



AREA AGENCY ON AGING

730 La Guardia, Salinas, CA 93905

AGENDA

Monterey County Area Agency on Aging

Advisory Council Meeting

Wednesday, April 24, 2024

1:30pm-3:30pm

*730 La Guardia, Second Floor,
Frida-Diego Conference Room,
Salinas, CA 93905*

Other Meeting Locations:

Aimee Cuda

203 B Calle del Oaks, Canyon Del Rey, CA 93940

Kathybelle Barlow

5200 Coe Ave, Apt 1046, Seaside, CA 93955

Kontrena McPheter

339 Pajaro Street, Salinas CA 93901

Jessica McKillip

236 Monterey Street, Salinas, CA 93901

JoAnne Roth

565 Hartnell Street #252, Monterey, CA 93940

Jose Vazquez

408 Tehama Way, Greenfield, CA 93927

Teleconference/Zoom meeting information:

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Members	Roll Attendance		Roll Attendance
Richard Kuehn, Chair		JoAnne Roth	
Aimee Cuda, Vice-Chair		Jose Vazquez	
Kathybelle Barlow		Kontrena McPheter	
Bobbie Blakeney		Alicia Rodriguez	
Jessica McKillip			
Staff	Attendance		
Marleen Bush, Thom De La Cruz, and Rosemary Munoz			
Agenda			
1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance			
2. Roll Call			
3. PUBLIC HEARING: Open and conduct Public Hearing to receive public comments on the draft 2024-2028 Area Agency on Aging (AAA) Area Plan, and to consider approving and adopting the draft 2024-2028 Area Plan. The draft 2024-2028 Area Plan is available online at: Area Agency on Aging County of Monterey, CA Comments are limited to three minutes per individual.			
4. Close Public Hearing			
5. ACTION ITEM: Approve 2024-2028 Area Plan			
6. Public Introductions, Comments and Announcements: Members of the public including service providers may address the Council on items not listed on today’s Agenda that are within the jurisdiction of the Council. Presentations must not exceed three minutes in length, and individuals may speak only once during oral communications.			

<p>If any member of the public wishes to address the Council on any action item that is listed on today’s agenda (excluding approval and acceptance of minutes), they may do so when that item is called as directed by the Chair.</p>	
7. Changes to the Agenda	
8. ACTION ITEMS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Approval of February 15, 2024, Minutes b. Approval of Older Americans Act Resolution c. Approval of Elder Justice and Vulnerable Dependent Adult Abuse Resolution 	
9. Executive Committee Report (Richard)	
10. Legislation & Advocacy Committee Report (L&A) Jessica	
11. Planning, Evaluation & Allocations Committee Report (PE&A) Aimee	
12. Designated Committee Representative Reports: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Public Authority for IHSS Advisory Committee (Richard Kuehn) b. Monterey-Salinas Transit, Mobility Advisory Committee (Jessica McKillip) c. Triple-A Council of California (Richard Kuehn) 	
11. Staff Reports/Comments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Update on Digital Connections b. Update on DMV driver’s license renewal assistance for older adults c. Update on AAA Request for Proposal for FY 2024-25 d. Brief update on AAA 4-Year Area Plan for 2024-2028, Needs Assessment, and Public Hearing scheduled in April 2024. 	
12. Announcements	
13. Adjourn & Confirm Next Meeting: June 20, 2024, 1:30pm	

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Public Hearing ***Monterey County Area Agency on Aging (AAA)***

We Value Your Comments

Monterey County Area Agency on Aging is conducting a **Public Hearing** to provide the latest information on supportive services for seniors and persons with disabilities.

The Area Agency on Aging is the local agency responsible for the planning and development of services for seniors under the Federal Older Americans Act. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to receive input from the general public on the 2024-2028 Area Plan.

Please join us:

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AAA Advisory Council Meeting

***In Person:* 730 La Guardia Street, Salinas, CA 93905**

Or Via Zoom:

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Meeting ID: 936 1771 2006 Password: 337939

The draft 2024 - 2028 Area Plan on Aging is available for viewing on the AAA website located here <https://www.countyofmonterey.gov/government/departments-i-z/social-services/area-agency-on-aging#aaa>. Spanish translation and other access accommodations will be available if requested by Monday, April 22, 2024, by noon by calling Rosemary Munoz (831) 755-4465.





Audiencia Publica
Agencia de Envejecimiento del Área del Condado de Monterey (AAA)

Nosotros Valoramos sus Comentarios

La Agencia de Envejecimiento del Área del Condado de Monterey llevara a cabo una **Audiencia Pública** para proveer la información más reciente en servicios de apoyo para personas de la tercera edad y personas con discapacidades.

