

Advisory Council on Aging
March 3, 2026 Meeting Agenda
10:00 – 12:00
650 Imperial Way, 1st Floor, Napa CA 94558

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AGENDA

March 3, 2026

CALL TO ORDER – 10:00 a.m. Riitta DeAnda, Chair

1. **MEMBER BRIEF UPDATES ON RECENT ACTIVITIES AS PART OF ROLL CALL**

2. **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

This is your opportunity to address the Advisory Council on a matter not on the Agenda, but it must be within the subject matter jurisdiction of the ACOA. Please limit comments to three minutes. Items from the public will be taken under consideration without discussion by the Advisory Council and may be referred to staff.

3. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA / APPROVAL OF THE DRAFT MINUTES**

4. **SPEAKER:** Melissa Gerard, Community Health Foundation Napa Valley.

5. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS:** Riitta DeAnda will lead the formation of a 3-member Nominating Committee. One person has been selected by the Executive Committee, one has been selected by the Chairperson of the Advisory Council, and one is to be elected by the Advisory Council from the floor. The Nominating Committee will prepare a slate of officers and present the slate at the April meeting. (Reference ACOA Bylaws, Section 3, Election and Terms of Officers.)

6. **REPORTS**

- **Executive Committee:** Riitta DeAnda
- **AAA Staff Report:** Gwendolyn Gill
- **Kiosk Update** – Teri Ruggiero, Contractor ADRC Solano
- **AgeWell.**
- **Recruitment:** Olga Curtright
- **Outreach:** Olga Curtright and Cathy Wagner
- **Legislative Update and CSL:** Richard White

7. **GOALS PROGRESS / TEAM REPORTS:** Riitta DeAnda

- **Needs of Providers:** Susan Ensey
- **Transportation:** Richard White
- **Caregiving:** Lynne Baker and Linda Chandler
- **Next Generation Caregivers:** Ashley Cumpas

8. **NEW BUSINESS**

9. **OLD BUSINESS:**

10. **ADJOURN 12:00 to next meeting April 7, 2026** – 675 Texas Street, County Events Center, Room B, Fairfield, CA 94533.

Advisory Council on Aging February 3, 2026 Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER – 10:03 a.m.

1. **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS** Members and guests introduced themselves as part of roll call.
MEMBERS PRESENT: Riitta DeAnda, Chair; Susan Ensey, Secretary; Richard White, Past Chair; Lynne Baker; Olga Curtright; Linda Chandler; Linda Giglio; Michelle Marin; Elizabeth Murphy; Anne Payne; Fran Rosenberg; Sandy Stevens; Cathy Wagner; Neil Watter; Alan Werblin.
ABSENT: Cheryl Johnson; Kristi Morrow; Fran Rosenberg; Fern Yaffa.
AAA STAFF PRESENT: Gwendolyn Gill; Ashley Cumpas; Kobie Good.
GUESTS: Amy Fabi, AAGG-PAC; Sheralyn Lime, ADRC Solano; Susan Rochy, Independent Living Resources; Debbie Toth, Choice in Aging; Denise Walker, Meals on Wheels; Shannon Lovelace White, Molly's Angels.
2. **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:** None
3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA / APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion by Anne Payne to approve the Agenda; Seconded by Micelle Marin; Approved. Motion by Elizabeth Murphy to approve the Minutes; Seconded by Richard White; Approved.
4. **GUEST SPEAKER:** Susan Rochy presented an overview of Independent Living Resources and the services they offer.
5. **REPORTS:**
 - **Executive Committee:** Riitta DeAnda emphasized that recruitment of members is a priority. Riitta asked members to reach out and let people know about the opportunity.
 - **AAA Staff Report:** Gwendolyn Gill provided a brief update and referred to her written report. Nutritional needs of the community is an important issue. Guidelines for virtual access to meetings are being finalized. AAA has intern support through June.
 - **Recruitment:** Olga Curtright reported that she and Richard White attended the Martin Luther King Jr. event in Vacaville and promoted the council openings. Anne Payne, Linda Giglio, Cathy Wagner and Susan Ensey will organize a zoom meeting to plan recruitment outreach for Napa County.

- **AgeWell:** Richard White and Elizabeth Murphy will be the next council members to be profiled in the newsletter. Alan Werblin discussed ideas for articles. The next due date is March 10 for the April 15 publication.
- **Legislative Update and CSL:** Richard referred to his written report. The deadline for submission of applications for CSL is March 31, and elections will take place in June.

