

# AGENCY ON AGING AREA 4 Advisory Council

Date: May 15, 2025  
Location: **Yolo County**

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

Chair Dr. Koss called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. The pledge of allegiance was led by Dr. Koss. A quorum was established. Margaret Fowler, *Seniors on the Go*, introduced herself to the Council.

**Advisory Council Attendance**

County	Members Present – 15	Excused =7; Absent=0
Nevada	K. Carpenter; A. Mikal-Heine	J. Naake (E);
Placer	K. Flanagan	D. Wiltsee (E)
Sacramento	S. McBride; Dr. C. Koss; M. Jacobs; A. Zonderman;	T. Abah (E)
Sierra	Wendy Church-Bergstrom <i>via Zoom at alternate location</i>	
Sutter	P. Epley; T. Thomas	
Yolo	J. Bohon	C. Dorsey (E);
Yuba	S. Brunner	R. Drown (E); L. Drown (E)
At-Large	P. Nelson; H. Linder; R. Saenz	M. Moreno (E)

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

<b>On-site AAA4 Staff</b>
Will Tift, Linda Berry, Kiel Adams, Jodi Mesa

<b>AAA4 Staff via Zoom</b>
Julie Beckner

<b>On-site Guests</b>
Margaret Fowler, <i>Seniors on the Go</i>

<b>Guests via Zoom</b>
David Wiltsee, Dr. Theresa Abah, ACC Senior Services MWS Intern, and Janice Labrado

**II. PUBLIC COMMENT – None**

**III. CONSENT CALENDAR\*\***

1. Motion: To approve Consent Calendar items with amended agenda and minutes of 4.11.2025.

Motion	Second	Passed
P. Epley	K. Flanagan	Y= 14; N= 0; Abstain= 1, Dr. Koss

**IV. CORRESPONDENCE - None**

**V. ACTION ITEMS\*\***

**A. Approve Legislative Committee Recommendations**

- i. Approve support for AB 474 (Ward) Nonprofit home-sharing program: income tax exclusion.

Motion	Second	Passed
R. Saenz	A. Mikael-Heine	Y= 13; N= 1, P. Epley; Abstain= 1, H. Linder

- ii. Approve support for AB 517 (Krell) Complex Rehabilitation Technology: Wheelchairs

Motion	Second	Passed
P. Epley	T. Thomas	Y= 15; N= 0; Abstain= 0

- iii. Approve support for AB 561 (Quirk-Silva) Restraining orders.

Motion	Second	Passed
R. Saenz	A. Zonderman	Y= 15; N= 0; Abstain= 0

- iv. Approve support for AB 1161 (Harabedian) Public social services: state of emergency or health emergency.

Motion	Second	Passed
P. Epley	S. McBride	Y= 15; N= 0; Abstain= 0

- v. Approve writing a letter of support for the Budget Request for Community-Based Adult Services Rate increase.

Motion	Second	Passed
P. Epley	P. Nelson	Y= 15; N= 0; Abstain= 0

**VI. DISCUSSIONS / PRESENTATIONS\*\***

- A. Serving Remote Rural Communities – A First-Hand Account, *Margaret Fowler***  
 Margaret Fowler, Program Director of *Seniors on the Go* of the Yuba County Agricultural Commission provided a presentation on rural issues in the Yuba Foothills region, showing differences between local and distance services, such as food, medical, transportation, and other amenities. *Seniors on the Go* help close the gap on some of these services but challenges still exist.
- B. Older Americans Month – Flipping the Script on Aging, *Will Tift***  
 Every May is Older Americans Month. This year’s theme is *Flip the Script on Aging* and Will Tift presented on changing the language we use, changing the type of conversations, changing our thinking, in the hopes of eventually changing policy.

### C. AAA4's Revised 2024-2026 Strategic Plan

- This item was tabled.

### D. Update on Key State/Federal Policy and Budget Development

- Will Tift discussed how nationally AAAs could not cover federal funding gap for more than two weeks. AAA Leadership met with CDA Fiscal Leadership at the Department of Aging and requested to be on the list to receive advance funding.
- The May budget revise was released on May 14, 2025, showing impacts to:
  - Medi-Cal Expansion
  - In-Home Supportive Services
  - Reinstating Medi-Cal asset limits
  - Affecting older adults, individuals with disabilities, and to those undocumented

## VIII. REPORTS

### A. Executive Committee

- What's Your Why? *Karen Flanagan*
  - Karen is a resident in Placer County, and she discussed her personal challenges with services and then became an advocate, joining the AAA4 Advisory Council and the California Senior Legislature.

### B. Governing Board

- Will Tift reported that May 16, 2025 was the deadline for appeals for the major Requests for Proposals, which included Title III-B services: Legal, Outreach, Home Modification, Transportation, Senior I & A, all nutrition proposals (Title III-C), and Long-Term Care Ombudsman. The Board voted for approval for awards at the May 8, 2025 meeting.
- The Board recognized Teja Payne, Yuba-Sutter Meals on Wheels program manager, for her service and wishes her well as she leaves the agency to pursue other opportunities.

### C. Legislative Committee

- Jim Bohon, Chair, reported that the Legislative Committee met and looked at 11 bills and two budget requests, which were all presented earlier at this meeting.

### D. Executive Director's Report – *Will Tift reported in Pam's absence*

- The agency is downsizing after loss of COVID funding. Over the last few years, AAA4's infrastructure has been built to move into the healthcare realm. But the Leadership Team grew from five members to nine and there is a need to reduce.
  - The IT Administrator retired early, the Human Resources, Regional Services Administrator, and the Operations Administrator positions have been eliminated and instead Manager positions have been created where we expect to promote from within.
  - AAA4 has been in a hiring freeze and is currently being fiscally conservative.
  - AAA4 is working with initiatives with Anthem, Mercy Medical, and Veteran's Directed Care.

**IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Pam Epley reported that United Way is having their annual resource fair on Saturday, May 17, 2025, in Yuba City.
- Melissa Jacobs acknowledged the work of Linda Berry for her service as she leaves the agency.

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Dr. Koss called for a motion for adjournment at 12:08 p.m.

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