

# MEETING NOTICE & AGENDA

## GOVERNING BOARD

<b>LOCATION</b>	Agency on Aging Area 4 Board Room 1401 El Camino Avenue, 4 <sup>th</sup> Floor Sacramento, CA 95815
<b>ALTERNATE LOCATION:</b>	None
<b>DATE:</b>	February 13, 2025
<b>TIME:</b>	10:00AM – 12:00PM
<b>ZOOM:</b>	Members of the public wishing to join the meeting via Zoom, please use this link: <a href="#">Click here to join.</a>

### I. CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, & APPROVE TELECONFERENCING MEMBERS

- A. If NEEDED – AB2449 “just cause” provision

### II. ROLL CALL

### III. PUBLIC COMMENT

AAA4 welcomes comments on any agenda item as it is addressed. Individuals will be limited to five minutes; fifteen minutes for a representative of a group. Comments may be made on any subject not on the agenda. The specific time limit will be established based on the number of persons wishing to speak for a total of fifteen minutes per subject.

### IV. CONSENT

- A. Adopt the agenda
- B. Approve the minutes from 12/12/2025
- C. Approve 2026 Committee Appointments
- D. Approve Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA)

### V. CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Aging and Disability Stakeholders’ Response to Proposed 2026-27 State Budget

**VI. ACTION ITEM**

- A. Adopt Resolution #331 re: Data Exchange Framework Grant Award
- B. Approve Mid-Year Joint Program Evaluation Committee (JPEC) Recommendations

**VII. DISCUSSION/PRESENTATION**

- A. An Update on CA 2030 Implementation, *presented by Pam Miller and Will Tift*
- B. New Remote Meeting Allowances via SB 707, *presented by Dr. Julie Bates*

**VIII. REPORTS**

- A. Executive Committee
  - Chair appoints Parliamentarian for 2026
- B. Audit/Finance Committee
- C. Grants Review Committee (GRC)
- D. Joint Program Evaluation Committee (JPEC)
- E. Executive Director

**IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**X. ADJOURN**

**ATTACHMENTS TO BE SENT UNDER SEPARATE COVER:**

- A. California Senior Legislature Elections Flyer

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**Disability Accommodations:**

If you need reasonable disability-related accommodation to participate in this meeting, please contact the AAA4 office at (916) 486-1876 or email [governingboard@agencyonaging4.org](mailto:governingboard@agencyonaging4.org) at least 3 days in advance with your accommodation request. Every effort will be made to accommodate. However, we cannot guarantee we will be able to honor requests received less than 3 days in advance.

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**Upcoming Committee Meetings:**

**AUDIT/FINANCE COMMITTEE**

2/13/2026, 9:00am – 9:30am

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

2/13/2026, 9:30am – 10:00am

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (CLOSED SESSION)**

2/13/2026, 12:30am – 1:30pm

# AGENCY ON AGING AREA 4 Governing Board Minutes

Date: December 12, 2025  
Location: **Sacramento County**

**I. CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, APPROVE TELECONFERENCING MEMBER(S), WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS\*\***

The Chair, Supervisor Dryden, called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m., welcoming guests and members. The pledge of allegiance was led by Nancy Pennebaker.

**GOVERNING BOARD ATTENDANCE**

County	Members Present – 11	Excused = 8 Absent = 0
Nevada		Supv. S. Hoek (E), Supv. Swarthout (E), E. Minett (E)
Placer	W. Reed	Supv. S. Jones (E)
Sacramento	L. Klotz, M. Sawamura; M. Rose, L. Batten	C. Burton (E)
Sierra	Supv. S. Dryden	Supv. L. Heuer (E)
Sutter	T. Beebe	Supv. J. Boone (E)
Yolo	N. Pennebaker, Denise Peach	Supv. S. Allen (E)
Yuba	Supv. A. Vasquez, W. Peters	

*\*Teleconferencing according to AB 2449 Brown Act Emergency Provision.*

<b>On-site AAA4 Staff</b>
Pam Miller, Will Tift, Sara Martinez, Diane Swanson, Kellie Bruton, Sunny Gay, Carly Malcomson, Jennifer Hassouna

<b>AAA4 Staff via Zoom</b>
Julie Bates, PhD, Julie Beckner, Dennis Eldridge, Anson Houghton, Brittany Lathrop, Jodi Mesa

<b>On-site Guests</b>
None

<b>Guests via Zoom</b>
Margarita Minero, Sacramento County

**II. ROLL CALL**

A quorum was established with roll call.

