**AGENCY ON AGING AREA 4**

**Advisory Council**

Date: July 17, 2025

Location: **Placer County**

1. **CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS\*\***

Chair Dr. Koss called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m., welcoming guests and members. The pledge of allegiance was led by Dr. Koss.

**Advisory Council Attendance**

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| *County* | *Members Present - 12* | *Excused = 9; Absent = 2* |
| Nevada | 1. Mikal-Heine | Kelly Carpenter (E); Joe Naake (E) |
| Placer | K. Flanagan | David Wiltsee (E) |
| Sacramento | S. McBride; Dr. C. Koss; M. Jacobs; A. Zonderman; | Dr. T. Abah (E) |
| Sierra |  | W. Church-Bergstrom(E) |
| Sutter | P. Epley; T. Thomas |  |
| Yolo | J. Bohan***\*;*** | C. Dorsey (E); Seth Brunner (E) |
| Yuba |  | R. Drown;(A) L. Drown (A) |
| At Large | P. Nelson; H. Linder; M. Moreno; | R. Saenz (E) |

***\*****Teleconferencing according to Brown Act Emergency Provision.*

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| **On-site AAA4 Staff** |
| Pam Miller, Julie Bates, PhD, Sara Martinez, Jodi Mesa, Kiel Adams |

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| **AAA4 Staff via Zoom** |
| Julie Beckner, Nancy Vasquez, Danielle Neef-Dawes, Rebecca Hensley |

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| **On-site Guests** |
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| **Guests via Zoom** |
| Seth Brunner, Jennifer Massello; Zahira Edwards |

1. **ROLL CALL**

* Motion: Approve Jim Bohan teleconferencing according to the AB0000 Brown Act. Quorum was then established through Roll Call.

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| **Motion** | **Second** | **Passed** |
| M. Jacobs | A Zonderman | Y= 12; N= 0; Abstain= 0 |

1. **PUBLIC COMMENT** - None
2. **CONSENT CALENDAR** 
   1. Motion: Adopt the agenda as amended

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| **Motion** | **Second** | **Passed** |
| P. Epley | T. Thomas | Y= 12; N= 0; Abstain= 0 |

* 1. Motion: Approve the Minutes 5/15/2025 as amended

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| **Motion** | **Second** | **Passed** |
| T. Thomas | K. Flanagan | Y= 12; N= 0; Abstain= 0 |

1. **CORRESPONDENCE** - None

**VI. Action Item\*\***

1. **Approve Legislative Committee Recommendations**

* Motion: Support AB 1327 (Aguilar-Curry) Home improvement and home solicitation: right to cancel contracts; notice.

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| **Motion** | **Second** | **Passed** |
| P. Epley | A. Zonderman | Y= 12; N= 0; Abstain= 0 |

* Motion: Oppose SB 84 (Niello) Disability access: construction-related accessibility claims: notice of violation and opportunity to correct.

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| **Motion** | **Second** | **Passed** |
| A. Mikal-Heine | A. Zonderman | Y= 10; N= 0; Abstain= 2 |

**VIII. Discussion Presentations**

**A. AAA4’ Revised 2024-28 Strategic Plan**

Dr. Julie Bates reported that the Strategic Planning Committee met to rewrite each of the goals in the agency’s strategic plan with a big focus on Goal 3 that was centered around Diversity Equity Inclusion and accessibility (DEIA). Changes were made to satisfy the current administration’s policies. Discussion was held about the risks of changing the language and how it could change the work the agency is doing. Dr. Julie shared her views on the matter and assured the council that would not happen. Dr. Julie also shared with the council that Julie Beckner is now stepping into the role of volunteer requirement and the importance of having someone in that role.

1. **Final Report Don Nottoli Project**

Danielle Neef-Dawes and Sara Martinez reported on the success of the Don Nottoli project also known as the Sacramento County Age Friendly Community Initiative (SCAFCI). Danielle shared the story of her consumer and how she was able to use this grant to help her consumer stay in her home. Sara then shared testimonials from the Del Oro consumers as well as testimonials from partner agencies that were able to use this grant to support the older adults in their community.

1. **Passage of the Big Beautiful Bill: Potential Implications for Older California’s Act**

Dr. Julie shared with the council that the Big Beautiful Bill has passed in the United States. She then shared the following ways this bill will affect older adults here in California: it provides a temporary tax deduction; reduces the federal funding for food assistance; cuts Medicaid and the Affordable Care Act which could cause almost 12 million people to lose their health insurance by 2034; This bill leaves California with a $12 billion budget gap due to the cuts in federal funding. This bill also puts more red tape on older adults to qualify for Medicaid, people 19-64 will have a work requirement they need to meet in order to qualify. This is also true for adults applying for SNAP. The bill is overall very impactful to our agency and the people we serve.

1. **The 60th Anniversary of the Older American’s Act**

Pam Miller presented on the 60th anniversary of the Older American’s Act. In the presentation she shared how the Act came to be and how it has changed over the years.

**IX. Reports**

**A. Executive Committee**

Dr. Koss reported that they made the needed changes to the agenda and approved it. Dr. Koss then shared her “Why?”. She informed the group that prior to becoming a gerontologist she was in international development. She shared that she came to working with non-profits in a different way than most. Dr Koss went to law school thinking she would work with immigration law or international law but learned quickly she didn’t like that. It was a teacher of hers that introduced her to Elder Law. She shared that she practiced Elder Law for 9 years in Oklahoma and she started a non-profit Senior Law Resource Center. From there she received her PhD in Gerontology and became a professor.

**B. Governing Board**

Jodi reported that the Governing Board met in June and voted on where unassigned funds would be going. The board also approved the 3rd quarter JPEC recommendations. The Governing Board was unable to meet in July but is scheduled to meet on August 8th.

**C. HICAP Coordinating Counsil**

* Rebecca Hensley reported the HICAP Coordinating Counsil met in Placerville on May 30th. This included members from AAA of El Dorado County, San Joaquin County, area 4 staff, as well as members from HICAP services of Northern California.
* Council discussed the current outreach campaign that is being led by Area 4 staff with input from all of the other counties.
* Volunteer recruitment and retention was discussed as well as the HICAP modernization plan by the state.
* Rebecca shared that the HICAP Coordinating Counsil is looking for someone from the Advisory Council to join them, Dr Koss stated that she was interested and would reach out to Rebecca.

1. **Joint Program Evaluation Committee (JPEC)**

Sara reported that JPEC is tentatively scheduled to meet on September 4th to review 4th quarter numbers. Sara also informed the advisory council about Sierra Senior Services had a data breach and has been placed on probation due to this incident. They are currently not in good standing with Agency on Aging Area 4. The probation will last 3 months, this was approved by our Governing Board.

1. **Legislative Committee**

* Jim Bohon reported that the committee looked at 9 bills and decided to watch 5 and moved two to action which will be done at a later meeting.

1. **Executive Director’s Report**

Pam Miller reported the following:

* She welcomed Sara Martinez as the new Operations Manager.
* She shared that she gave a presentation in June to the Yuba Board of Supervisors to talk about the programs that are provided there.
* She then gave program updates, informing the group that Anthem gave the go ahead to move forward with the contracting phase of the enhanced case management. She then informed everyone that due to the Big Beautiful Bill, CalFresh Healthy living funds have been eliminated.
* Pam recognized Annie for being on the CDA webinar about understanding Prop one and the Behavioral Health Services Act.
* Pam ended her report stating that the agency has a new HR specialist starting on Monday.

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Dr. Koss called for a motion for adjournment at 12:02 p.m.

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