SENIORS COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thursday, July 21, 2022

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AGENDA

10 a.m. 1. Welcome, Call to Order and Introductions

2. Additions & Deletions to the Agenda

3. Receive Announcements from Board Members

4. Comments from Members of the Public on Items Not on the Agenda

5. CONSENT AGENDA
   Approve minutes of June 22 Board Meeting

10:10 6. Committee Reports
   1. Finance Committee (no meeting)
   2. Nominating & Board Development
3. Advocacy Committee
   a. Budget Topics
      i. State Funding
      ii. Local CORE funding
   b. Live Oak Senior Center
   c. Master Plan for Aging – Local Efforts
   d. Board of Supervisors Candidate Forum
   e. California Senior Legislature Report
4. Executive Committee

11:15   7. Executive Director’s Report
   1. COVID-19 & Program Impacts
   2. Unallocated Funds
   3. Staff Recruitment & Interim Promotion

11:40   8. Program Reports (written)
   1. Foster Grandparent/Senior Companion Program
   2. ADRC
   3. Falls Prevention
   4. Area Agency on Aging
   5. Project SCOUT

11:55   9. Miscellaneous Correspondence & Other Items

12:00   10. Adjourn

*Next Meeting:*

*Thursday, August 18, 2022*
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Seniors Council Mission Statement

It is the mission of the Seniors Council to enable older persons to function with independence and dignity in their homes and in the community to their fullest capacity.

Area Agency on Aging Mission

To provide leadership in addressing issues that relate to older Californians; to develop community-based systems of care that provide services which support independence within California’s interdependent society, and which protect the quality of life of older persons and persons with functional impairment; and to promote citizen involvement in the planning and delivery of services.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
June 16, 2022
(Held by Zoom in accordance with COVID-19 social distancing requirements)

MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Pam Arnsberger, Barbara Canfield, Cathy Cress, Darrell Johnson, Barbara Kaiser, Mickie Luna, Steven Matzie, Wayne Norton, Antonio Rivas, Jane Schwickerath, Gwen Yeo

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Creighton Mendivil, Mark Trabing

STAFF PRESENT: Clay Kempf, Seniors Council Executive Director; Patty Talbott, AAA; Britt Bassoni, Special Projects Director; Hilary Minugh, Fiscal Specialist; Leanne Oliveira, ADRC Coordinator

OTHERS PRESENT: Suzanne Stone, Executive Director, Advocacy, Inc.; Ana Garcia, prospective Board member

1. Welcome, Call to Order and Introductions
   Board President Wayne Norton called the meeting to order at 10:03 AM.

2. Additions and Deletions to the Agenda
   None.

3. Receive Announcements from Board Members
   Darrell Johnson expressed appreciation for the Board and the staff over his 20 years of service on the Board. Clay and others expressed gratitude for Darrell’s many contributions and support for the agency and staff over the years.

   Wayne Norton said that there was a second meeting of seniors in San Juan Bautista to discuss developing a senior center. He is encouraged by the energy of the seniors. Leanne Oliveira attended.

4. Comments from Members of the Public on Items Not on the Agenda
   None

5. Consent Agenda
   Board members were referred to Pages 5-1 to 5-6, minutes of the May 19, 2022 meeting.
   MOTION, Kaiser/Matzie, to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2022 meeting as submitted. PASSED.
6. **Committee Reports**

6.1 **Finance Committee** – Jane reported that the committee met and reviewed the financials. Agency is in good shape with good reserves. Every year the finance committee reviews and approves the staff salary schedule. Referred to item 6.1.b. Clay reviewed Greater Bay CPI index shows a 5% increase and that is what the committee is recommending for the salary schedule.

**MOTION**, Arnberger/Johnson, to adopt the proposed salary schedule. **PASSED** unanimously.

Clay said that Finance Committee is also recommending that a workgroup be formed to review the Nonprofit Salary survey and review the salaries for individual positions. Next meeting August 11, 10:30. New members welcome.