6. **GOALS FY2025/26:** Riitta DeAnda

- **Needs of Providers:** Gwendolyn reported that a working session with service providers may be deferred.
- **Transportation:** Richard White explained a chart comparing number of rides given through the Inter-City Tax Card Program and the Growing GOGO program from 2019 to 2026. He also prepared a composite calendar of meeting schedules for the various transportation organizations in both counties.
- **Caregiving:**
- **Next Generation Caregivers:** Members are encouraged to contribute information and articles to the Instagram account.

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

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9. Motion to Adjourn by Linda Chandler; Seconded by Olga Curtright; Approved.

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Advisory Council on Aging
Executive Committee Agenda/Minutes

March 7, 2026 Agenda

CALL TO ORDER: 12:00

ROLL CALL / APPROVE MINUTES / APPROVE AGENDA

REVIEW HIGHLIGHTS AND NEXT STEPS RESULTING FROM TODAY'S MEETING

PLAN NEXT MEETING

OPEN DISCUSSION

February 3, 2026 Minutes

CALL TO ORDER: 12:20

ROLL CALL: Present: Riitta DeAnda, Chair; Olga Curtright, Vice Chair; Richard White, Past Chair; Susan Ensey, Secretary; Gwendolyn Gill, Interim Executive Director AAA.

DISCUSSION OF TODAY'S MEETING

PLANS FOR NEXT MEETING

- Officer Nomination Process: Two members will be selected and contacted to be on the Nominating Committee. The third member will be solicited from the floor at the April meeting.

DISCUSSION:

- The process will no longer include interviews with providers. Next steps will include asking speakers to be prepared to discuss how the council and members can be helpful and advocate for their needs.
- Denise Walker, Meals on Wheels Solano, will be contacted for speaker in April.
- Riitta recommends forming an onboarding committee to orient new council members.

ADJOURNED: 12:40

ACOA Staff Report

March 3, 2026

Aging Disability Resource Connection (ADRC)

Napa ADRC is branded as Connections Napa County. [Connections Napa County – ADRC Napa County](#).

Solano ADRC continues to serve Solano County residents with referrals to resources. [Solano County - ADRC](#)

Senior Nutrition Service Needs

Has the ACOA heard of any issues with seniors accessing food in our counties? We are directing clients to our ADRCs to direct clients to alternative food resources such as the Community Action Napa Valley, Food Bank, Food is Free, and other community organizations.

Board Items

No pending items. We are planning for board item for Older Americans Month at the end of April 2026 for May 2026 acknowledgement.

Senate Bill 707 - Update on Brown Act

Our meeting rooms in Napa and Solano Counties have video-conferencing capabilities. Our meetings can be hybrid meetings – both in person and virtually. Please contact us by email 3-5 days before the ACOA meeting so we can send you a link for remote access

Senior Resource Guides

The 2026 version of the guides are now available online. Both updated guides have been posted to the [Solano Resources](#) and [Napa Resources](#) pages on the NSAAA website www.aaans.org. The guides will be available for distribution via the ADRC Solano and Connections Napa County by the April 2026.

Community Outreach

- Facebook and Instagram messages continue to run on various topics including caregiver resources and directing individuals to our NSAAA website. Our Public Health Intern is supporting this project with Ashley Cumpas.

AgeWell Newsletter

- We have intern support through June 2026 to help support the layout of the newsletter.

ACOA Meeting Invites

- Invites will be sent out at 3-month intervals so our ACOA committee members and community residents can plan early. Parking passes for Solano County will be attached to the invites, as necessary. Please let Kobie Good at 707-784-8960 know if you have questions about the ACOA meeting invites.

ACOA LEGISLATION REPORT

February 2026

STATE LEGISLATURE – CSL Proposals

SP1: Medical Personal Needs Allowance (ASM Ahrens)

- Assigned to Senate Budget Subcommittee as a Human Services “budget ask”. Ahrens and Corey Jackson sit on this committee.

SP2: Older Adult Education (ASM Choi) --- SB971

- Local health departments establish older adult education programs that include communal meals with instruction in digital literacy and access to technology, fall prevention, nutrition, health care navigation, emergency preparedness, & civic engagement.
- Local health departments work with school districts, libraries, faith-based and community-based organizations.
- Assigned to Senate Health committee on 2/11.

