



Sonoma County Aging & Disability Commission Meeting



Minutes

Wednesday, April 16, 2025 | 1:00pm – 3:00pm

Carnelian Conference Room, 3725 Westwind Blvd. Santa Rosa 95403

In-person Attendance: Deanna Shaat, Monte Cimino, Robin Thompson, Trayce Beards, Suzanne Edwards, Terry Kelley, Alain Serkissian, Denise Johnson, Priyanka Varma, Jenny Helman, Jaime Penaherrera, Don Streeper (*Emeritus Member*)

Virtual Attendance: Diane Spain

Absent: Rick Baum, Christian Nava, Sandra Hoevertsz

Staff Attendance: Paul Dunaway, Sara Avery, Cassandra Denson, Joni Huntsperger

The Commission switched to Teams due to Zoom server's going offline. An email notification was sent to all commissioners and public contacts with the updated meeting link.

1. Welcome & Introductions (Helman) (1:16pm)

Added Agenda Topic: Approval of Minutes (3.18.2025)

- Correct Priyanka Spelling Error.
- Edits to Onboarding Committee notes.
- Approved as amended.

2. Chair Updates (Helman)

Agenda Overview/Parliamentary Procedure for Action Items

- Discussed Commission procedures for Action items.

Review Member Commitments Policy and Procedure – Action

- Reviewed the Member Commitments Policy and Procedure fact sheet.

Motion: Approve the amended policy and procedure for Member Commitment.

1st Motion: Trayce Beards 2nd Motion: Deanna Shaat Vote Results: Approved

3. Director/Staff updates (Dunaway, Avery, Huntsperger)

Director Update

- Updates on Federal Administration Activities:
 - Announced the dismantling of Administration for Community Living (ALC)
 - Announced the reorganization of Health and Human Services (HHS)
- Paul Dunaway participated in a panel with aging services leaders to discuss changes coming from the federal level to Social Security payments. Invited by Huffman and Thompson's office.

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Staff Updates:

- 2024 – 2028 Area Plan Approved by CDA on 3/24/2025
 - Commission website has been updated to reflect the approved Area Plan.

Public Hearing in March Update

- No significant changes were provided to the AAA. The Year 1 update will be presented to the Board of Supervisors in late May for approval.

Community Events for Potential Commission Participation

- Sonoma County PRIDE Event & Parade, Santa Rosa, May 31, 2025, 11AM
- Senior Expo, Santa Rosa, July 12, 2025, 9 AM – 12 PM
- African Soul Festival, Rohnert Park, August 30, 2025, 11 AM – 5 PM
- Request for Commissioners to reach out to Cody and cc: Jenny to let him know if they are:
 - Available to participate
 - Their time commitment for the tabling at these events (*Depending on the number of Commissioners interested, they can do shifts.*)
 - Keep in mind outlier community events outside the main county corridor. Email event info to Cody Milner and CC Jenny Helman.

May Commission Time Change

- The Commission meeting on May 21st has to be moved from 1:00–3:00 to 2:30–4:30 due to AAA staff conflicts.

MPA and LADAP Update

- Tentative roll out of Action Teams:
 - 1st: Caregiver & Health (May)
 - 2nd: Economic Security (June)
 - LADAP presentation (MIG)(June)
 - 3rd: Transportation & Wellness Equity/Inclusion (September)
 - 4th: Economic Security & Housing (Oct)
- Working to schedule D1 presentation for the community.
- Joni will send out action team scheduling emails. Action team presenters will be emailed with a reminder.
- Jaime Penaherrera gave personal feedback on his experience participating in LADAP and active concerns of the Latinx community.

4. Public Comment and Commission Member Open Forum

- Elece Hemple, PPSC- provided flyers for 2 upcoming events. PPSC Rohnert Park branch is now open.



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- Jamie Escoubas, COA- Hosting Generations in Motion event (May 17th).
- Denise Johnson, COA- Sonoma Clean Power Lunch and Learn next week.
- Jenny Helman, Commissioner- Paul Dunaway and Jenny helman did an MPA presentation for the Windsor Rotary Club.
- Robin Thompson, Commissioner- A group of commissioners met with Rep. Corsey to discuss the 6-month updates of the Commission.
- Monte Cimino, Commissioner- Met with members of the public to connect them with AAA programs.
- Jaime Penaherrera, Commissioner- Attended a community event and shared AAA info.

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5. California Senate Bill 435 (Helman/Steffey)

Presentation on SB 435

- Proposed changes to law require elderly care facilities with 16+ beds to have generators for power outages.
- Supported by CAR, Ombudsman, and ARP.
- Senate Human Services Committee to review the bill next Monday.

Letter of Support – Action

Motion: Commission approves to sign a letter of support for SB435.

1st Motion: Monte Cimino 2nd Motion: Alain Serkissian Vote Results: Approved

6. Discussion of FY 24/25 Contract Monitoring

- Denise Johnson shared feedback on her experience as both a Commissioner and a Service Provider being monitored.

7. Standing & Ad Hoc Committee Report (Helman)

Standing Committee: No Wrong Door

- Next meeting June 24th, 2025.

Ad Hoc Committee: No Wrong Door Toolbox

- Scheduling the Zoom meeting to work on the toolbox.

Ad Hoc Committee: Objectives for FY 25/26 – Action

- Reviewed the 2025-2026 Objectives document.
- Actions/Activities will be planned during Commission Planning Day and through additional ad hoc committees.

Motion: Approve the Commission Objectives 6.10-6.19 for FY2025-2026.

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1st Motion: Priyanka Varma 2nd Motion: Deanna Shaat Vote Results: Approved

Ad Hoc Committee: FY 24/25 Area Plan Objectives Implementation

- Reviewed and confirmed presentation goals achieved.
- Focus Groups Updates:
 - Requests for focus groups sent to city staff leads with Senior Advisory Commissions.
 - Transportation Needs Focus Group: Sandra and Deanna leading efforts.
 - Spanish Community Focus Group: Exploring culturally appropriate, sensitive, and secure approaches to progress.

Ad Hoc Committee: Member Application & Interview Process – Action

- Task Summary: Update the member application form and interview questions.

Motion: To establish the Member Application & Interview Process Ad Hoc Committee.

1st Motion: Monti Cimino 2nd Motion: Robin Thompson Vote Results: Approved

- Interested members: Trayce Beards, Terry Kelley, Monti Cimino, Diane Spain.
- Sandra Hoevertsz will coordinate the first meeting.

8. Adjourn (Helman)(2:55pm)

Supplemental materials related to an agenda item are available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Adult & Aging Office, 3725 Westwind Blvd., Suite 101, Santa Rosa. All listed times are approximate and subject to change. Agenda items are scheduled for consideration by the Aging & Disability Commission, which may or may not choose to act. Breaks may be called at the discretion of the Chair. If you need any accommodations to effectively participate, please contact aaa@schsd.org or (707) 565-5238 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

To submit items for the AAA Newsletter, or to receive the AAA Newsletter: AAA@schsd.org

Upcoming Aging & Disability Commission meetings:

- Aging & Disability Commission, Executive Committee Meeting: **May 13, 2025 (11:00am)**
 - Aging & Disability Commission Meeting/Public Hearing: **May 21, 2025 (2:30pm)**
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