

None

1. **Call to Order** – Chairperson Pro Tem Vicki Tripoli called to order the meeting at 10:07 a.m. A quorum was present.

Welcome and Introductions

2. **Public Comments** – None
3. **Approval of Minutes from the 5/16/2016 Meeting** – Jay Evans moved to approve the minutes from the above prior meeting; it passed unanimously.
4. **Meals Served Count and Food Cost per Meal through the end of May 2016** – Having served **175,383** meals to date in fiscal year 2015-16, the cumulative meal count is at **110%** of the contracted amount. With 16,949 meals served this past month, we saw a 4% increase from last month's meal counts. Jordano's-supplied meal count is 15,181 for the month, and the non-Jordano's meal count is 1,768. While VCAAA's budgeted food cost is \$4.10 per meal, Jordano's-supplied food cost per meal in May is at \$3.68, and the total average YTD cost per meal is at **\$3.91**. This equates to an average cost of \$63,498 in food alone to cover the 16,240 meals served over contracted levels so far this fiscal year.

5. **Senior Nutrition Action Council S.N.A.C. Update** - The Senior Nutrition Action Council (S.N.A.C.) continues to search for Board Members.

6. **SNP Site Donations/Program Income** - Staff reported the donation/program income amounts of each SNP meal site this fiscal year through May 31, 2016. Across all sites, the Congregate (C1) Program has an average total of \$1.27 in donations per meal, while the Home-Delivered Meal (C2) Program has \$0.49 in donations per meal, totaling \$0.84 in donations per meal for both programs. For congregate services, Santa Paula has the highest average donations per meal at \$2.23, whereas San Salvador Mission has the lowest at \$0.16 per meal. Regarding home-delivered meal services, Camarillo Health Care District has the highest average donations per meal at \$1.07, whereas Oxnard has the lowest at \$0.09. The projected donation total for FY1516 end is \$164,276.

Donations Per Site - July 1, 2015 Thru May 31, 2016

	FY15-16								
	C1 Donations	C1 Actual Meals	C1 Donations per Meal	C2 Donations	C2 Actual Meals	C2 Donations per Meal	C1 & C2 Donations	C1 & C2 Meal Counts	C1 & C2 Donations Per Meal
Camarillo HCD	\$1,371	680	\$2.02	\$21,630	20,189	\$1.07	\$23,001	20,869	\$1.10
Fillmore	\$2,626	6,590	\$0.40	\$2,506	3,972	\$0.63	\$5,132	10,562	\$0.49
Moorpark	\$2,494	2,975	\$0.84	\$653	4,445	\$0.15	\$3,147	7,420	\$0.42
Oxnard	\$12,129	12,572	\$0.96	\$1,712	19,240	\$0.09	\$13,841	31,812	\$0.44
Port Hueneme	\$0	0	-	\$1,340	5,432	\$0.25	\$1,340	5,432	\$0.25
Santa Paula	\$9,121	4,084	\$2.23	\$412	945	\$0.44	\$9,533	5,029	\$1.90
Simi Valley	\$10,964	9,548	\$1.15	\$32,005	30,349	\$1.05	\$42,968	39,897	\$1.08
Ventura	\$10,330	5,752	\$1.80	\$4,061	14,153	\$0.29	\$14,391	19,905	\$0.72
Conejo RPD	\$21,441	11,791	\$1.82	\$0	0	-	\$21,441	11,791	\$1.82
HELP of Ojai	\$5,340	3,945	\$1.35	\$9,734	13,718	\$0.71	\$15,074	17,663	\$0.85
Piru Mission	\$376	2,318	\$0.16	\$343	1,278	\$0.27	\$719	3,596	\$0.20
TOTALS:	\$76,191	60,255		\$74,395	113,721		\$150,587	173,976*	
Average Donations per Meal:			\$1.27			\$0.49			\$0.84

Italics denotes estimates

Projected Donation Total for FY1516 End: \$164,276

* This total excludes the Aggregate Wasted Meal count. C1&C2 meal count total is actually 175,383.

7. **Piru's Alternative SNP Meal Site Status FY1617**

San Salvador Mission in Piru was not awarded a meal service contract in the recent Senior Nutrition Program RFP for the contract period commencing on July 1, 2016. Consequently, the meal program in Piru will transition to a new meal provider effective on July 1, 2016. Ventura County Area Agency on Aging (VCAAA) intends to contract with the new meal provider, Poncho's Place in Piru, to provide a senior meal option to eligible clients. This unincorporated area of Ventura County has a population of 2,063 residents and is identified by the Federal government as a "Disadvantaged Community." VCAAA staff is in the process of gathering all pertinent institutional knowledge from the San Salvador Mission meal site in Piru and identifying all activities required to provide an orderly and systematic transition process to maintain meal services in this region without interruption. VCAAA has created the following Piru Meal Site Transition Plan that includes schedules and procedures to notify clients about changes in service providers; communicate with other organizations for alternative services; inform referral services; evaluate homebound and congregate participants for placement and/or

continuation of appropriate services; transfer and maintain all confidential records; ensure adequate staffing for a smooth transition; and arrange to dispose, transfer, or return to the State all equipment purchased during the operation of the contract with San Salvador Mission.