AP2: Personal Income Tax: Senior Child Care Credit (Senator Dahle) – SB1096

- Proposed tax credit reduced from \$2,500 to \$1,500.
- Sunsets 12/1/32.
- No action until 3/13.

AP4: AED’s in Senior Centers (ASM Sanchez) -- AB1819

- Expect committee assignment week of 3/16.

OTHER BILLS ON THE RADAR

- SB417 (Cabaldon) and AB736 (Wicks): Affordable Housing Bond Act of 2026: \$10B/\$17.39B.
- AB635: Mobile Home residency Law Protection Program (Ahrens)
- AB1165: California Housing Justice Act (Gipson)
- AB283: IHSS Employer-Employee Relations Act
- AB1157: Affordable Rent Act

CSL ELECTIONS

- ACOA elections for two CSL seats will take place at the June meeting; applications and supporting documents are online at aaans.org.
- Supporting documents required include:
 - ✓ Application for candidacy
 - ✓ Volunteer agreement/liability waiver
 - ✓ Code of Ethics
 - ✓ Commitment Statement
 - ✓ Resume
- Print, complete, scan, and save each document to an electronic file and send on or before March 31, 2026 (5:00 PST) to Kobie Good at kfgood@solanocounty.gov or call 707-784-8960.

CSL NORTH BAY CAUCUS – LEGISLATIVE PROPOSAL

The caucus continues its work on a series of potential proposals intended to improve assisted-living supportive housing initiatives. Six ideas are being researched to develop the California Affordable Assisted-Living Act:

1. Expand the “density bonus” law for senior care
2. Create a state-assisted living voucher program
3. Establish a California Affordable Assisted-Living Tax Credit
4. Fund “small home” and intergenerational housing
5. Require local governments to zone for senior care facilities

6. Create a state revolving loan fund for senior housing

The project team also wants to hear personal stories from people who have had trouble accessing and securing assisted living housing. If you or someone you know has a compelling story to tell, we want to hear it.

INTERNAL CALENDAR - Napa / Solano Advisory Council on Aging - FY 25/26

Updated 02/03/26

Month	Meetings / Membership	Calendar of Events (Ongoing monthly meetings listed at end)	Project & Advocacy Milestones	Key AAA / Contract Activities
JUL	-Officers begin terms Riitta DeAnda, Chair; Olga Curtright, Vice Chair; Susan Ensey, Secretary. Richard White, Past Chair. -Recess of regular meeting. -Strategy discussion via zoom, for interested members 7/8.	-Senior Roundtable, Florence Douglas Ctr, Vallejo 1:30-3:00, 7/7. (Meets 1st Monday/month.) -American Canyon Meet Me in the Street, 5-8 PM, 7/9.	-Strategy setting meeting resulted in 7 proposed priorities for FY 2025/26. -Agewell published. -Quarterly Report.	-Elaine Clark retired 7/31. -Gwendolyn Gill interim Director. -Napa ADRC:“Connections Napa County” -Solano ADRC has a new case manager; funding for emergency services cut. --Solano MPPAD Community Meeting planned for the fall.
AUG	-Solano -Speaker on Creative Aging: Clara Dawson, Vacaville Museum	-American Canyon Meet Me in the Street, 5-8 PM, 8/13 -Senior Resource Fair, 575 S. Jefferson Str, Dixon, 10-12, 8/20 -Senior Health Fair, Joseph Nelson Community Center, Suisun, 9-12, 8.28.	-Further action on The 7 Priorities for 2025/26.	-Ashley Cumpas and Norma Lisenko with Innovative Health Solutions leading Solano MPAD work. -Creating schedule for all service providers to be monitored this year. -AAA Outreach activities continue.
SEP	-Napa -Speaker: Melissa Schumann, Partnership HealthPlan of California.	-Senior Wellness Afternoon, Yountville Commons, 6554 Yount Street, Yountville, 1-3, 9/9. -Airport Day, 3000 Baumann Road, Rio Vista,10-4, 9/13. -Legislative Update and Community Conversation, Yountville Commons, 6554 Yount Street, Yountville, 1-3, 9/18. -Fall Prevention Month.	-Agewell articles due 9/10. Adding Poetry Corner feature. --Review of Master Plan for Solano by Riitta DeAnda and Olga Curtright. -Teams making progress on goal setting.	-Service provider orientations in Solano and Napa. ACOA members are invited. -The progress and impact of N/S AAA's comprehensive communication program presented to ACOA. The goals are to elevate the visibility of N/S AAA and connect more Napa and Solano residents to services and support. -Coordinating MPAD kickoff for Solano. -CalFresh funding lost \$600k.
OCT	-Solano -Speaker Tiffanie Walker, Connections Napa County (I&A, ADRC).	-Napa Town Hall, Los Flores Community Ctr, 5:15-7:00, 10/30. Emergency Preparedness Month. -Ageism Awareness Day.	-Agewell published 10/15 -Quarterly Report. -Provider Interview Teams formed. -Transportation Team participating	NSAA Service Provider Orientation events held in Solano and Napa with 18 of the 19 providers participating. -Senior Resource Guides now online.

