

Advisory Council on Aging
October 6, 2026 Meeting Agenda
10:00 – 12:00

601 Texas Street, County Events Center, Room B, Fairfield, CA 94533

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AGENDA

October 6, 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:** Melanie Duran – CalFresh Coordinator of the Foodbank of Contra Costa and Solano

5. **REPORTS:**

- **Executive Committee:** Riitta DeAnda – Executive Committee Report. Information on the California Senior Legislator (CSL). Information on the Triple A Council of California (Are Agency on Aging Advisory Councils of California)
- **AAA:** Gwendolyn Gill
 - Staff Report
 - Information on the Master Plan on Aging for Napa and Solano Counties.
- **AgeWell:** Lynne Baker and Alan Werbling
- **Outreach:** Olga Curtright and Cathy Wagner
- **Legislative Report:** Richard White

6. **OLD BUSINESS:**

- **Onboarding Process**
 - Feedback from new members; what worked, what was missing, etc.
- **Establish Working Groups**
 - Discussion
 - Appoint someone to lead each group

Advisory Council on Aging

September 1, 2026 Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER – 10:04 am.

1. **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS:** Members and guests introduced themselves as part of roll call.
2. **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; Michelle Marin; Elizabeth Murphy; Michael O'Connell; Sandy Stevens (online); Cindy Tierney-Panganiban; Cathy Wagner (online); Neil Watter; Alan Werblin.

ABSENT: Gerald Huber

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

GUESTS: Amanda Cole, Rianda House, Susan Ensey, Molly's Angels, Denise Walker, Meals on Wheels.

3. **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:** None
4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA / APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion by Lynne Baker to approve the Agenda with the correction of the address for the next meeting; Seconded by Olga Curtright; Approved. Motion by Olga Curtright to approve the Minutes; Seconded by Linda Chandler; Approved.
5. **PRESENTATION-Amanda Cole, Rianda House, St. Helena:** Amanda Cole, Program Director of Rianda House talked about the history; Jean Rianda bequeathed her home to the seniors of St. Helena and after an extensive remodel, Rianda House opened its doors in 2008. There are 180 programs offered, all of which are free. There is a wide variety of offerings at Rianda House, 47 instructors, 19 of whom are paid. It operates on a budget of \$800,000, with most of the funds stemming from private donations.
6. **REPORTS:**
 - **Executive Committee:** The group discussed creating working groups. The groups would be based on interest of ACOA members, relating to service providers and their alignment, if there is alignment with the Master Plan on Aging (MPoA) as well as exploring what each Aging and Disability Resource Center provides in each county.
 - **AAA Report:** The posting for an Executive Director is pending approval by Human Resources. Gwendolyn Gill referred to her written report.

- **AgeWell:** More support is needed for the newsletter.
 - **Outreach:** Upcoming events; September 12, 2026, 9:00 – 2:00, Airport Day, Rio Vista Airport. November 7, 2026, Dia De Los Muertos, 3:00 – 6:00 pm.
 - **Legislative Update and CSL:** We are going to reach out to Richard White and Yvonne Baginski to see if they'd be willing to alternate and come present legislative updates to the members.
7. **NEW BUSINESS:** Riitta and Gwendolyn presented the committee team project to the group. The members of ACOA were asked about areas of interest. The group came up with 5 topics; Housing, Transportation, End of Life/Dementia Care, Social Isolation, Aging in Place/Supportive Care. Members were given the opportunity to think about which area they are interested in and let Riitta and/or Gwendolyn know. Groups will be created at the October meeting.
 8. **OLD BUSINESS:** Candidate Mel Preimesberger was presented to the ACOA as a potential alternate member for Napa County. The motion to accept the recommendation was given by Alan Werblin, with a second given by Michael O'Connell. The recommendation was approved.
 9. Motion to Adjourn by Olga Curtright; Seconded by Michelle Marin; Approved.