**III. PUBLIC COMMENT – None.**

**IV. CONSENT**

Supervisor Dryden asked for a motion to approve the consent items which consisted of Adopting the Agenda, Approval of the minutes from 11/14/25, and Approval of the 2026 Meeting Schedule

Motion: Approve Consent Items

<b>Motion</b>	<b>Second</b>	<b>Passed</b>
W. Reed	Supv. A. Vasquezr	Y= 11; N= 0; Abstain= 0

**V. CORRESPONDENCE**

CDA APPROVAL OF 2025-26 Area Plan Update.

**VI. ACTION ITEM**

**A. Elect and Install Board Officers for Calendar Year 2026**

The 2026 Executive Officers are Supervisor Sharon Dryden as Chair, Tonya Beebe as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair, Supervisor Andy Vasquez as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair, Meghan Rose as Treasurer, and Leesa Klotz as Secretary. This slate was brought forth from the November meeting, voted on, and Pam Miller installed the group. Supervisor Dryden recognized Nancy Pennebaker for her 10 years of service on the Governing Board and how greatly she will be missed. Many heartfelt thanks were given to Nancy by meeting attendees from the Board and AAA4 staff.

<b>Motion</b>	<b>Second</b>	<b>Passed</b>
N. Pennebaker	Supv. A. Vasquez	Y= 11; N= 0; Abstain= 0

**B. Adopt the 2024-25 Annual Report**

Julie Beckner reviewed the changes that had been made to the 2024-25 Annual Report final draft with feedback and input from the Governing Board and Advisory Council members. Comments were made appreciating the amount of work that went into the report and that the corrections were minimal. Several members requested hard copies be made available at the next Governing Board Meeting.

<b>Motion</b>	<b>Second</b>	<b>Passed</b>
Nancy Pennebaker	Supv. A. Vasquez	Y= 11; N= 0; Abstain= 0

## DISCUSSION/PRESENTATION

### A. An Introduction to AAA4's In-House Budget, *presented by Kellie Bruton*

Kellie Bruton presented an overview of the budget and took several questions from Meghan Rose and other Board Members explaining some of the challenges with not knowing when funding will be coming in, etc. One time only funds (OTO) were not listed as Kellie has never had OTO funds for previous budgets. Kellie reviewed the budget and funding for several of the programs administered by the Agency with comments from Will Tift, Anson Houghton, and Pam Miller. Meghan thanked Kellie for providing the financial numbers. Kellie said she will continue to provide this information going into next year comparing the current month to the previous year. Nancy Pennebaker suggested that the financial information be presented in a month-by-month format to show a snapshot of exactly where we are which would be typical for a non-profit organization's budget. A question was asked regarding other funded partners that were not mentioned in Kellie's presentation. Will said that the JPEC quarterly report would show detailed financial information for all the funded partner programs.

### B. An Update on AAA4's Health Care Projects, *presented by Anson Houghton*

Anson reviewed some of the programs he has been working on in the health care area. He provided some detailed information regarding the California Community Care Project, the Data Exchange Framework (DxF) Project, the Mercy Medical Group Demonstration Project, and the Veterans Directed Care (VDC) Program. Anson and Will answered questions from Wendell Peters and Supervisor Dryden mostly about Veterans Directed Care. Anson expressed a desire to come back and discuss some of the other programs he is working on. Supervisor Dryden commented on how wonderful the VDC Program is in allowing veterans to live with dignity by hiring their caregiver to remain at home and would like to see this available in all counties.

## VII. REPORTS

### A. Executive Committee

- Supervisor Dryden reported that the Executive Committee met this morning and reviewed the agenda.

### B. Audit/Finance Committee

- Meghan Rose had to leave so Supervisor Dryden shared Meghan's notes on her behalf. The Finance Audit Committee met this morning and confirmed that the fiscal department is now fully staffed.
- Jennifer Hassouna, the new Controller, was introduced to the Board and she shared her experience as an accountant and controller over the past 10 years. She will be earning her MBA in February.

