

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

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AGENDA

September 1, 2026

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

1. **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS BY MEMBERS AND NEW MEMBERS:** Riitta DeAnda

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:** Amanda Cole Program Director, Rianda Hose, St. Helena

5. **REPORTS:**

- **Executive Committee:** Riitta DeAnda
- **AAA:** Gwendolyn Gill
 - Staff Report
 - How do members view AAA staff support in this last year of transition without permanent Executive Director?
- **AgeWell:** Committee Report
- **Outreach:** Olga Curtright and Cathy Wagner

6. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- **ACOA Committee Team Project Discussion**
- **New member orientation September 1, 2026 – 9:00 am**
- **Vote to Accept New ACOA Member Mel Preimesberger, Napa Alternate Member**

7. **OLD BUSINESS**

- **Onboarding process – ACOA Committee Mentors**

8. **ADJOURN 12:00 to next meeting October 6, 2026** – 610 Texas Street, County Events Center, Room B, Fairfield, CA 94533

Advisory Council on Aging

August 4, 2026 Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER – 10:04 am.

1. **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS:** Members and guests introduced themselves as part of roll call. Riitta gave an overview of the Advisory Councils' role in working with the AAA and the providers

MEMBERS PRESENT: Riitta DeAnda, Chair; Olga Curtright, Vice Chair; Anne Payne, Secretary; Lynne Baker; Aubrey de Castro; Linda Chandler; Marc Frankenstein; Alex Gonzalez; Gigi Gonzales; Linda Giglio; Gerald Huber; Michelle Marin; Elizabeth Murphy; Michael O'Connell; Sandy Stevens; Cindy Tierney-Panganiban; Cathy Wagner; Neil Watter; Alan Werblin.

ABSENT: None

AAA STAFF PRESENT: Gwendolyn Gill; Ashley Cumpas; Isabel Devoy.

GUESTS: Steven Brown, Deveraux Smith, Molly's Angels, Denise Walker, Meals on Wheels.

2. **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:** None

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA / APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion by Olga Curtright to approve the Agenda; Seconded by Alan Werblin; Approved. Motion by Linda Chandler to approve the Minutes; Seconded by Olga Curtright; Approved.

4. **PRESENTATION-Napa Solano Area Agency on Aging Overview:** Gwendolyn Gill, Interim Executive Director N/S AAA/Health Services Administrator gave a presentation on the N/S AAA covering the mission, who the agency is, what the agency does, who is served, demographics of both counties, agency priorities as well as all of the service providers that receive funding from N/S AAA

5. **REPORTS:**

- **Executive Committee:** The group discussed the onboarding process for new members. The onboarding may consist of designation a mentor for new members as well as an updated binder with pertinent information as to roles and responsibilities.
- **AAA Report:** The posting for an Executive Director is pending approval by Human Resources. Gwendolyn Gill referred to her written report.
- **AgeWell:** Alan Werblin reminded members the next due date is September 10. Since Fern is no longer on the Advisory Council, we need someone to contribute recipes.

- **Outreach:** Upcoming events; August 27, 2026, Health Fair at Joseph A Nelson Community Center, Suisun. September 12, 2026, Airport Day, Rio Vista Airport.
- **Legislative Update and CSL:** Will someone on the Council be willing to give the report?

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

- Members will be invited to a virtual meeting in July to plan orientation and materials for new members.
- Gwendolyn Gill requested more time at the next meeting for the AAA report and to discuss how members view the transition of AAA support following Elaine Clark.

7. **OLD BUSINESS**

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

ADJOURNED 12:10 to next meeting September 1, 2026 – 950 Imperial Way, First Floor, Napa, CA 94558.

ACOA Staff Report

September 1, 2026

N/S AAA Staffing Update

- **Executive Director Vacancy** – Currently, this position is moving along in the review status. Gwendolyn Gill will continue to serve as the Interim Director.

Events

Fall Prevention – September 21-25, 2026

- Consider participating in a Fall Prevention event in September. Our home modification programs in Napa and Solano promote home safety. It is a great time for visibility and advocacy.

Master Plan on Aging

- **Napa County** – This was discussed at the Napa Commission on Aging Meeting on August 24, 2026. Our communities and leaders desire to understand what it means and how to implement. These conversations help keep the MPA moving forward.
- **Solano County** – There is a workgroup of community service providers and residents who meet monthly, receive assignments and support implementation about the MPAD (Master Plan on Aging and Disabilities). Outreach mailer is pending distribution.