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	-Recognition and condolences for Donna Harris for her excellent energy and contributions.		in transportation forums.	-MPAD kickoff for Solano County 10/2/25. -Program monitoring visits held with nine providers.
NOV	-Napa -Speaker Deborah McQuilkin, Mobility Manager for Solano Transportation Authority.	-Family Caregiver Month. -Dia De Los Muertos 11/1: —Vacaville: Andrews Park, 4-7PM. ---Napa: Veterans Park, Brown Street, 3-8PM. -Napa Town Hall, Browns Valley Elementary, 5:30-7:00, 11/13. -Benicia Senior Resource Volunteer Fair, Benicia, 10-2PM, 11/20. -California Alzheimer's Awareness & Family Caregivers Month.	-Reports / updates from two teams: Provider Needs and Transportation.	-Gwendolyn Gill and Ashley Cumpas attend California AAA Conference (C4A). -Allocation of CDA one-time funding to 11 service providers.
DEC	-Recess of regular meeting.	-Resource Fair, Molly's Angels Senior Luncheon, Elks Lodge, 2840 Soscol Ave, 11:30-2PM, 12/5.	- <i>Agewell</i> articles due 12/10.	-Brown Act booklet sent to ACOA members.
JAN	-Napa -Speaker: Michael Thompson, HICAP. -Hybrid / virtual attendance allowed for accommodating a physical disability. -Kathy Kahn resigned for health reasons..	-6 th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Sunrise Banquet Hall and Event Center, 620 Orange Drive, Vacaville, 12-2, 1/21 -Senior Resource Fair, McBride Center, 91 Town Square Place, Vacaville, 9-1, 1/22.	- <i>Agewell</i> published 1/15. -Quarterly Report.	-New ADRC flyers available. -2026 Senior Resource Guides available online. -Final determination of Executive Dir. NSAAA position underway and recruitment to follow. -Review of Information Kiosks active in Solano County.
FEB	-Solano -Speaker: Susan Rochy,		-Richard White compared number of rides provided through the	-Nutritional needs of the community is an important issue.

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	Independent Resource Center -Review Officer Nomination process.		Inter-City Tax Card Program and the Growing GOGO program from 2019 to 2026.	-Guidelines for virtual access to meetings are being finalized. -AAA has intern support through June.
MAR	-Napa -Speaker: Melissa Gerard, Providence Adult Health. -Officer Nomination Committee formed.	-March for Meals.	- <i>Agewell</i> articles due 3/10.	-Work on Area Plan update.
APR	-Solano -Presentation of Slate of Officers. -Presentation of Area Plan Update.		- <i>Agewell</i> published 4/15. -Quarterly Report.	-Area Plan Update presentation to ACOA.
MAY	-Recess of regular meeting. -	-Older Americans Month.		-Submit Area Plan Update 5/1.
JUN	-Solano -Election of Officers	-Gay Pride Month. -Elder Abuse Awareness 6/15.	- <i>Agewell</i> articles due 6/10 -Plan 2026/27 ACOA calendar of events.	-Review 25/26 provider contracts with council.

Ongoing Monthly Meetings:

- **Vallejo Senior Roundtable**, Florence Douglas Ctr, Vallejo 1:30-3:00, 1st Monday/month.
- **HAPI, (Healthy Aging Population Initiative - Napa)**, Zoom, 11:00-12:00, 2nd Wednesday/month: Contact dsmith@mollysangels.com
- **Napa County Commission on Aging**, In-person and Zoom, 2:00-4:00, 4th Monday/month, countyofnapa.org/1000/Commission-on-Aging