- Meghan confirmed the closeouts are complete for 2024-2025 and staff have been asked to prioritize the accounts receivable module in AccuFund.
  - Staff have been asked to prioritize the amendments to the 2024 tax return.
  - The staff are continuing to work with Gilbert CPA's to clean up the books for past due audits.
- C. Area Plan Committee (APC)
- Will Tift reported that the Area Plan Committee will be meeting on December 19<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. to go over some additional amendments to the plan for this year which was approved by the CDA in a letter presented as correspondence in the packet.
  - The committee will review the 2026 Senior Survey and do what they can to shorten the survey.
- D. Joint Program Evaluation Committee (JPEC)
- Will shared that JPEC will meet next on February 5<sup>th</sup> for a mid-year review on performance to review the numbers and bring any recommendations to the Board for the February meeting.
- E. Executive Director
- Pam asked the Board Members to complete the committee preference forms found in their packets for 2026.
  - Since SB1249 was enacted, Ventura County has decided they no longer want to be a AAA. On July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026, the HHS will transfer the administration of the AAA programs to the California Department of Aging. The CDA could then select a non-profit to deliver AAA services even though that goes against what they have previously reported. Pam will share a newspaper article discussing this and how the HHS said they can't afford to run the AAA program, especially with government cuts. All of this highlights the strengths there are in having a JPA and having programs within multiple counties and being able to share funds. Nancy Pennebaker further discussed how beneficial it is to have a JPA in saving money and that AAA4 has been so successful in serving each county according to their individual needs.
  - Two new staff members have been hired in Case Management, two in IT, and three in Fiscal.
  - Pam spent the remainder of her report thanking Nancy Pennebaker for her years of service, how they met, and how Nancy became part of the Board. Nancy was presented with a gift and Sara Martinez shared her thanks and a story of how she met Nancy.

## VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Will announced that Meals on Wheels in Sacramento had a theft of the copper wiring at their facility. The good news is they are back up and running with services interrupted for only one day.

## IX. ADJOURN

- B. Meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

**\*\*TO LISTEN TO THE FULL AUDIO OR REQUEST MATERIALS FROM THIS MEETING, PLEASE EMAIL [GoverningBoard@AgencyOnAging4.org](mailto:GoverningBoard@AgencyOnAging4.org)**

*Recordings are on file for one (1) year.*

**CONSENT ITEM IV. D.**

**TO: AAA4 GOVERNING BOARD**

**FROM: Pam Miller, Executive Director**

**DATE: February 13, 2026**

**SUBJECT: Staff Cost-of-Living Increases**

In accordance with long-standing practice, annual cost-of-living adjustments (COLAs) for AAA4 Staff are based on the California Consumer Price Index (CCPI) and are subject to availability of funds and approval from the Governing Board. The Executive Committee will review the Staff request before making a recommendation to the full Board.

The California Consumer Price Index is released every two months by the State of California, Department of Industrial Relations. The CCPI grew by 3.31% between August 2024 and August 2025. In past practices the Agency has always used the month of October as their baseline but due to the Federal Government shut down October CPI is not available for 2025.

Therefore, the recommendation is to grant a 3.31% cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) effective January 3, 2026. This COLA adjustment is designed to ensure employee purchasing power is not eroded by inflation.

The cost for all employees is approximately \$39,584 for FY2025-26, or \$79,168 annually. This is within the range that was budgeted at the beginning of the fiscal year. If approved, employees will receive a COLA raise retroactively.

This item requires a roll call vote, either separately or as part of a motion to adopt all items on the Consent Calendar.



January 27, 2026

The Honorable Gavin Newsom  
Governor, State of California  
State Capitol  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Assemblymember Jesse Gabriel  
Chair, Assembly Budget Committee  
State Capitol  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Assembly Speaker  
Assemblymember Robert Rivas  
State Capitol  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Senator John Laird  
Chair, Senate Budget Committee  
State Capitol  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Senate President pro Tempore  
Senator Monique Limón  
State Capitol  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: Aging and Disability Stakeholders' Response to Proposed 2026-27 State Budget**

Dear Governor Newsom, Speaker Rivas, Pro Tem Limón, Senator Laird, and Assemblymember Gabriel,

The undersigned 134 organizations representing aging and disability stakeholders in California write to you in response to the Governor's proposed 2026-27 state budget. We appreciate the Governor's and Legislature's commitment to implementing the Master Plan for Aging (MPA), and that this budget largely maintains prior investments. However, we are disappointed that this budget makes cuts to the IHSS program, as well as limiting

access to full-scope Medi-Cal for certain immigrants (including older adult immigrants) who are losing access under the federal H.R. 1. Given the ongoing implementation of H.R. 1, an uncertain economic climate, and that cuts were already made in the 2025-26 state budget – it is critical that the Governor and Legislature commit to developing new sources of sustainable revenue in order to protect and bolster our critical safety-net programs for older adults and people with disabilities.

We must acknowledge the growing needs of older adults and people with disabilities. California's aging demographic, combined with the rising number of adults living with disabilities, continues to expand rapidly, placing greater demands on systems of care. With ongoing policy changes at the federal level, and the state's multi-year deficit projections – the only way to truly mitigate harm to our communities is to bring in new revenue. It is critical, especially for older adults and people with disabilities, that we do not return to an era where balancing the budget means cutting Medi-Cal optional benefits and other social safety net programs like SSP. These benefits are not optional for the health and wellbeing of those who need them. We know from experience that these types of cuts inflict a significant amount of harm on some of the most vulnerable Californians while producing no long-term cost savings. A recent study<sup>1</sup> commissioned by the California Health Care Foundation found that a 10% cut to five key HCBS programs could increase California's Medi-Cal long-term care costs by \$57 million in the first year alone and over five years, those cuts could cost the state an additional \$1.17 billion.