The SNP Committee announced a special thank-you to VCAAA staff for the work involved in identifying an alternative service provider for the Senior Nutrition Program in Piru to begin July 1, 2016.

8. Grand Jury Recommends Camarillo Survey Its Seniors About Meal Program Needs

Staff provided a copy of the July 11, 2016, Ventura County star article discussing the recent the Ventura County Grand Jury report that recommends the City of Camarillo survey “those 60 years and older to better understand their concerns, especially when it comes to the congregate meal program.”

9. New Meal Delivery Service Through \$20,000 Gold Coast Health Plan Program

Staff provided a copy of the June 15, 2016, Ventura County Star article discussing VCAAA’s home-delivered meals program that received \$20,000 from a new Gold Coast Health Plan’s newly created Alternative Resources for Community Health (ARCH) initiative, which aims to broaden health care. As the article points out, this funding “will link financial rewards not to the number of services provided but to health outcomes.”

10. Other Committee Involvement/Notification

- a. By-Laws Committee – This committee will be meeting in summer to review and update any operational policies and procedures that support the by-laws and activities of the Advisory Council.

11. Other Business

- a. NANASP 2016 Annual Training Conference – The National Association of Nutrition & Aging Services Programs (NANASP) 2016 Annual Training Conference took place in Las Vegas June 1-3, where VCAAA staff presented our SNAP-Ed program, “Eat Smart Live Strong: Nutrition Education for Older Adults.” The presentation included information about VCAAA’s Senior Nutrition Program, eating healthy and tasty meals on a tight budget, using placemats to educate and encourage seniors toward a healthy lifestyle, and other details about what VCAAA is doing to help improve the health and well-being among the growing number of low-income older adults in our community.
- b. New SNP Foods Status – All meal sites will be tasting the carrot ginger soup the third week in July. VCAAA is still receiving samples and conducting taste tests. The plan is to have a few new items on the menu by early fall.
- c. Freezer for Emergency Food Update – Since the California Department of Aging recently approved VCAAA’s request to use Title III C2 (SNP) funds to pay for the Meals Food Storage room project, staff has continued to pursue the goal of having an operational Meals Storage Room for FY1617. VCAAA is purchasing an energy-efficient refrigerator, and heat mitigation will be accomplished by the installation of a thermostatically controlled fan.
- d. Farmers’ Market Program – Patti Jaeger is recruiting volunteers for Farmers’ Market coupon distribution particularly in Oxnard, Ventura, and Thousand Oaks.

12. Future Meeting Schedule - The next SNP Committee Meeting is scheduled for **Monday, July 18, 2016, at 10 a.m.** in the Advisory Council Room 148, when the new Committee Chair Election will take place.

13. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 11:32 a.m.

TO: VCAAA Advisory Council Members
FROM: Sylvia Taylor-Stein, Chair
DATE: July 13, 2016
SUBJECT: **Legislative Committee Report From June 8, 2016**

Legislative Committee Members Present (11)

Nancy Healy (Thousand Oaks COA)
Larry Hartmann (CSL)
Sylvia Taylor Stein (Service Provider) - Chair
William (Bill) Witt (CSL)
Neill Spector (Simi Valley COA)
Sandra Fide (Moorpark COA)
Donald Todd (Veteran Special Population Seat)
Sue Tatangelo (Family Caregiver Special Population Seat)
Marcy Sherbok (LGBT Special Population Seat)
Suz Montgomery (Ventura COA)
Bob Taylor (Camarillo COA)
June Glasmeier (CSL)

VCAAA Staff Present (2)

Monique Nowlin
Katharine Raley

Guests (3)

Joe Kirby
Monica Lindsay, Sespe Creek Collective

1. **Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 10:42 a.m. by Chair, Sylvia Taylor Stein. A quorum was present.
2. **Welcome and Introductions** – Everyone introduced themselves to the Committee.
3. **Public Comments:**

Monica Lindsay, Sespe Creek Collective spoke on behalf of the Collective and stated she was there to elicit support for the Adult Use of Marijuana Act, a ballot measure that would legalize marijuana in California for non-medical purposes and establish a 15% state tax on sales.