Services and Contracts

2026 Seniors Farmers' Market Nutrition Program

- Farmers' Market Cards (pre-loaded \$50 cards) were distributed to Community Action Napa Valley (143 cards) and Food Bank Contra Costa Solano (408 cards) to distribute to eligible seniors. All the cards have been distributed. There was a query about scooters for seniors to use at any other Farmers' Markets. Any ideas?
- **2026 Resource Guides**
Both updated guides have been posted to the [Solano Resources](#) and [Napa Resources](#) pages on the NSAAA website www.aaans.org. Brown Miller (consultant) develops these guides. Planning for the 2027 Resources Guides is underway. Thanks to our amazing ADRC service providers' contributions!



- **Area Plan and ADRC Contracts** – These have been sent to service providers for processing and beginning the new fiscal year of services.
- We are in the planning stages of a Request for Proposal process for new Area Plan contracts for 2027-2030.

Aging Disability Resource Connection (ADRC)

Please use our ADRCs to refer clients/family/neighbors so they can connect to resources in our counties

- **Connections Napa County ADRC.** [Connections Napa County – ADRC Napa County](#).
- **Solano ADRC.** [Solano County - ADRC](#)

Meetings and Community Outreach

ACOA New Member Orientation Session – September 1, 2026

- This is a time to learn about responsibilities as an ACOA member, review our ACOA manual and meet with ACOA Executive Team!

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 our Office Assistant Isabel Devoy by email 3-5 days before the ACOA meeting so we can send you a link for remote access.

Community Outreach

- We are still posting on Facebook and Instagram messages about caregiver resources and directing individuals to our NSAAA website.
- Our ACOA members are offering tabling events in the community.
- Our communications consultant Brown-Miller supports resource guides, postcards, flyers, and magnets for distribution at community events.

AgeWell Newsletter

- The next AgeWell Newsletter will be distributed **October 15, 2026**. Isabel Devoy will be supporting this effort. If you are not receiving the AgeWell Newsletter regularly, please sign up on the www.aaans.org website under the AgeWell tab.

Advisory Council on Aging Executive Committee Agenda/Minutes

Sept. 1, 2026 Agenda

1. CALL TO ORDER: 12:00
 2. ROLL CALL / APPROVE MINUTES / APPROVE AGENDA
 3. REVIEW HIGHLIGHTS AND NEXT STEPS RESULTING FROM TODAY'S MEETING
 4. PLAN NEXT MEETING
 5. OPEN DISCUSSION
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August 4, 2026 Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER: 12:30
2. ROLL CALL: Present: Riitta DeAnda, Chair; Olga Curtright, Vice Chair; Anne Payne, Secretary; Gwendolyn Gill, Interim Executive Director AAA.
3. DISCUSSION OF TODAY'S MEETING
4. PLANS FOR NEXT MEETING
 - a. Gwendolyn would like more time at the August meeting for the AAA Staff Report and to hold a discussion on how members perceive AAA support.
 - b. Speaker will be Amanda Cole Program Director, Rianda Hose, St. Helena.
 - c. The agenda will include Introductions by new members.
5. OPEN DISCUSSION
 - a. Moving forward, have those attending via Zoom be shown on the screen.
 - b. Discussion on onboarding of new members. New members will be invited to an orientation on Sept. 1, 2026 in Napa at 9:00 AM.
 - c. Discussion on new working groups. Have the groups contact providers using the Master Plans on Aging for each county as a guide to see how they goals and the services align.
6. ADJOURNED: 1:22

ACOA Committee Team Project

Thanks for serving on the ----- Committee. The purpose of the committee is to explore the resources in Napa and Solano related to your area of interest. You will have the opportunity to visit NSAAA service providers, an ADRC, consider advocacy and share a presentation.

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- 1. Learn more about our NSAAA services by visiting up to three related NSAAA resources in your county.**
 - a) Consider ease of access for our clients.
 - b) Are there any client barriers such as language or transportation reaching the resource?
 - c) What was the customer service experience at the site?
 - d) Are volunteers needed at this location?
 - e) What trends are you seeing in client challenges, needs or feedback?
 - f) Share a recent success story that illustrates your impact in the selected area
- 2. Learn more about our ADRCs by visiting your local ADRC and asking how they handle these inquiries**
 - a) Consider ease of access for our clients
 - b) Are there any client barriers such as language or transportation reaching the resource?
 - c) What was the customer service experience at the site?
 - d) Are volunteers needed at this location?
 - e) What trends are you seeing in client challenges, needs or feedback?
 - f) Share a recent success story that illustrates your impact in the selected area.
- 3. Consider what is lacking in our counties in this area and what type of advocacy does the ACOA Committee need to consider?**
- 4. Prepare to share a brief report with the ACOA Committee in 3 months at one of our ACOA meetings.**

Please contact a member of our ACOA Exec Team if you have any questions!