We are opposed to the following proposals included in the Governor's proposed budget because of their harmful impact on older adults and people with disabilities who would see reduced access to essential health and support services:

#### **Proposed IHSS Cuts:**

- **IHSS Back-Up Provider System.** We oppose the Governor's proposal to eliminate the IHSS Back-Up Provider System. A well-functioning backup provider system is essential for filling caregiving gaps for older adults and people with disabilities when their regular caregiver is unable to come to work due to a personal emergency. Additionally, the back-up provider system is vital for protecting IHSS recipients' health and safety, stabilizing the workforce, and preventing unnecessary emergency room visits. Rather than eliminate this essential program, California must increase utilization by removing barriers to accessing the system and putting in place policies that increase provider participation and availability.
- **Shift of State IHSS Spending to Counties.** The Governor's proposal to adjust the state's share of cost for IHSS hours aims to reduce state spending on IHSS in the face of increasing needs of IHSS consumers. Rather than identifying a long-term financial source that can support California's aging and disabled population, this proposal merely passes the financial responsibility to the counties. The increased

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<sup>1</sup> ATI Advisory, "How Could Cuts to Medi-Cal Home and Community-Based Services Impact California?" (Oct 23, 2025) <https://www.chcf.org/resource/cuts-medi-cal-home-community-based-services-impact-california/>

financial pressure on Counties would likely have negative downstream impact on consumers – including a potential reduction in hours—in the face of increasing needs.

### **Proposed Medi-Cal Eligibility Restrictions for Certain Immigrant Groups**

We are opposed to the Governor's proposal to transition immigrant groups impacted by the federal eligibility change in H.R. 1 to restricted-scope Medi-Cal, rather than cover them on state-only Medi-Cal. These immigrant groups include older adults who are refugees, asylees, domestic violence survivors and crime victims who historically have had full-scope Medi-Cal. Instead of maintaining critical health benefits, California is stripping health coverage and leaving approximately 200,000 people uninsured. For older adults with certain immigration statuses who are losing federal Medicare coverage under H.R. 1 – this proposed change in state law also means that those older adults will not have Medi-Cal as an option either. Instead of mitigating the impact of H.R.1 where it can, California is only reinforcing the deep cuts and harms of H.R.1.

There is still significant work ahead to realize the bold goals of the MPA. California is five years into implementation of the plan, and by 2030, 1 in 5 Californians – 8 million people – will be age 65 or older. And while we have made investments in the last five years, there is still more work to do. Older adults are the fastest growing group of people experiencing homelessness in the state. Older adults have the highest poverty rate of any age group in the state. Millions of older adults and their families are struggling with the affordability crisis of long-term care. Our work to make California a state where everyone has the ability to age with dignity in their homes and communities is more important than ever. We must secure revenue in order to maintain coverage and services, as well as build a path to making the necessary expansions and improvements. We stand ready to work with the Legislature and Administration to achieve these shared goals.

Sincerely,

Access Central Coast Agency on Aging Area 4	Asian Americans for Community Involvement (AACI)	California Association for Adult Day Services
Aging and HIV Institute	Asian Resources, Inc.	California Association of Area Agencies on Aging (C4A)
Aging Services Collaborative of Santa Clara County	Asian Youth Center (AYC)	California Association of Public Authorities for IHSS
Ahri Center	Association of California Caregiver Resource Centers	California Behavioral Health Association
Alameda County Advisory Commission on Aging	Bet Tzedek Legal Services	California Coalition of Welfare Rights Organizations
Alzheimer's Los Angeles	Black Women for Wellness Action Project	California Collaborative for Long-Term Services and Supports (CCLTSS)
Alzheimer's Orange County	Buen Vecino	California Council of the Blind
American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO	CA Senior Legislature (CSL)	California Domestic Workers Coalition
Ashby Village	California Advocates for Nursing Home Reform	
	California Alliance for Retired Americans	

