



Sonoma County Aging & Disability Commission Meeting



Minutes

Wednesday, October 15th, 2025 | 1:00PM-3:00PM

Carnelian Conference Room, 3725 Westwind Blvd. Santa Rosa 95403

In-person Attendance: Deanna Shaat, Trayce Beards, Denise Johnson, Suzanne Edwards, Jenny Helman, Alain Serkissian, Eddie Estrada, Sandra Hoevertsz, Priyanka Varma, Terry Kelley, Don Streeper (*Emeritus Member*)

Virtual Attendance: Diane Spain, Robin Thompson

Absent: Monte Cimino (*Leave of Absence*), Rick Baum, Jaime Penaherrera

Staff Attendance: Paul Dunaway, Cody Milner, Cassandra Denson (Zoom), Joni Huntsperger, Kathleen Cortez, Annie Silverman

1. **Welcome & Commission Member Introductions** (Helman) (1:05PM)
2. **Commission Participation by Zoom**
3. **Approval of the 9.17.2025 Commission Meeting Minutes** (Helman)
 - Edits:
 - “AAA is partnering with...” should be CDA.
 - Eddie Estrada was absent.
 - Approved with Edits.
4. **Public Comment and Commission Member Open Forum**
 - Terry Kelley- Provided updates on current projects of the CA Senior Legislature.
 - Megan Kelly- Selected as the Executive Director of Petaluma People's Services Center.
 - Paul Dunaway- Introduced Susi Avila as the new division Secretary.
 - Jamie Escoubas- Shared information on the Nov. 14th Holiday Stress Workshop.
 - Cody Miner- Announced a November Pre-Meeting Lunch with AAA Staff.
5. **Chair Updates** (Helman)
 - Commissioner Recognition
 - Sandra Hoevertsz will not be renewing her Commission appointment.
 - The Commission extends its appreciation to her for her dedication and valuable contributions.
 - FY 25/26 Goals and Priorities
 - Reviewed the updates to the 25-26 Objectives Tracking document.



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6. Director/Staff Updates (Dunaway, Milner, Huntsperger)

Director Update:

- Updates on the Federal Budget.
- Provided updates to SB1249.
 - Implementation in 2030.
- Coastal Seniors Update:
 - Site visit conducted on Oct. 14th.
 - Mendocino County AAA and Sonoma County AAA will be writing up the findings from the site visit.

MPA and LADAP Update:

- Starting an Action Team in Cloverdale that meets monthly.
- Exploring with the Catalyst Team and Supervisor Hermosillo, a volunteer service navigator program.

Transportation Action Team:

- Main focus is on mobility management, connecting people to transportation resources.
- Jessica Alcazar is working on mobility management/ transportation through ADRH.
- Exploring data on transportation needs and unfulfilled rides.
- Members are assigned to connect with service providers.

Housing Action Team:

- Exploring opportunities that allow people to age together, strengthening advocacy efforts, and Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs).

7. Ombudsman & HICAP Program Presentation (Barnett Nelson)

- Reviewed the Ombudsman program through Senior Advocacy Services (SAS).
 - Advocates for older adults in Assisted Living or Skilled Nursing facilities.
 - Investigates Elder Abuse reports in those facilities.
- Reviewed the Health Insurance Counseling Advocacy Program (HICAP) through SAS.
 - Medicare Open Enrollment starts October 15th.
 - Program offers educational seminars and provides technical support for Medicare applications.



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8. TACC Report (Helman)

- Discussed the lack of public awareness regarding evacuation centers. AB 1069 addresses disaster planning and service coordination by requiring Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs) to collaborate with evacuation sites to ensure shelters are accessible.

9. Board of Supervisors Meeting Updates (Helman)

D1: Will reconnect as a group to schedule.

D2: Will send email this week to schedule.

D3: Meeting scheduled.

D4: Meeting completed.

D5: Meeting needs to be scheduled.

10. Standing & Ad Hoc Committee Report (Helman)

No Wrong Door Committee: (Edwards)

- Committee will meet Oct. 28th

Ad Hoc Committee:

- Community Convening Topics (New) – **Action**
Commission to discuss moving forward with a new Ad Hoc to develop new community meeting topics. Due: 2/4/2026

Motion: Stand up the Community Convening Topics Ad Hoc Committee.

1st Motion: Priyanka Varma, **2nd Motion:** Eddie Estrada, **Vote Result:** Passed

Lead: Eddie Estrada

Ad Hoc members: Trayce Beards, Deanna Shaat, Suzanne Edwards, Terry Kelley.

- Commission Recruitment Plan
Ad Hoc will develop a Commission recruitment plan and list of activities based on outreach priorities. Due: 10/29/2025
 - Reviewed the Commission recruitment 5x7 card.
 - Eddie Estrada will provide translation for a Spanish version.
- IIIB Support Service Program Prioritization
Ad Hoc will develop a prioritized list of IIIB Support Services to recommend to the Executive Committee. Due: 10/31/2025



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- The ranked program recommendations and decision-making criteria have been finalized and will be presented at the November Commission meeting.
- Research Report- **Action**
Ad hoc will research and summarize the ways older adults, people with disabilities, and their caregivers learn about services and supports. Due: 1/7/2026

Motion: Stand up the Research Report Ad Hoc Committee.

1st Motion: Diane Spain, **2nd Motion:** Robin Thompson, **Vote Result:** Passed

Lead: Trayce Beards

Ad Hoc members: Eddie Estrada, Diane Spain, Robin Thompson, Priyanka Varma, Alain Serkissian

11. Adjourn (Helman)(2:52PM)

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Upcoming Meetings:

- Executive Committee: Tuesday, November 4th, 11:00AM – 12:30PM
- Commission Meeting: Wednesday, November 19th, 1:00PM - 3:00PM

Upcoming ADRU Table Events:

N/A