6.2 **Nominating and Board Development** – Pam introduced Ana Garcia, who did attend the meeting briefly, but lost internet connection. She has submitted an application. There are currently two open board positions. She reviewed the committee assignments on page 6-2.3 All Board members are required to participate in at least one committee. Pam said that Mark Trabing is on Advocacy and Steven Matzie will continue on Finance Committee. Please email Pam to let her know which committee you wish to join. Gwen thanked Patty for including the attendance record in the packet and noted that they bylaws say that any Board members

Discussion about sharing of roster

6.3 **Advocacy Committee** – Clay reviewed the current state budget proposals. Proposals could result in another $1M of funding annually.

**LO Senior Center** – Clay reviewed current status of Live Oak Senior Center evictions. A number of efforts made to get school board to respond. One meeting was productive, at the end of this month the school board will possibly reconsider extending the eviction if the tenants pay for the repairs. Clay said the agencies are willing to consider this, but there has to be a negotiation of how long the extension will be as well discussion about the long-term status of the senior center. This is putting the status of the nutrition infrastructure application in limbo.

Clay is working with Senior Network Services and Meals on Wheels to write a letter requesting suspension of the eviction notices and creation of a working committee to develop a strategic plan for the future of the property, ideally including the County to be part of the discussion. Wayne said both Senior Network Services and Meals on Wheels need positive solutions coming out of this, they have different needs and priorities but both need to be addressed. He also said that the County needs to be involved in this because the services at the center are provided to seniors in the whole County, not just Live Oak.

**Santa Cruz County CORE Funding.** Clay said that the total funding pool was about $5M, County added another $500K. $750K was allocated to one special project to address equity issues. The additional funds increased the total amount by 11%; however, 15% of the funds were dedicated to the new special project. Additionally, inflation since the last process has been 18%. Putting all these aspects together results in 22% less being available to community programs. School districts were also awarded funding in this process, further reducing available funds to the existing Social Safety Net.

United Way was awarded $770K for equity issues, Community Foundation also submitted an application for $750K for those funds. Clay concerned that agencies who are community funders are competing for funds. A new scoring rubric was put in place for this process. When results were revealed, it listed only who is being recommended for funding and no comparison against whose funding was reduced or eliminated. Clay said that in aging services there is a $200K net loss. The Foster Grandparent Program was awarded $25K, Project SCOUT had been funded at $15k and received no funding, Elderday lost $145K, Advocacy Inc. 59K, suicide prevention $38K, SNS is allocated $51K for an ADRC project and but other core
services lost $35K. Family Service Agency lost all of their funding for Senior Peer Counseling and I-You Venture. Community Bridges is losing over $800K in overall cuts.

Net sum is about even, but pretty devastating to senior programs. County staff is adamant that nobody questioned this. Discussed extensively at AAA Advisory Council yesterday. Message from one supervisor is if you want more funding, you have to name who you want cut. Clay expressed concern that there were some false statements being made about the process and the AAA. After public testimony, the motion was made and approved. Supervisor Caput did speak to problems but motion passed unanimously.

Clay reported that the Santa Cruz City Council was a little different. They are partners in this process. Justin Cummins and Sandy Brown voted no.

Clay said he would like to see the City, County, Community Foundation and the AAA and possibly United Way come together to discuss funding. He said the AAA is especially concerned about loss of required local match funds. Suzanne Stone asked if there was going to be an organized approach to this. Clay said this meeting would probably be it. Wayne said this was discussed at Advocacy Committee, Community Bridges is discussing taking out ads to publicize the issue. Gwen said she would like to know more about the $700K equity fund project. Clay read information about the “Cradle to Career” project from the CORE information. Concern expressed that older adults are not being considered as an equity group, only as a subgroup of racial groups. Steven said the homeless population are also aging and some ending up in facilities, and there is no place to discharge them to. When they’re in a facility, other homeless services they may be receiving end. There are bigger issues coming with both seniors and homelessness. Pam said that the homeless seniors are hitting the long term care system much earlier than usual. Wayne this is also an issue for the Central California Alliance for Health. Steven also noted that many seniors lose their housing, including Section 8, when they go into facilities.