4. **Report on Senior Rally Day in Sacramento May 11th** – Donald Todd and Suz Montgomery reported on Senior Rally Day. Per Mr. Todd's report, the Rally was held on the grounds of the

State Capitol and attendance was approximately 300 plus seniors. Mr. Todd provided a copy of the brochure handed out at the event and stated that the group was addressed by a number of state elected leaders supporting the visit. Mr. Todd had individual meetings with Christopher J. Chavez, Legislative Aide for Senator Fran Pavley, Chris Reeve, Principal Consultant for Senator Hannah-Beth Jackson and Kim Angulo, Legislative Aide for Jacqui Irwin, Assemblymember 44th District. Mr. Todd provided education on the value and need for the senior nutrition program. Mr. Todd's comments were that the Rally seemed disorganized; lines for restrooms and lunch were enormous and it took nearly an hour to get into the Capitol. Mr. Todd also suggested that next year, funds permitting, we send more seniors to the event; perhaps a busload like some other Counties sent this year. Additionally, Mr. Todd suggested that we rotate the Advisory Council members who attend legislative events on behalf of the Advisory Council so everyone gets an opportunity to participate. Ms. Montgomery echoed Mr. Todd's comments on the disorganization of the Rally and added that it appeared they weren't prepared for the volume. Ms. Montgomery stated she met with elected representatives and other legislative state and community partnerships and she had an individual meeting with Gary Passmore the Executive Director of the CA Congress of Seniors and received an update on the current bills affecting seniors that are in the "pipeline". Ms. Montgomery added that Mr. Passmore provided her with new introductions that will aid our efforts in garnering additional education on several issues and bills.

5. **Continued Discussion of Legislative Communication Piece – Revisions from May Meeting** – The Committee requested the picture be changed to a more peaceful picture and that it be made smaller and include some diversity. Further, the Committee requested that the font size to the right of the box increase as much as space permits and to change the phone numbers to white instead of the current light blue. There was additional discussion regarding the audience, and where this piece would be distributed. It was decided this piece could be used either for the public or a legislator and that it would be provided in the VCAAA lobby, at Outreach events and Staff and Advisory Council members could distribute to local legislators. There was also discussion as to the timing of production; i.e. monthly, quarterly, annually. At this point, the Committee decided these would be produced as needed.
6. **Other Committee Involvement/Notification** – The Committee agreed that the Outreach Committee and the Senior Nutrition Committee be made aware of this communication piece and have the opportunity for input prior to release to the public. Mr. Todd stated he would share it with the Senior Nutrition Committee and Ms. Nowlin stated she would submit it to the Outreach Committee for review and comment.
7. **Next Meeting Date** – Next meeting is September 14, 2016.
8. **Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m. by the Chair, Ms. Taylor-Stein.

TO: VCAAA Advisory Council Members

FROM: Sylvia Taylor Stein, Chair

DATE: June 22, 2016

SUBJECT: Optimal Aging Committee (OAC) Meeting Report from June 22, 2016

Members Present

Rose Gossom (Supervisorial Appointee)
Lori Harasta (City of Ventura)
Marty Kaplan (Supervisorial Appointee)
Ginny Rockefeller (City of Ojai)
Sylvia Stein (Service Provider Representative)
Sue Tatangelo (Family Caregiver Representative)
Bob Taylor (City of Camarillo)

Members Absent

Toni Olson (City of Simi Valley)
Alice Sweetland (City of Oxnard)

VCAAA Staff Present

Christine Voth, Manager, Business Strategy and Strategic Planning

Community Members/Guests Present

None

- 1. Welcome and Introductions** - The meeting was called to order at 2 PM.
- 2. Public Comments** - Members expressed concern over the Senate Appropriations Committee recommendation to eliminate funding for HICAP. Information was shared on how to personally advocate for HICAP funding.
- 3. Approval of minutes from meeting held on May 25, 2016** (Rose/Ginny)
- 4. Objective #5-Create a mechanism/tool/flyer that defines optimal aging from the perspective of managing personal finances.** The committee brainstormed tips and ideas about managing finances that will help a person in the age range of 45 to 55 years to be more financially comfortable as he or she grows older. For resources, the committee utilized financial planning material from AARP and the "Sightlines Project – Stanford University". The results of the brainstorming session will be documented and presented for final review and approval at the committee's next meeting on July 27.

5. **Objective #4-Create a deck of 52 “optimal aging” inspirational spiral bound cards that can be flipped.** Committee members named the project: “Pearls of Wisdom.” The theme will be pearls on a blue background with a swirling pearl necklace motif. Text will be printed on both sides of the cards.
6. **Objective #7-Develop recommendations for an annual award program to recognize the accomplishments of older adults and/or the magnificent state of optimal aging and/or efforts made by an individual or organization to promote optimal aging.** The committee agreed the awards should be “all inclusive” with a broad scope. Reference was made to OAC recommendations finalized months ago on what was previously called VCAAA’s E Magazine and is now called VCAAA’s Legacy. Christine will provide the E-Magazine recommendations at the meeting on July 27. She will also provide a definition of “optimal aging” (that was adopted by the committee when it was formed a few years ago), per Bob’s request. Due to time constraints further discussion was tabled to the meeting on July 27.
7. **Other Committee (Health Issues, Legislative, Livable Communities, Outreach, Senior Nutrition) Involvement/Notification – if any:** None
8. **Next scheduled meeting date is Wednesday, July 27, 2016, 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM**
9. **Adjournment -** The meeting adjourned at 3:10 PM.