ADJOURNED 12:02 to next meeting October 6, 2026 – 601 Texas Street, County Events Center, Room B, Fairfield, CA 94533

7. NEW BUSINESS

- **Items from the floor** – suggested topics from members

8. ADJOURN 12:00 to next meeting November 3, 2026 – 650 Imperial Way, First Floor, Napa, CA 94558

N/S AAA Staffing Update

- **Executive Director Vacancy** – Currently, this position is ready for hiring recruitment. Gwendolyn Gill will continue to serve as the Interim Director.

Master Plan on Aging

- **Napa County** – This was discussed at the Napa Commission on Aging Meeting on September 28, 2026. There will be a presentation updating the community on the MPA's progress and continued coordination. This will occur at the HAPI (Healthy Aging Population Initiative) group and Napa Commission on Aging soon.
- **Solano County** – There is a workgroup of community service providers and residents who meet monthly. This group will meet on October 29, 2026, to review the work on the Solano Transportation Flyer and personal statement videos.

Services and Contracts

- **2026 Quarter 1 Service Provider Meetings**

Service providers will meet with program and fiscal team members to review services including contract deliverables, client outreach, data, anticipated budget revisions and support/assistance AAA team can provide. These meetings will take place October 21, 2026 – November 12, 2026.

- **New NSAAA Funds and Contract Approvals**

- We received a CDA contract for Cal Fresh Outreach for \$82,842.
- Brown Miller contract approved for supporting the resource guides and creation of outreach materials
- Consultant Diane Kaljian's contract was approved to offer support to Connections Napa and Solano County ADRCs for state reports and other related matters.

- **Request for Proposal for Area Plan 2027-2030**

We are planning a review with our Purchasing team in mid-October 2026 and then we will update again in November 2026.

2026 Resource Guides

These resources guides are very useful in the community. Thanks to our ACOA team members for supporting distribution in our communities. Both updated guides have been posted to the [Solano Resources](#) and [Napa Resources](#) pages on the NSAAA website www.aaans.org. Our ADRC teams have been instrumental in the updates.

Aging Disability Resource Connection (ADRC)

Please direct clients/family/caregivers/neighbors to our ADRCs to connect to resources in our counties.

- **Connections Napa County ADRC. 707-253-4248** [Connections Napa County – ADRC Napa County.](#)
- **Solano County ADRC. 707-200-7116** [Solano County - ADRC](#)

Meetings and Community Outreach

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 offered tabling events in the community.

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.



ACOA Workgroup Project October 2026

Thanks for serving on the ACOA Workgroups with your team members. The purpose of project 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 impact in the selected topic 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 impact in the selected topic 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 (written or slide presentation with the ACOA in 3 months at one of our monthly meetings.

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

ACOA WORKGROUP ASSIGNMENTS WITH TOPICS
SEPTEMBER 2026

Transportation	End of Life/Dementia	Housing	Social Isolation	Digital Access Security	Aging in Place/Supportive Care
Olga Curtright	Linda Giglio	Gigi Gonzalez	Cindi Tierney	Marc Frankenstein	Gigi Gonzalez
Linda Chandler	Elizabeth Murphy	Alexander Gonzalez	Alan Werbling	Neil Watter	Elizabeth Murphy
Anne Payne	Cathleen Wagner	Michael O'Connell	Sandy Stevens		Olga Curtwright
	Lynne Baker	Riitta DeAnda	Gerald Huber		Mel Preimesberger

Advisory Council on Aging Executive Committee Agenda/Minutes

October 6, 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. DISCUSSION ON WHETHER OR NOT TO ALLOW FOR=PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS TO SPEAK AT OUR MEETING
 5. STORING AND REPLENISHING TABLING SUPPLIES
 6. PLAN NEXT MEETING
 7. OPEN DISCUSSION
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September 1, 2026 Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER: 12:15
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
 - a. Gwendolyn would like more lead time for the preparation of the next onboarding process for new Advisory Council members
 - b. Hold an Executive Committee meeting beforehand to look over the process of onboarding new members.
4. PLANS FOR NEXT MEETING
 - a. Melanie Duran, CalFresh Coordinator of the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano Counties.
 - b. Allow for time so that Mel Preimesberger may tell the Council about herself.
5. OPEN DISCUSSION
 - a. Discussion on new working groups. Five areas were presented as areas of interest for the working groups.
6. ADJOURNED: 1:10

