



Sonoma County Aging & Disability Commission Meeting



Minutes

Wednesday, June 18, 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, Terry Kelley, Denise Johnson, Sandra Hoevertsz, Priyanka Varma, Jenny Helman, Jaime Penaherrera, Rick Baum, Eric Larson (*Emeritus Member*), Don Streeper (*Emeritus Member*), Christian Nava

Virtual Attendance: Diane Spain (*Pre-approved*), Suzanne Edwards (*Pre-approved*)

Absent: Alain Serkissian

Staff Attendance: Paul Dunaway, Cody Milner, Cassandra Denson (Zoom), Kathleen Cortez, Joni Huntsperger (Zoom)

1. **Welcome & Commission Member Introductions** (Helman) (1:02PM)
2. **Approval of the 05.21.2025 Commission Meeting Minutes** (Helman)
 - Approved with Revision: Ad Hoc Committee: Member Application & Interview Questions- *"revised the interview questions and began working on the application"*.
3. **Marge Ling Award** (Helman)
 - Marge Ling Award presented to Erick Larson
4. **Local Aging and Disability Action Plan (LADAP) Presentation** (Helman)
 - Kathleen Cortez and MIG, LLC. presented on the Local Aging & Disability Action Plan and answered commissioners' questions. (*Presentation slides are available by request.*)

5. **Chair Updates** (Helman)

Robert's Rules of Order

- Commissioners and AAA Staff should raise their hands when wanting to provide comments or questions.
- Commission presenters will facilitate questions during their presentations.

TACC Update:

- Terry Kelley has stepped down as the Commission's TACC representative.
- Jenny Helman is attending meetings moving forward.
- Nov 5th-7th, 2025: C4A Conference.
 - Two Commissioners can attend. Contact Jenny Helman if interested.



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- In the recent TACC meeting, topics discussed were Shared Housing, Medi-Cal Eligibility changes, and PSA Reports now available online.

Recognition of Past Member Jim Redding

- A Certificate of Appreciation will be sent to Jim's Husband.

Commissioner's Visits with Supervisors

- Supervisor Hermosillo (District 1):
 - Commission members met with Hermosillo in May, where the Commission's work, materials, and informational handouts were reviewed.
 - Additional copies of materials were provided by Cody Milner for Hermosillo to distribute further.
 - Engaged in a discussion regarding the MPA Committee.
 - Provided positive and supportive feedback on the Commission's work.
- Supervisor Rabbitt (District 2):
 - Commission members will meet with him on Tuesday, June 24th, 2025.

6. Public Comment and Commission Member Open Forum

The public may address the Commission on items not listed on the agenda. Public comments will be limited to three (3) minutes per speaker.

Note: The Commission cannot take action on items not on the agenda.

- Eddie Estrada: Introduced himself as an applicant to the Commission. He would represent District 3.
- Evette Minor: Discussed her advocacy for LADAP to include/represent all sectors of the community.

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7. Director/Staff Updates (Dunaway, Milner, Huntsperger)

Director Update

- State Budget Updates:
 - No impact/reductions to Older Americans Act or Older Californians Act Modernization funding.
 - Proposal regarding Medi-Cal Eligibility changes:
 - Cap assets at \$130,000 per individual (*replacement to previous proposal of a \$2000 Cap*)



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- Continue eligibility for undocumented persons (*replacement of previous proposal to end eligibility for all undocumented persons 19 or older*).

Staff Updates:

- Volunteer Log
 - Due July 13th to Cody Milner.
- PRIDE Festival Report Out
 - ADRH connected with 110 people at the event booth.
 - Cody Milner and Deanna Shaat participated in the event.
- Community Events for Potential Commission Participation
 - Senior Expo, Santa Rosa, July 12, 2025, 9 AM – 12 PM (*2 commissioners signed up*)
 - African Soul Festival, Rohnert Park, August 30, 2025, 11 AM – 5 PM (*1 commissioner signed up*)

MPA and LADAP Update

- The Health Action Team is focusing on behavioral and mental health.
 - Reviewing how health services connect with social services.
 - A theme coming up: When needs are unmet, why might that be?
- All action teams, other than the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Action Team, have started meeting.

8. Standing & Ad Hoc Committee Report (Helman)

Standing Committee: No Wrong Door

- Next meeting June 24th, 2025 – 1PM.
- Working with the No Wrong Door Toolbox Ad Hoc Committee.

Ad Hoc Committee: No Wrong Door Toolbox

- Providing recommendations to Jenny Helman and Cody Milner by June 25.
- Refining elevator speeches and short-form presentations to enhance communication.
- Planning future projects, including:
 - Developing procedures
 - Ensuring the Commissioners' access to materials
 - Establishing rules for material editing

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

- Discussed objectives that were not able to be met in the 24/25 Area Plan.



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- Discussed the Focus Groups that will be implemented and deferred.
 - City Senior Commissions Focus Group: Friday, June 27th, 2025, at 1:00PM,

Motion: To accept the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Committee *(to proceed with the City Senior Commission's Focus group and defer the Transportation and Spanish language focus groups.)*

1st Motion: Trayce Breads **2nd Motion:** Monte Cimino **Vote Result:** Approved

Ad Hoc Committee: Member Application & Interview Questions- **Action**

- Discussed the revisions to the interview questions and membership application.

Motion: To accept the recommendations to revise the interview questions and the application.

1st Motion: Rick Baum **2nd Motion:** Terry Kelley **Vote Result:** Approved

Ad Hoc Committee: August 2025 Planning Day

- No Meeting in July
- Planning Day Meeting Time:
 - Social/Coffee Hour starts at 9:00AM
 - Start Meeting at 10:00AM
 - End Meeting at 3:00PM
- Commissioner Informational Activity:
 - Deanna Shaat will request the submission of commissioner information prior to the meeting.

9. Adjourn (Helman)(2:54PM)

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:

- **No Aging & Disability Commission Meeting in July**
- Aging & Disability Commission, Executive Committee Meeting: **August 12th, 2025**

Approved by Commission: 9/17/2025



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- Aging & Disability Commission Planning Day: **August 20th, 2025**
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