TO: VCAAA Advisory Council Members
FROM: Marty Kaplan, Committee Chair
DATE: June 28th, 2016
SUBJECT: **Outreach Committee Report from June 28th, 2016**

Committee Members Present

Kay Brainard (Oxnard)
Rose Gossom (Supervisory Appointee)
Lori Harasta (Ventura)
Marty Kaplan (Supervisory Appointee)
Neill Spector

Committee Members Absent

Cleo Anderson (Special Population Seat – Mental Health)
Robert Taylor (Camarillo)

VCAAA Staff Present

Jannette Jauregui

Guests

None

1. **Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m. by Chair, Marty Kaplan.
2. **Welcome and Introductions** – General welcome. No introductions.
3. **Public Comments** – Lori Harasta announced a seminar on an employment and re-entry program hosted by the Ventura Council on Senior taking place on July 28th.
4. **Update of VCAAA Mascot Naming Contest** – Jannette notified the committee that the plan is to move forward with a social media campaign to name the VCAAA “Bee.” Lori suggested that the “mascot naming campaign” extend to our Aug. 9th outreach at the Ventura County Fair with the hope that children can be involved. The committee agreed, and an end date of the “mascot naming campaign” was set for August 9th.
5. **Discussion of Outreach Committee Priorities for FY16-17** – Marty provided a re-cap of last year’s Outreach Committee priorities, noting that the committee was able to successfully supply the VCAAA with a trifold and speakers bureau. Marty suggested that the speakers bureau and expanding community presentations be set as a priority for the 2016-2017 Outreach Committee. Jannette added that boosting the number of community presentations

will be a matter of teamwork on the part of herself, the Outreach Committee, and members of the speakers bureau. The committee agreed, and Lori expanded on the topic to suggest that next year's outreach committee be more active in helping to suggest and/or schedule presentations.

6. **Other Committee Involvement/Notification** – [SENIOR NUTRITION] Lori mentioned the recent successes of the Senior Nutrition placemats and provided examples for the Outreach Committee to see. [HEALTH ISSUES] Lori mentioned that the committee is focusing on developing educational tools regarding dementia. [OPTIMAL AGING] Marty mentioned that a print piece geared toward financial stability for pre-retirees is still in the works.
7. **Next Meeting Schedule** – The next meeting is scheduled for July 26th, 2016, from 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. HOWEVER, Marty suggested that the meeting be cancelled because there will not be items to address, and that in place of a meeting Jannette send an e-mail to the Outreach Committee members asking for one suggestion per member of a group or organization to contact for a presentation focusing on the VCAAA. Jannette said she would discuss this with Monique and would be in touch with Marty and committee members directly.
8. **Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 10:04 a.m. by Chair, Marty.

TO: VCAAA Advisory Council Member

FROM: Nick Fotheringham, Chair

DATE: June 29, 2016

SUBJECT: Ratification and Approval of Vendor Contract with Poncho's Place for the purchase of Home Delivered and Home Delivered Meals in Piru in the amount of \$ 32,100 and Revisions to FY 2016-2017 Senior Nutrition Program Funding

Committee Members Present (2)

Nick Fotheringham
Toni Olson

Committee Members Absent (1)

Rosemary Flores Gordon

VCAAA Staff Present (2)

Victoria Jump, Agency Director
Brian Murphy, Fiscal Manager

On June 29, 2016, the Executive Committee met to review VCAAA's staff recommendation to approve a vendor contact with Poncho's Place in Piru to provide home delivered and congregate meals in the amount of \$32,100.

It is recommend that your Council:

1. Ratify and Approve a Vendor Contract with Poncho's Place for the purchase of Home Delivered and Home Delivered Meals in Piru in the amount of \$ 32,100.
2. Approve the Revisions to FY 2016-2017 Senior Nutrition Program Funding

Background for Request

When San Salvador Mission's application to provide meals in Piru was not approved by the Task Force Committee in February 2016, staff were tasked with finding a replacement meal service provider. Poncho's Place Mexican restaurant was identified in early June. While there were no other qualified providers in Piru, Poncho's Place met all the requirements of the Senior Nutrition Program, and the restaurant's owner expressed great interest in providing this service in the community. Additionally, Poncho's Place prepares meals "from scratch" using fresh food only, and will serve a culturally appropriate menu for this community. They do not use canned and frozen food. A transition plan to change the meal service to the new provider was approved by the California Department of Aging (CDA) in late June 2016. Advisory Council approval of this additional program is required.