La Agencia de Envejecimiento del Área es la agencia local responsable en planear y desarrollar los servicios para personas mayores bajo El Acto Federal para los Americanos de la Tercera Edad. El propósito de las Audiencias Públicas es de obtener información del público en general sobre la Actualización del Plan del Área 2024-2028.

Acompáñenos el:

Jueves 20 de abril del 2024 a la 1:30 pm

AAA Junta del Consejo Asesor

***En persona:* 730 La Guardia Street, Salinas, CA 93905**

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El borrador del Plan Del Área sobre el Envejecimiento 2024-2028 está disponible para su visualización en el sitio web ubicado aquí

[https://www.countyofmonterey.gov/government/departments-i-z/social-services/area-agency-on-aging#aaa.](https://www.countyofmonterey.gov/government/departments-i-z/social-services/area-agency-on-aging#aaa)

Traducción al español y otros alojamientos de acceso estarán disponibles si se solicita antes del miércoles 19 de abril de 2023 antes de las 12:00 pm llamando a Rosemary Munoz (831) 755-4465.





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Minutes

**Monterey County Area Agency on Aging
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Richard Kuehn, Chair	Not Present	Jessica McKillip	Present
Aimee Cuda, Vice-Chair	Present	JoAnne Roth	Present
Kathybelle Barlow	Present	Jose Vazquez	Not Present
Bobbie Blakeney	Present	Kontrena McPheter	Present
Staff	Attendance		
Marleen Bush	Present		
Erika Estrada	Present		
Thom De La Cruz	Present		
Rosemary Munoz	Present		
Agenda			
1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance	Meeting was called to order at 1:30 pm		
2. Roll Call			
3. Changes to the Agenda	None		
4. Public Introductions, Comments and Announcements:	<p>Members of the public including service providers may address the Council on items not listed on today’s Agenda that are within the jurisdiction of the Council. Presentations must not exceed three minutes in length, and individuals may speak only once during oral communications.</p> <p>If any member of the public wishes to address the Council on any action item that is listed on today’s agenda (excluding approval and acceptance of minutes), they may do so when that item is called as directed by the Chair.</p>		
5. Guest Presentation	Learning Time, Inc., Dr. Joan Smith.		

	<p>Learning Time, Inc. is a nonprofit corporation that has been providing academic coaching and tutorial services to Monterey County residents since 2003. They offer services needed for the older population that we serve. For the DMV license renewal assistance program for seniors, the simplest way to provide assistance would be in a lab setting where there is a regular program that people can attend maybe twice a week that is always scheduled. Tutors can review different regulations and provide participants with practice tests to prepare them, so they feel confident when they walk into the DMV office for their test. A second option would be to offer the training via Zoom. A third option would be to offer the tutoring services over the phone. Dr. Smith added that over the years she has observed that as people age, their response to speed changes and that may cause people to be concerned. Their program addresses this with customers to help put them at ease. If someone has difficulty reading, their tutors can conduct a reading evaluation that takes about an hour which will help to prepare a report for the customer to take to the DMV for an accommodation. For example, the DMV can have someone read the questions out loud or have a tape play an audio with the questions.</p>
<p>6. ACTION ITEMS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Approval of December 14, 2023, Minutes b. Consider and approve new member candidate Alicia Rodriguez to the AAA Advisory Council representing Community-At Large and forward appointment to the Monterey County Board of Supervisors consent calendar for concurrence. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Kathybelle Barlow moved to approve the December 14, 2023, minutes with clarification of NCRPD (North County Recreation and Parks District) and PolCo (Policy Confluence).; Jessica McKillip seconded. Roll call vote: Aimee Cuda, Kathybelle Barlow, Jessica McKillip, and Kontrena McPheter- Approved. Motion passed. b. Aimee stated that Alicia Rodriguez has a robust background in working with seniors and healthcare and would be a great addition to the AAA Advisory Council and PEA Committee. Kontrena McPheter moved to approve the appointment of Alicia Rodriguez to the AAA Advisory Council and to the PE&A Committee; Jessica McKillip seconded. Roll call vote: Aimee