Gwen said she would like to see us intervene with United Way to have seniors included in their project. Pam said she has been raising this issue with them for several years, and they are not interested. Jane expressed her concern about all of this and the ageism that causes it.

Clay said that there are some things that electeds need to be accountable for and this is one of them. If we don’t, they get a pass. Clay has found out that 5% of score was agency outcomes and 25% was staff expertise. SNS application that was score was 85, the application that didn’t get funded was scored at 86. It was explained that applications with higher funding amounts required 87 or above. Volunteer Center submitted five applications with five templates for agency capacities.

Clay expressed frustration that Supervisors and County staff and in the press, it’s been said that there hasn’t been a competitive process before, and he referred to packet pages starting on 6.3.o-6, an application from the AAA for County funding from 2000-01 to show that the AAA was applying for funding. He also was doing applications for Lift Line and Dientes in the 1990’s. In addition to the application, 26 attachments were required. Applications had to be submitted annually and were competitive. Clay said over the years, sometimes he’d get the same funding, sometimes more, sometimes less. It’s just not true to say that there haven’t been competitive applications for community program funding.

Gwen and Pam said they are willing to talk to Zach Friend. Wayne said it’s election season, it’s time to make sure they hear from us. Call them out, what are your values? What is “progressive?” Clay asked if there is interest in a Board of Supervisors candidate’s forum for senior issues. Clay said that Community Bridges is taking out a full page ad expressing their frustration with this issue. The Seniors Council logo will be included. Clay asked if the Seniors Council should also take out another ad the following week. Steven said the first ad will run in the Sunday Sentinel. Should a Good Times ad be done? There is probably not time before next Board of Supervisors meeting. Antonio suggested a press conference first, TV
ads, Spanish language media. Clay said he is still concerned that electeds didn’t see who was cut or eliminated in the process before they voted on it. He had advocated for this. Jane asked what HCA is doing? They are working on it too. Suzanne said HCA had a meeting that Steven and she attended, only about 7 people there. Karen Delaney was advocating for individual emails to elected officials over Executive Directors just speaking at the mic.

6.4 Executive Committee – Wayne said all topics discussed at Executive Committee have already been discussed.

7. Contract Resolution IF-2223-13 and MI-2223-13

Board members were referred to page 7, Contract Resolution for California Department of Aging contracts IF-2223-13 (Older Adults Recovery and Resiliency Act funds) and MI-2223-13 (Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act).

MOTION, Arnsberger/Kaiser, to authorize the Executive Director to executive California Department of Aging Contracts #IF-2223-13 and MI-2223-13 and any future amendments. PASSED unanimously

8. Executive Director’s Report

Clay highlighted the OARR funding released Friday with guidelines, 18 months funding in four different categories: Intergenerational Nutrition, Legal Services, Family Caregivers, Falls Prevention. Clay also referred to ARPA funding chart. Will also try to do 75/25 balance, but depending on projects funded is it might try to rebalance with other funding. Master Plan for Aging continues to move along at a slow pace. Santa Cruz County’s consultant has put together a power point for public presentations for various commissions. Clay and County staff will present. Clay wondered how can you say you’re leading a Master Plan for Aging when you’re cutting senior programs? It damages credibility of the efforts.

9. Program Reports

9.1 Foster Grandparent/Senior Companion – Actively recruiting volunteers and in line for a program monitoring by CNCS.

9.2 Area Agency on Aging – no additional report in packet

9.3 ADRC/No Wrong Door – Clay said operationally things are going well, but partners are struggling. Leanne reported that they tabled at the Farmer’s Market yesterday, doing lots of home visits with Caitlyn, Jovenes de Antaño and getting lots of referrals. Wayne said he is really excited to see what’s happening in San Benito County with the ADRC.

9.4 Project SCOUT – Clay referred to SCOUT report, noting that over 1200 people received services and brought in about $1.5M in returns. Clay and Ed Santana will meet with Community Foundation about future grant possibilities. Steven highlighted story featured in the Project SCOUT report. Kudos given to Ed and volunteers.