During the FY 2016-17 funding approval process for the Senior Nutrition Program, \$21,657 (for meal service only, no food) was listed for the Piru location under "FY1617

Funding Applied For Per RFP,” (see FY1617 SNP Recommended Funding Itemized by Site below). However, no funding was included for Piru in the recommended RFP funding schedule provided to the Task Force Committee. Consequently, no funding was approved by the Advisory Council for the Piru location. The purpose of this recommendation is to correct that oversight. Staff estimates that Poncho’s Place will serve 4,680 meals for a total cost of \$32,100, including food. This is more meals at a lower cost than what San Salvador Mission applied for (\$37,593 for 3,984 meals).

Revision to Senior Nutrition Program (SNP) FY 2016-2017 Funding

The Advisory Council approved the FY 2016-2017 SNP funding in March 2016 in the amount of \$1,482,000 (which included a contingency amount of \$86,565). This was based on estimates at that time. The CDA’s FY1617 Budget Display (which details the funding by program) was received at the end of April 2016. Based on these numbers, staff revised the estimate of available funding to \$1,531,753. This report serves to update the previously approved funding for the following items:

- Update funding to include the new vendor in Piru – Poncho’s Place.
- Update funding to include Direct Costs (Grants Administration, Registered Dietitians, Q Care Access Software, Nutrition Education & Counseling, Placemats)
- Update funding to include revised (reduced) contingency amount.

Funding Process Timeline:

- Task Force SNP Funding Recommendations – February 24, 2016
- Advisory Council Approval of SNP Funding – March 9, 2016
- CDA Funding Budget Display Received - April 27, 2016

Overall Funding Summary:

The following chart shows the previously estimated SNP funding and contingency amounts approved by the Advisory Council in the center column. The last column shows the updated funding amount = \$1,531,753, based on the Area Plan Budget Display received from the CDA in April 2016 and the expected rollover amount of \$68,000 (unchanged).

We had anticipated increased SNP funding of \$105,000 – however, the increase came in at \$69,335, or \$35,665 lower.

FY 2016-2017 SNP RFP Funding Summary

		Approved by Advisory Council	Updated Funding
1	Available Funding Per RFP	\$1,221,000	
2	Estimated Additional Funding*	\$88,000	
3	Anticipated Rollover from FY1516	\$68,000	
4	Estimated New Funding per CDA**	\$105,000	\$69,335

6	Estimated Available Funding (#1 thru #4)	\$1,482,000	
7	FY1617 Funding Approved by Advisory Council (March 9, 2016)	\$1,395,435	
8	Estimated Contingency (#6 minus #7)	\$86,565	
A	Actual Funding per CDA Budget Display***	-	\$1,463,753
B	Anticipated Rollover from FY1516 (#3 above)		\$68,000
C	Revised SNP FY1617 Available Funding		\$1,531,753

*Grants Administrator Cost Partial Shift from Program to Administrative Cost

** CDA announced that ~\$2.9 million new funding would be available for Q1 FY1617. Staff estimated this would be \$105,000, however, the increase for VCAAA was \$69,335 or \$35,665 lower.

*** CDA FY16-17 Budget Display = \$1,463,753 (includes additional/new funding #4 = \$69,335)

FY 2016-2017 SNP Recommended Funding Itemized by Site

The first two numerical columns in the following chart were included as a part of the Advisory Council meeting materials on March 9, 2016. These show the funds applied for in response to the SNP RFP. The third column shows the additional funding required for the new meal service vendor in Piru. The last column shows the total revised SNP funding required for FY1617. SNP program Direct Costs have been added to this chart. The contingency amount has been revised from \$86,565 to \$15,159.

SNP Applicant	FY1617 Funding Applied For Per RFP	Recommended FY1617 Funding Per Task Force & Approved by Advisory Council	Required Additional FY1617 Funding	Revised FY1617 Funding
Camarillo Health Care District	\$66,150	\$69,660	-	\$69,660
Conejo Recreation & Park District	\$84,807	\$84,807	-	\$84,807
City of Fillmore	\$29,419	\$31,218	-	\$31,218
HELP of Ojai	\$66,153	\$66,153	-	\$66,153
City of Moorpark*	\$21,282	\$21,282	-	\$21,282
City of Oxnard	\$104,513	\$104,513	-	\$104,513
City of Port Hueneme*	\$15,962	\$15,962	-	\$15,962
San Salvador Mission Piru*	\$21,657	-	-	-
Poncho's Place Piru	-	-	\$32,110	\$32,110
City of Santa Paula**	\$21,282	\$31,750	-	\$31,750
City of Simi Valley	\$141,202	\$140,964	-	\$140,964
City of Ventura	\$90,809	\$89,150	-	\$89,150