California Eder Justice Coalition	Gender Affirming Professionals	Orange County Aging Services Collaborative
California Foundation for Independent Living Centers	Graton Day Labor Center	Partners in Care Foundation
California Health Advocates	Hand in Hand: The Domestic Employers Network	Partnership for the Advancement of New Americans
California IHSS Consumer Alliance (CICA)	Health Access CA	Personal Assistance Services Council
California Immigrant Policy Center	Healthy Aging Association	Pilipino Workers Center
California Immigration Project	Homeless Action Center	PRC
California Women's Law Center	IHSS Public Authority Advisory Committee	Public Interest Law Project
California Work & Family Coalition	Independent Living Resource Center SF	Resources for Independence Central Valley
CalPACE	Indivisible TriValley	San Francisco AIDS Foundation
Cardea Health	Inner City Law Center	San Francisco Gray Panthers
Caring Across Generations	InSpirit	San Francisco IHSS Public Authority
Center for Access to QDROs	Jewish Family Service Los Angeles	San Francisco Senior and Disability Action
Center for Health Care Rights	Justice in Aging	SEIU California
Choice in Aging	La Raza Centro Legal	Self Help for the Elderly
Communities Actively Living Independent & Free	Law Foundation of Silicon Valley	Senior Advocates of the Desert
Community Legal Aid SoCAL	LeadingAge California	Senior Services Coalition of Alameda County
Community Legal Services in East Palo Alto	Legal Aid Association of California	Seniors Council/Area Agency on Aging of Santa Cruz & San Benito Counties
Community Living Campaign	Legal Aid Society of San Diego	Service Center for Independent Life
Contra Costa Senior Legal Services	Legal Aid Society of San Mateo County	Serving Seniors
Corporation for Supportive Housing	Legal Assistance for Seniors	Silicon Valley Independent Living Center
County of Santa Clara	Legal Assistance to the Elderly	Sistahs Aging with Grace & Elegance
County Welfare Directors Association	Lifelong Medical Care	Sourcewise
Courage California	LifeSTEPS	South Asian Network
Disability Community Resource Center	Little Tokyo Service Center	Southeast Asia Resource Action Center (SEARAC)
Disability Rights California	Long-term Services and Supports for All Grassroots Coalition	Southern Caregiver Resource Center
Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund (DREDF)	Los Angeles LGBT Center	St. Barnabas Senior Services
Disability Voices United	Marin Center for Independent Living	St. Mary's Center
DO Network (Disability Organizing Network)	Meals on Wheels Diablo Region	St. Vincent de Paul Society of Marin
Empowered Aging	Mental Health Advocacy Services	St. Vincent Meals on Wheels
End Child Poverty CA powered by GRACE	MSSP Site Association	The Arc & United Cerebral Palsy California Collaboration
FREED Center for Independent Living	National Health Law Program	The Kelsey
Friends Committee on Legislation of California	National Immigration Law Center	
	Northeast Valley Health Corporation	
	ONEgeneration	

United Domestic Workers -  
AFSCME Local 3930  
United Way of Greater Los  
Angeles  
Valon Consulting

Ventura County Hospital to  
Home Alliance  
Western Center on Law and  
Poverty  
Wise & Healthy Aging

Yolo County IHSS Advisory  
Committee

Cc: Secretary Kim Johnson, California Health and Human Services Agency  
Michelle Baass, Director, California Department of Health Care Services  
Jennifer Troia, Director, California Department of Social Services  
Joe Stephenshaw, Director, California Department of Finance  
Susan DeMarois, Director, California Department of Aging  
Senator Caroline Menjivar, Chair, Senate Budget Subcommittee #3  
Assemblymember Dawn Addis, Chair, Assembly Budget Subcommittee # 1  
Assemblymember Dr. Corey Jackson, Chair, Assembly Budget Subcommittee #2  
Paula Villescaz, Deputy Legislative Affairs Secretary, Office of Governor Gavin  
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Elizabeth Freeman, Committee Consultant, Senate Budget Committee  
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Kelsy Castillo, Policy Consultant, Speaker Robert Rivas  
Nicole Vasquez, Deputy Chief Consultant, Assembly Budget Committee  
Patrick Le, Committee Consultant, Assembly Budget Committee  
Elizabeth Fuller, Chief Consultant, Assembly Aging and Long-Term Care  
Committee

**ACTION ITEM VI. A.**

**TO: AAA4 GOVERNING BOARD**

**FROM:** Pam Miller

**DATE:** February 6, 2026

**SUBJECT: Adopt Resolution No. 331 re: Data Exchange Framework Grant Award**

In December of 2023, AAA4 Staff submitted a successful grant application in the amount of \$450,000 to the California Department of Health & Human Services. The purpose of this Data Exchange Framework (DxF) Grant is to configure an IT Platform to enable the Agency to securely transmit client health information between community-based organizations (CBOs) and health care organizations (HCOs).

Resolution #331 retroactively authorizes the Executive Director to receive and expend these grant funds. The contract period is March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 through April 30, 2026.

Furthermore, this Resolution authorizes the Executive Director to execute all future amendments to the above agreement.