	Cuda, Kathybelle Barlow, Jessica McKillip, and Kontrena McPheter- Approved. Motion passed.
7. Executive Committee Report (Richard)	Bobbie reported that Richard went into depth regarding the interview of the new member, Alicia Rodriguez. There was a discussion regarding the 2024 Board Resolutions, and updates to the Aging and Disability Resource Guide as the new edition will be coming out soon.
8. Legislation & Advocacy Committee Report (L&A) Jessica	Jessica reported that the L&A Committee discussed a recent announcement from the California Association for Area on Aging regarding a newsletter that has information around the Older Americans Act. She stated the DMV project was also discussed, and Bobby agreed to work on the Board Resolutions.
9. Planning, Evaluation & Allocations Committee Report (PE&A) Aimee	Aimee reported that the second quarter service unit report and special funding was reviewed, and everything seemed on track. The rest of the items discussed will be addressed under item 11 of today's meeting under staff reports.
10. Designated Committee Representative Reports: a. Public Authority for IHSS Advisory Committee (Richard Kuehn)- No meeting b. Monterey-Salinas Transit, Mobility Advisory Committee (Jessica McKillip) c. Triple-A Council of California (Richard Kuehn)- Nothing to report	a. Public Authority for IHSS Advisory Committee (Richard Kuehn)- No meeting was held. b. Monterey-Salinas Transit, Mobility Advisory Committee (Jessica McKillip)- Had a presentation from Measure X Cycle awards that provided current updates. Jessica added that MV Transit is fully staffed with drivers, which was something that had been in the works for well over two years. c. Triple-A Council of California (Richard Kuehn)- Nothing new to report.
11. Staff Reports/Comments a. Update on Digital Connections b. Discussion on DMV driver's license renewal assistance for older adults c. Update on AAA Request for Proposal timeline for FY 2024-25 d. Brief update on AAA 4-Year Area Plan for 2024-2028, Needs Assessment, and Public	a. Erika reported that about 130 iPads have been distributed to date. She added that AAA staff continue to conduct outreach; she attended a South County event in Gonzales and collected several applications that will be mailed back to us. The iPad orientations and distribution efforts are going well, and we continue to work with Loaves, Fishes, and Computers to provide the orientations and digital literacy training at our congregate meal sites. Marleen also shared the preliminary results on a survey administered by

Hearing scheduled in April 2024.

staff. She stated that a large percentage of seniors reported that technology helps them to feel more socially connected and reduces feelings of loneliness. Many reported using technology to stay informed about current events and healthcare-related information. They also were very likely to recommend the use of technology to seniors to connect with others, stay informed, and improve their mental sharpness as they age.

- b. Thom reported that Dr. Joan Smith provided a breakdown of what the costs would be for the DMV Licenses renewal program and training. There are several ways to obtain the training, however, the best scenario would be for the customer to come to the One Stop Community Center and participate in person in the lab where a tutor would be present.
- c. Update in AAA Request for Proposal- Marleen reported that the RFP was sent to the DSS Fiscal Office for review and processing with our County's Contracts & Purchasing Office who will be responsible for publicly announcing and posting the RFP on their website. Bobbie has been approved to serve on the panel. Marleen asked the members if they'd be interested in volunteering and serving on the RFP panel to review, score and recommend the applications for funding.. Bobbie offered to mentor any new members that are willing to participate on the RFP panel.
- d. Brief update on AAA 4-Year Area Plan for 2024-2028, Needs Assessment-Area Plan Needs Marleen shared a snapshot of the results. 658 responses were received from people throughout Monterey County. The top 3 concerns of older adults are:
 - e. Affording medical/dental/vision, and paying for medication
 - f. Losing their ability to drive
 - g. Having enough money to stay in their home and knowing where to find services

12. Announcements	Aimee announced that she has a contact that can provide space in Gonzales for senior activities. Marleen introduced Thom to the AAA Advisory Council.
13. Adjourn & Confirm Next Meeting: April 18, 2024, 1:30pm	Meeting adjourned at 3:06 pm.

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Council Members: Please contact Rosemary Munoz at (831) 755-4465 or by email at MunozR1@co.monterey.ca.us if you are unable to participate in this meeting.

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*Before the Board of Supervisors
in and for the
County of Monterey, State of California*

RESOLUTION NO.:

Adopt resolution proclaiming the **Month, May 2024**, as **Older Americans Act Month** in Monterey County recognizing the Administration for Community Living's, ACL, national theme of **"Powered by Connection"** which advocates for aging and disability networks by connecting older adults, persons with disabilities, families, and caregivers with enhanced community social services; and

WHEREAS, the Older Americans Act, OAA or "Act," initiated in 1963, was signed into law in 1965. It is recognized as the first federal level initiative aimed at providing comprehensive services for older adults; subsequent reauthorizations expanded and enhanced the reach of the "Act" as the OAA has been incrementally reauthorized eighteen (18) times with supplemental funding and allocations; and

WHEREAS, "The Master Plan for Aging," a ten (10) year plan, serves as a "Blueprint for Aging," was signed into law by Governor Gavin Newsom, June 2019. It identified five (5) bold goals: Housing for All Ages and Stages; Health Reimagined; Inclusion and Equity, Not Isolation; Caregiving that Works; and Affordable Aging, with twenty-three (23) strategies, focuses on building California for all residents by 2030; and