Meal Site Funding	\$663,236	\$655,459	\$32,110	\$687,569
Food Procurement Funding	\$739,976	\$739,976	-	\$739,976
<i>Total Before Contingency</i>	<i>\$1,403,212</i>	<i>\$1,395,435</i>	<i>\$32,110</i>	<i>\$1,427,545</i>
<i>Direct Costs</i>				<i>\$89,049</i>
<i>Revised Required SNP Funding Before Contingency</i>				<i>\$1,516,594</i>
<i>Updated Contingency Fund</i>		<i>\$86,565</i>	-	<i>\$15,159</i>
Revised SNP FY1617 Funding***		\$1,482,000		\$1,531,753

*Minimally Funded Sites

** For Santa Paula to provide additional HDM service, this provider would require a change in status, from being minimally funded at \$21,282 to being allocated funding at a funding-per-meal basis at \$31,750.

*** See items "6" and "C" in the FY1617 SNP RFP Funding Summary (first chart).



**VENTURA COUNTY AREA AGENCY ON AGING
ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE**

Date	Advisory Council	Outreach	Leg.	Livable Comm.*	Health Issues	Senior Nut.	Opt. Aging
July 2016	July 13 9-11 am	July 26 9-10:30 am	July 13 11-12	July 13*	July 19 1-2:30 pm	July 18 10-11:30 am	July 27 2-3 pm
August 2016	None	None	None	None	None	None	None
Sept 2016	Sept 14 9-11 am	Sept 27 9-10:30 am	Sept 14 11-12	Sept 14 11-12	Sept 20 1-2:30 pm	Sept 19 10-11:30 am	Sept 28 2-3 pm
Oct 2016	None	October 25 9-10:30 am	None	None	Oct 18 1-2:30 pm	Oct 17 10-11:30 am	Oct 26 2-3 pm
Nov 2016	Nov 9 9-11 am	Nov 29 9-10:30 am	Nov 9 11-12	Nov 9 11-12	Nov 15 1-2:30pm	Nov 21 10-11:30 am	Nov 30 2-3 pm
Dec 2016	None	None	None	None	None	None	None
Jan 2017	Jan 11 9-11 am	Jan 31 9-10:30 am	Jan 11 11-12	Jan 11 11-12	Jan 17 1-2:30 pm	Jan 23 10-11:30 am	Jan 25 2-3 pm
Feb 2017	None	Feb 28 9-10:30 am	None	None	Feb 21 1-2:30 pm	Feb 13 10-11:30 am	Feb 22 2-3 pm
March 2017	March 8 9-11 am	March 28 9-10:30 am	March 8 11-12	March 8 11-12	March 21 1-2:30 pm	March 20 10-11:30 am	March 22 2-3 pm
April 2017	None	April 25 9-10:30 am	None	None	April 18 1-2:30 pm	April 17 10-11:30 am	April 26 2-3 pm
May 2017	May 10 9-11 am	May 30 9-10:30 am	May 10 11-12	May 10 11-12	May 16 1-2:30 pm	May 15 10-11:30 am	May 24 2-3 pm
June 2017	June 14 9-11 am	June 27 9-10:30 am	June 14 11-12	June 14 11-12	June 20 1-2:30 pm	June 19 10-11:30 am	June 28 2-3 pm

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Final state budget includes “one-time-only” increases for home and community-based aging services

Governor Jerry Brown this week approved a state budget for 2016-2017 that totals \$167 billion and provides substantial increases for education and infrastructure improvements. As described in the State Department of Finance’s budget summary, the coming fiscal year’s budget also “prepares the state” for the next recession by raising the Rainy Day Fund balance to \$6.7 billion and placing strict limits on new expenditures. Most of the new spending included in the budget is through “one-time-only” expenditures for major projects like affordable housing, drought response, and state office building repairs.

In the aging services program arena, modest one-time-only funding increases were approved for just a handful of the community-based programs still hoping to recover from budget cuts made during the recession.

Among those one-time increases are:

- \$2 million for home-delivered meals;
- \$1 million for the Long-Term Care Ombudsman;
- \$3 million for training Adult Protective Service workers;
- \$2.5 million for early detection and treatment of Alzheimer’s disease; and
- a one-time appropriation of \$500,000 for the California Senior Legislature.

This year’s budget also restores a cost-of-living-adjustment (COLA) for the State Supplementary Payment program for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) recipients. The 2.76% COLA is supported through a General Fund allocation of \$36.5 million in the coming fiscal year and by \$74.8 million in 2017-18.