Historically, AAA4's Governing Board has not adopted resolutions to accept grant funds which come from sources other than the California Department of Aging unless the grantor requires the Agency to do so. Going forward, AAA4 Staff recommend resolutions be done in all cases where the award amount is \$100,000 or more to enhance transparency.

This item requires a roll call vote.



**ACTION ITEM VI. B.**

**TO: AAA4 GOVERNING BOARD**

**FROM:** Joint Program Evaluation Committee

**DATE:** February 6, 2026

**SUBJECT: Approve Mid-Year JPEC Recommendations**

The Joint Program Evaluation Committee (JPEC) met on February 5 to review active compliance concerns as well as performance figures for all AAA4-funded programs through the first two quarters of SFY 2025-26.

On the Funded Program Activity Report, there are three items that require Governing Board approval (Items A<sup>2</sup>, B<sup>2</sup> and C<sup>2</sup> on page 4 of 6).

In accordance with JPEC Policy, if any new information that is salient to this topic should become available, then AAA4 Staff will share it during the February 13 meeting.

## FUNDED PROGRAM ACTIVITY REPORT

### SFY 2025-26: Mid-Year Performance (July – December) AND Updates on other Matters

Compiled February 2, 2026

**Updated February 6, 2026**

For most of the Funded Programs, the scope of this report includes events that occurred during the current 4-year contract cycle (July 2025 – June 2029). For Funded Programs operating on the minor contract cycle (i.e., Caregiver Assessment & Case Management in Placer, Sacramento & Yolo; Caregiver Counseling in select counties; Caregiver Respite in Placer, Sacramento & Yolo; and, Health Promotion in select counties) the scope of this report includes events that have occurred since July 1, 2019.

#### I. OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT

Nominations are welcome from Advisory Council and Governing Board members at any time during the fiscal year.

#### II. OPEN MATTERS

The following Funded Programs are on Collaborative Oversight status.

- AAA4: Bingocize [All 7 Counties]
- AAA4: Caregiver Counseling (BRICC) [All 7 Counties]
- AAA4: Case Management [Placer County]
- LSNC: Mother Lode Office [Nevada County]
- MOW Yolo: Non-Traditional Congregate Meals [Yolo County]

#### III. UPDATE on NEW PROVIDERS/PROGRAMS

As noted in the previous JPEC report, AAA4 has assumed fiscal/administrative oversight of the Title III-B Transportation grant in Yolo County, replacing Dignity Health. The Yolo Healthy Aging Alliance (YHAA) has now resumed responsibility for distributing vouchers to clients which are being honored for rides on Yolo Bus Special. At this time, the remaining \$22,875 of this grant (which was initially intended be spent by Dignity for rides to and from Yolo Adult Day Health Care) is unassigned. An update was provided during the January 7 Yolo County Commission on Aging meeting; further discussions are pending. An award recommendation will be brought to a future Governing Board meeting.

Pending approval of an Area Plan Update for State Fiscal Year 2025-26, AAA4 plans to add a new program to its offering of Title III-D Health Promotion courses. SAIL (Stay Active and Independent for Life) is an evidence-based strength, balance and fitness program for older adults.

It is also worth noting that while Connecting Point (CP) is neither a new Funded Partner nor a new Senior Information & Assistance provider, this is the first fiscal year CP has provided Senior I&A in Yuba and Sutter counties, replacing FREED in that role.

Similarly, the Yuba Sutter Legal Center (YSLC) is not a new Funded Partner but is providing Transportation Voucher services for the first time, replacing FREED in that role.

Lastly, MOW Yolo County is now the lead entity providing Non-Traditional Congregate Meals under subcontract with the Yolo Healthy Aging Alliance (YHAA).

#### **IV. IMPACTED SERVICES**

The following AAA4-Funded Programs have exceeded their maximum capacity and have either waived a Waiting List or have an active Waiting List:

- AAA4 Dine Around Town:
  - Yuba County: 10 people waiting
  - Sutter County: 27 people waiting
- AAA4 Yuba-Sutter Meals on Wheels:
  - Yuba County: 23 people waiting
  - Sutter County: 52 people waiting
- Del Oro Caregiver Resource Center; Respite Care:
  - Placer County: 252 people waiting
  - Sacramento County: 507 people waiting
  - Yolo County: 44 people waiting
- Gold Country Community Services - HDM (W. Nevada County): 20 people waiting
- Meals on Wheels by ACC (Sacramento County): 157 people waiting
- Meals on Wheels Yolo County: 217 people waiting
- PIRS (Placer County); Minor Home Modifications: 20 people waiting
- Rebuilding Together (Sacramento County); Minor Home Modifications: 2 people
- Seniors First; Transportation: 8 people waiting

#### **IV. QUALITY ASSURANCE**

AAA4 Staff are not aware of any substantiated quality assurance concerns at this time.