WHEREAS, the "Act" serves as a major vehicle for the organization, dissemination and delivery of social, nutritional, and now connectivity services to our aged, disabled, isolated adults and their caregivers through Area Agencies on Aging and Independent Living Centers. Unfortunately, agencies and services continue to suffer wider chasms than initially identified. The realization of our older population growth suffers from disproportionate, systematic, and systemic cuts as "marginalized" persons apply for social services; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Health and Human Services recently issued a final rule to modernize the implementation to regulations of the "Act." These changes advance policy goals of the "Act," include equity in service delivery, accountability for funds expended, ACL's clarity in administration and its grantees. This final rule has a compliance date of October 1, 2025. The facilitation of this modernization rule should improve service delivery and enhanced benefits for OAA participants; and

WHEREAS, the Monterey County Board of Supervisors further recognizes the extraordinary impact of its older population as every community is stronger when its people are uniquely strengthened and **"Powered by Connection"** eliminating all socioeconomic barriers thus encouraging participation in all discussions of lifespan longevity; and that continued fundamental services provided to our uniquely diverse communities enriches the lives of all persons in our County; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County of Monterey and all its citizens thereof, hereby joins the County of Monterey's **Area Agency on Aging (AAA)** and the **Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council** in recognizing the month of **May, 2024** as **Older Americans Month**, urging every resident to take time to celebrate our older residents and the people who serve them as powerful and vital individuals who contribute greatly to our Monterey County Communities.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this ____ day of May, 2024, upon motion of Supervisor _____, seconded by Supervisor _____ by the following vote, to wit:

AYES

NOES:

ABSENT:

*Before the Board of Supervisors
in and for the
County of Monterey, State of California*

Resolution No.:

Adopt resolution proclaiming the **Month, June 2024 as Elder Justice and Vulnerable Dependent Adult Abuse Awareness Month in Monterey County**, recognizing **World Elder Abuse Awareness Day** is an annual initiative; though launched on June 15, 2006, remains an international crisis in 2024, some eighteen (18) years later, where the public's awareness of the education of elder abuse should be raised, reporting its forms, recognizing its signs and be informed on how it differs from the normal aging process; and

WHEREAS, elder abuse, also known as elder malfeasance, maltreatment or mistreatment, senior abuse, the abuse of a dependent, vulnerable adult, elder neglect, geriatric abuse, geriatric maltreatment and/or mistreatment are intentional or negligent acts premediated by a caregiver or a trusted person; and

WHEREAS, other common themes of elder abuse, notably in this nation, include the systemic drivers of health inequities, racism, ageism, ableism, classism, sexism, and homophobia, where they are so uniquely manifested based upon history, culture, economic strength and societal perceptions of older people have been and are unfortunately embedded in laws and policies which shape under allocated resources; and

WHEREAS, elder abuse has become a public health, human rights, and social justice issue as the age distribution in the United States has greatly shifted since 2022. In response to the growing concerns of adult abuse, the **Elder Justice Act of 2010** was enacted to address **Abuse, Neglect, and the Exploitation** of aged adults, its reauthorization in **2020**, included the **Safety and Security of Vulnerable Dependent Adults**; and

WHEREAS, the **Elder Justice Reauthorization and Modernization Act of 2023**, directly appropriated **\$4.5 billion** through the year **2027**, responding to three (3) additional issues: addressing medical-legal needs, responding to social isolation and strengthening the long-term care workforce; and

WHEREAS, the collaboration of ombudsmen advocacy, social services, financial institutions, legal firms, law enforcement agencies, and other concerned administrative entities are not enough to stop elder abuse. It's the cooperation of all of us working together, as we age together, to demand a global, multifaceted response, one which focuses on protecting the rights of older persons and dependent adults. Laws and policies that shape available resources should be revisited, recognizing equitable access; and

WHEREAS, the **United Nations Decade of Healthy Ageing, the World Health Organization and its partners** are developing and will implement a global multi-partner strategy by 2030 addressing abuse of older people by mapping global evidence of abuse and identifying the reasons for abusive behavior. Awareness of elder abuse should be brought to the forefront, as an investment in our aged and vulnerable communities, while providing sustainable and accountable resources, leads to healthy aging; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County and all its residents thereof, hereby joins the **Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council** in recognizing the month of **June, 2024 as Elder Justice and Vulnerable Dependent Adult Abuse Awareness Month**.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this the _____ day of June, 2024, upon motion of Supervisor _____, seconded _____ by the following vote, to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

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