Also receiving “one-time-only” funds are the state’s affordable housing programs, which serve older adults as well as low-income families, with \$400 million going toward affordable housing projects that must be approved through a streamlined “by right” process. A program focused on supportive housing for homeless mentally ill individuals will receive over \$1.8 billion in the new budget for construction, rehabilitation, and preservation of supportive housing for the chronically homeless.

Of significant benefit to the survivors of deceased Medi-Cal beneficiaries is the inclusion of \$5.7 million for 2016-17 and \$28.9 million in ongoing funds. The appropriations enable the state to limit Medi-Cal estate recovery to only those assets required for recovery by federal law.

To read the Dept. of Finance budget summary or view budget detail, visit www.dof.ca.gov.

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Mixed response to federal budget proposals; SHIP and SCSEP funding at risk

Advocates for the aging are urging the House Appropriations Committee to reject several provisions of the Senate Appropriations Committee's Older Americans Act funding bill when the House drafts its own 2017 funding bill later this month.

Raising significant alarm are two propped reductions, including a potential cut of \$34.4 million from the Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) and the total elimination of the State Health Insurance Program (SHIP) budget of \$52.1 million.

SHIP funding is distributed nationwide by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to provide free comprehensive counseling and advocacy for older adults and persons with disabilities seeking information and guidance on Medicare coverage. California's HICAP (Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program) is dependent upon SHIP funding to provide these services, which include assistance with billing problems, Medicare appeals, and help choosing prescription drug coverage.



HICAP counseling for Medicare beneficiaries could be in jeopardy if the U.S. Senate recommendation to cut all SHIP funds is adopted by the House of Representatives.

The low-cost program operates with limited staffing and trained volunteers and has been an essential service in helping older adults with the increasingly complex Medicare system. HICAP is also a primary source of information and assistance for "dual eligible" beneficiaries living in the state's 7 Coordinated Care Initiative pilot counties.

The loss of federal funds could mean a 50% cut in funding for HICAPs in the state.

The SCSEP program provides service-based training for low-income seniors over 55 who have few job prospects but also need employment.

On the positive side, the Senate bill proposes level funding for a majority of OAA programs, with appropriations of \$834.8 million for Title 3 nutrition programs, \$5 million for ACL and \$2.1 million for the CDC for Falls Prevention activities, and \$8 million for Chronic Disease Self Management and Education. The Senate bill also proposes continuing the \$347.7 million appropriation for supportive services and senior centers.

Funding increases proposed in the Senate bill include an additional \$2 million for Elder Justice efforts, raising the total appropriation to \$10 million, and a \$2 million increase for the Senior Medicare Patrol bringing the total to \$13.9 million. The Senate also approved \$2 billion in additional funds for the National Institutes of Health, which includes an increase of \$400 million for the National Institute on Aging for Alzheimer's disease research. A chart of the Senate's OAA funding proposals can be found [here](#).

The House Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies is expected to consider the OAA funding bill in the next few weeks.

N4a Policy & Advocacy, *Advocacy Urgently Needed to Stop Senate Elimination of SHIPs* 6/23/2016.

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Kathy Greenlee Announces Departure from ACL

Kathy Greenlee, Administrator of the Administration for Community Living (ACL) and Assistant Secretary for Aging, announced this week that she will be leaving ACL at the end of July. "This has been a wonderful experience and an extremely rewarding seven years. And as I told the ACL team, I am proud of what we have done together. We have brought our communities together in a way that gives us a larger voice and more influence, and ultimately makes us more successful as advocates." Edwin Walker, who currently serves as the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Aging, will assume the roles of Acting Administrator of ACL and Acting Assistant Secretary for Aging.



Assistant Secretary for Aging Kathy Greenlee addressed the California Commission on Aging in 2013.

Greenlee is highly regarded as a champion on elder abuse issues, raising the profile of the growing phenomenon through her work at ACL both in Washington and around the country. Greenlee was appointed by President Obama as Assistant Secretary for Aging at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and confirmed by the Senate in June 2009. Prior to her tenure at ACL, Greenlee served as Secretary of Aging in Kansas, and before that as the Kansas State Long Term Care Ombudsman. She also served as the General Counsel of the Kansas Insurance Department and served as Chief of Staff and Chief of Operations for then-Governor Kathleen Sebelius.

In a statement released by the National Association of States United for Aging and Disabilities (NASUAD), Executive Director Martha Roherty said "NASUAD is grateful for the dedication and hard work Kathy has put in during her tenure, especially her commitment to elder justice. She is a visionary leader and has transformed how services are provided to older adults and individuals with disabilities."

Excerpted from NASUAD Friday Updates, July 1, 2016

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Special edition:**Events across California Focus on Older Adults****Aging, Women and Poverty in California Forum**

Policy leaders, program officials and advocates from throughout California met June 3rd at the Skirball Cultural Center in Los Angeles to focus on one of the most pressing problems in the field of aging: the direct trajectory of many women and girls into



(L-R) Betsy Butler, Catherine Dodd, Surina Kahn, Chris Hoene, Anne Price and Usha Ranji presented on retirement security.

poverty in old age.