#### **V. COMPLIANCE (Not including Units of Service)**

AAA4 Data, Contracts, Fiscal and Program Staff have no compliance concerns at this time.

## VI. PERFORMANCE (Units of Service Only)

Initially, the number of service units to be provided during the contract period are set by successful RFP applicants or renegotiated between AAA4 staff and the Funded Partner before a contract is executed. Thereafter, changes to the annual scope of service must be reviewed by JPEC and approved by the Governing Board. In addition, special approval is required to change the annual scope in the first year of a competitive contract cycle.

Once the annual scope of service has been established, quarterly benchmarks will be negotiated between AAA4 and Funded Partner Staff. Benchmarks are used by JPEC to determine whether the delivery of services is progressing as anticipated. Benchmarks are used by Funded Programs to account for variations in the service pattern (e.g., less activity in the Winter months). Such variations may or may not be known in advance; hence benchmarks can be adjusted during the course of the fiscal year so long as the annual scope of service remains the same.

In accordance with AAA4's Performance Standards Policy, three classifications are used to sort performance levels for individual programs:

**125% or More = Above-Range Performance**

86% – 124% = Within-Range Performance

**85% or Less = Below-Range Performance**

Above-Range Performance might indicate a conservative scope of service or better-than-expected efficiencies; it might also indicate cost-cutting measures or a dilution of service quality. Thus, significant above-range performance is not necessarily a sign of positive outcomes.

Conversely, Below-Range Performance might indicate an optimistic scope of service or unexpected losses of efficiency; it might also indicate an investment of resources or an enhancement in service quality. Thus, significant below-range performance does not necessarily suggest an undesirable outcome.

## VII. NEXT STEPS

Recommendations made by JPEC on February 5<sup>th</sup> will be noted below and sent to the Governing Board for action on February 13<sup>th</sup>. Affected Funded Programs are welcome to attend either or both meetings and will have an opportunity to briefly speak (or have a written statement read on their behalf) prior to votes being cast.

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Item	AAA4 Staff Suggestions for JPEC action	JPEC Action
A <sup>2</sup>	<p>From ACTION Item A on the JPEC Agenda, the following Funded Program has requested a change to their annual Scope of Service for the current State Fiscal Year (2025-26):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Legal Services of Northern CA – Mother Lode Office <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Seeking to <u>decrease</u> annual scope in Nevada County <b>by 90 hours.</b></li> <li>➤ Seeking to <u>decrease</u> annual scope in Placer County <b>by 66 hours.</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>AAA4 Staff suggest this request be granted despite being the first year of a new competitive contract cycle because: 1) there were no competing Legal Services bids in Nevada or Placer, 2) unforeseen circumstances were involved, and 3) the newly proposed scopes are both reasonable and achievable.</b></p>	<p><b>Adopt Staff Suggestion Brunner; Reed (9 – 0)</b></p>
B <sup>2</sup>	<p>From ACTION Item B on the JPEC Agenda, and as noted in Section II above, two (2) Funded Programs are currently on Collaborative Oversight status. <b>AAA4 Staff suggest Collaborative Oversight remain in effect for each, as follows:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>AAA4 Bingocize (on Oversight since last fiscal year)</b></li> <li>• <b>AAA4 Caregiver Counseling (on Oversight since last fiscal year)</b></li> <li>• <b>AAA4 Case Management (on Oversight since Q1)</b></li> <li>• <b>LSNC: Mother Lode Office (on Oversight since Q1)</b></li> <li>• <b>MOW Yolo: Non-Traditional Congregate Meals (on Oversight since Q1)</b></li> </ul>	<p><b>Adopt Staff Suggestion Brunner; Reed (9 – 0)</b></p>
C <sup>2</sup>	<p>From ACTION Item B on the JPEC Agenda, this line item (and those that follow) pertains to the Mid-Year Performance Chart. AAA4 Staff wish to discuss all Below Range instances (i.e., where the “% of Goal Q2” column is below 86%). On the Chart, these row numbers are highlighted in <b>bright yellow</b>, and there are <b>28</b> rows in all. <b>AAA4 Staff suggest these items be discussed and acted upon one-by-one, beginning with non-AAA providers who are present, to discuss whether the annual scope is still achievable.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Apply Oversight to AAA4 Case Management: Yuba &amp; Sutter</b></li> <li>• <b>Apply Oversight to Sierra Senior Services: HDM – E. Placer</b></li> </ul>	<p><b>Individual Votes were taken on each item; Adopt Staff Suggestion (7 – 0)</b></p>