Jointly sponsored by the California Commission on Aging, the California Commission on the Status of Women and Girls, and the California Women's Law Center, the forum featured panel presentations on the social and policy impacts of the state's changing demographics; the life-long inequities that lead to disadvantage, disenfranchisement and abuse; and the state's mounting retirement crisis.

Luncheon speakers included Senate President Pro Tem Kevin de León, L.A. County Supervisor Hilda Solis, and State Senator Carol Liu.

A policy white paper on recommendations from the forum will be published later this year. For a summary of the day, visit the Justice in Aging [blogpost from June 13, 2016](#).



Lunch speakers L-R) Alissa Ko, Hilda Solis, Carol Liu and Kevin de León, pictured with Paul Downey, Sandi Fitzpatrick, Betsy Butler and Nancy Kirschner-Rodriguez.

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World Elder Abuse Awareness Day in San Francisco



California Commission on Aging Elder Justice Committee Chair Lucille Fisher (at right) with event sponsors Sandy Mori of Kimochi and Administration for Community Living Region IX Administrator David Ishida.

The California Elder Justice Coalition (CEJC) hosted its first World Elder Abuse Awareness Day event in San Francisco on June 8, 2016. Part of a statewide effort to raise awareness about elder abuse, the CEJC event was sponsored by the federal Administration for Community Living, Kimochi, Inc. senior care and the Archstone Foundation.

Presenters at the evening reception included California Insurance Commissioner Dave Jones, Paul Henderson from the office of San Francisco Mayor Ed Lee, California Attorney General Kamala Harris' special assistant Suzy Loftus, and Administration for Community Living Region IX Administrator David Ishida.



California Insurance Commissioner Dave Jones with California Elder Justice Coalition Executive Director Lisa Nerenberg (center) and Vice Chair Carol Sewell.



CEJC Board Member Terri Restelli-Deits (at left) shares her recommendation for fighting elder abuse by "Preventing Financial Abuse and Exploitation."



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Hundreds gathered at the California Capitol in May for Senior Rally Day



CCoA Chair Paul Downey (left) addressed an audience of older adults who traveled from as far away as San Bernardino County to advocate for funding for Older Americans Act programs on May 11th.

At right, (L-R) Rosemarie Bahmani, Jeri Johnson and Minerva Garcia visit representatives from California Health Advocates.



Senior activists from San Bernardino County (above) boarded the bus at midnight in order to attend Senior Rally Day in Sacramento. Below, their Assembly representative Cheryl Brown, addressed the gathering. Assemblymember Brown chairs the Assembly's Aging and Long-Term Care Committee and hosted the event.



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Final chance in 2016 to participate in two online gerontology certificate courses from ASA and USC

The American Society on Aging (ASA), in collaboration with the USC Leonard Davis School of Gerontology, is offering a flexible, affordable professional development opportunity for professionals who work with older adults.

ASA and USC are currently offering two five-week online certificate courses:

Fundamentals of Gerontology—This course is suitable for all levels of staff, from the seasoned worker who needs a refresher to new staff who require an introduction to the foundational concepts and theories in gerontology and a broader understanding of the aging field. All courses are taught by USC School of Gerontology faculty.

Health and Wellness in an Aging Society—This course offers information, best practices and effective models that are readily applicable to the work your staff is already doing. It is taught by some of the nation's leading experts in aging—specialists in healthcare, chronic disease management, dementia/mental health, and medication management. For each, enrollees who successfully complete the course work, quizzes and a final evaluation will receive a certificate of completion from USC.

It's not too late to enroll in one or both courses as the final courses for 2016 begin July 25. *For a limited time, ASA is offering a discount on membership to those who sign up for either course. Participants would simply enter discount code CCOA when enrolling and membership will be only \$175, a 30% discount off regular rates.*

Visit the online course webpages – [Fundamentals of Gerontology](#) and [Health and Wellness in an Aging Society](#) for downloadable course descriptions, sample video clips, schedule, and enrollment information.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

July 15, 2016, 2017 Aging in America Conference Call for Presentation Proposals. The deadline to submit proposals has been extended to July 15, 2016. For information and submission forms, click [here](#).

July 19, 2016 – Engaging HIV+ Older Adults in CDSME (Chronic Disease Self Management and Education). Webinar from 12:00 noon to 1:00 PST (3:00 - 4:30 EST). www.ncoa.org/CHA to register or obtain more information.

July 24 – 28, 2016, National Association of Area Agencies on Aging Annual Conference, San Diego, California. Information and registration at <http://www.n4a.org/conference>.

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