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D <sup>2</sup>	AAA4 Staff also wish to discuss all instances where Year-to-Date performance is already within range (i.e., where the “% of Goal YTD” is shaded green). On the Chart, these row numbers are highlighted in <b>dark yellow</b> , and there are 3 in all. <b>AAA4 Staff suggest these items be discussed and acted upon one-by-one, beginning with non-AAA providers who are present, to discuss whether services will continue through June 30. AAA4 Staff suggest no action be taken.</b>	<b>No Action Taken</b>
E <sup>2</sup>	As for the balance of Performance Chart items from row #1 through row #63, these programs have demonstrated typical performance or above-range performance. <b>AAA4 Staff suggest no action be taken at this time.</b>	<b>No Action Taken</b>
F <sup>2</sup>	FOR YOUR INFORMATION ONLY, rows #401-410 show data for the ADRCs (Aging & Disability Resource Connections) that are administered by AAA4. Performance goals are approved and monitored by the California Department of Aging; therefore, JPEC monitoring would be duplicative.	
G <sup>2</sup>	FOR YOUR INFORMATION ONLY, rows #501-506 show data for AAA4’s CalFresh Healthy Living Program (aka SNAP-Ed). Performance goals are approved and monitored by the California Department of Aging; therefore, JPEC monitoring would be duplicative.	
H <sup>2</sup>	FOR YOUR INFORMATION ONLY, rows #601-602 show data for AAA4’s MIPPA Program (Medicare Improvements for Patients & Providers Act). Performance goals are approved and monitored by the California Department of Aging; therefore, JPEC monitoring would be duplicative.	
I <sup>2</sup>	FOR YOUR INFORMATION ONLY, rows #701-702 show data for AAA4’s Elder Abuse Prevention program, and rows #801-803 show data for AAA4’s LTC Ombudsman program. Performance goals for both are established and monitored by the State Ombudsman’s Office; therefore, JPEC monitoring would be duplicative.	
J <sup>2</sup>	FOR YOUR INFORMATION ONLY, rows #901-909 show data for LSNC’s nine-county HICAP Program. Performance goals are established and monitored by ACL and the California Department of Aging; therefore, JPEC monitoring would be duplicative.	

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K <sup>2</sup>	JPEC will meet to review Third Quarter Performance for SFY 2025-26. The tentative date is Thursday, April 30, 2026.	

February 5, 2026 Meeting Notes:

*Committee Members present: Seth Brunner, Pam Epley, Karen Flanagan, Leesa Klotz, Annie Mikal, Marilyn Moreno, Pamela Nelson, William Reed & Miko Sawamura*

*A4 Staff Present: Will Tift (Committee Liaison), Rebecca Hensley, Anson Houghton, Brittany Lathrop, Yvonne Pacheco-Vong, Diane Swanson, Nancy Vasquez, Sandra Woolf & Clayton Wyatt*

*Guest Present: Theresa Abah (Advisory Council)*

*Programs Represented: AAA4 Direct Services (Caregiver Counseling, Case Management, Dine Around Town, Health Promotion, Housing, Elder Abuse Prevention, LTC Ombudsman, Yolo Transportation & Yuba-Sutter MOW), ACC Senior Services (Transportation), Connecting Point (211 Nevada/Yuba and Senior I&A Sutter), LSNC Mother Lode Office, MOW Yolo, MOW Sacramento, Sierra Senior Services (Nutrition) and Stanford Settlement (Transportation).*

**PRESENTATION ITEM VII. A.**

**TO: AAA4 GOVERNING BOARD**  
**FROM: Pam Miller**  
**DATE: February 6, 2026**  
**SUBJECT: An Update on California 2030 Implementation**

In an apparent response to push back from advocates, the California Department of Aging has altered its proposal regarding the new Intrastate Funding Formula (IFF) to mitigate adverse impacts to rural communities. AAA4 Staff will elaborate on this change and share other news related to the ongoing rollout of CA 2030 and SB 1249.

**DISCUSSION ITEM VII. B.**

**TO: AAA4 GOVERNING BOARD**

**FROM:** Pam Miller

**DATE:** February 6, 2026

**SUBJECT: New Remote Meeting Allowances via SB 707**

Beginning on July 1, 2026 and under certain condition, Senate Bill 707 temporarily amends the Brown Act to allow members of “eligible subsidiary bodies” to participate in meetings via teleconference without making their locations known to the public. AAA4 Staff believe the Advisory Council and all Committees of the Advisory Council and Governing Board meet the eligibility criteria.

AAA4’s Board must vote to approve the use of teleconferencing and establish procedures for doing so. AAA4 Assistant Director Dr. Julie Bates will lead this discussion.