9.5 Falls Prevention – no report in packet

10. Miscellaneous Correspondence

Antonio said that meals are happening at the Watsonville Senior Center and its’ great to see. Pam said she did write a letter to the Sentinel about Project SCOUT.

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:01 PM

Minutes prepared by: Patty Talbott
Date: 7-14-22

To: Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council
   Seniors Council Board of Directors

From: Clay Kempf, Executive Director

RE: Advocacy Committee July Report

Our July Advocacy Committee meeting covered a variety of key topics, including state & local funding, Live Oak Senior Center, the upcoming Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors Election, and moving forward on our Master Plan for Aging local playbook project.

STATE FUNDING
Included in your packets is an overview of funding impacting older adults, provided by Justice in Aging. Highlights for the Area Agency on Aging include a healthy response to our state request, with $59M allocated for fiscal year 2022-23; $86M for 2023-24, and then $35M for FY 2024-25. Our request for restoration of State Match to Title IIB (called Aging in Place in our proposal), restoration of Older Californians Act funding; and creation of a new, Senior Volunteer Recruitment & Coordination were all lumped into a single “Modernization of the Older Californians Act” package. Senior Nutrition was left somewhat vague, with no mention of it in the description other than saying that funds can be transferred without restriction between Aging in Place and Nutrition. Funds for a handful of ADRCs to hire a Senior Dementia Specialist were not granted.

Older Californians Act (OCA) regulations specifically include what were called Community Based Service Programs, or CBSPs. These programs consisted of Foster Grandparent & Senior Companion programs; Linkages (case management); Brown Bag (home delivery of food); Alzheimer’s Day Care Resource Centers (ADCRC); Respite Registry, and Respite Purchase of Services. AAAs had the option of transferring funding between any category, and weren’t obligated to provide service under each.

CDA made the statement to the legislature that “$70M in unspent funding is available for Nutrition Programs right now”, which seems to be the main reason no nutrition
augmentation was specifically authorized. HOWEVER, if the Title III B AND the OCA
restorations, and the Volunteer Pilot Program were all fully funded, there would be $10M+
unallocated; theoretically, it would make sense for that to be used for nutrition services.

Further complicating the allocation is that $60M (over 3 years) is authorized elsewhere in
the budget for adult day services, including PACE Programs; at least implying that ADCRC
funding won’t go through the AAA. There is also a separate allocation of $10M (also over
three years) for Foster Grandparent & Senior Companion Programs. Suffice it to say that
there is much to unravel. Of significant concern is that most of these programs have not
been funded since 2009, and there are very few staff at CDA that has knowledge of how the
funding was previously allocated, or how they operated. And Senate Budget staff provided
language that was intentionally flexible (at our request) and non-specific in describing how
the funds would be split up between programs.

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY & CITY FUNDING (CORE)
As previously reported, local funding resulted in a loss of revenue for Project SCOUT, Meals
on Wheels, Elderday, and Ombudsman. Additionally, almost all childcare programs were
defunded. The County added $500,000 to their baseline allocation from 4 years ago,
representing an 11% increase. The problem of this superficially significant increase was they
also decided to allocate $750K (15% of the total) to a new, special project focusing on
equity, which was awarded to the United Way. So, the net funds available was a reduction
of 4%. However, inflation took another 18% in buying power, meaning the overall net
impact was a 22% loss of funding from the original CORE process. Additionally, funds were
made available to local school districts for the first time, also impacting funding for local
safety net programs. And hundreds of thousands of dollars were spent on consultants
supporting the new process, not to mention the hours of engagement of many local
stakeholders, myself included.

After the initial committee allocations raised alarms throughout the community, the Board
and City Council voted to cut all large (more than $25K) awardees by 10%, and use those
funds to restore support of five programs – Senior Network Services & Suicide Prevention
among them- and then use the balance to provide partial funding to agencies that
previously received more than $25K per year but received none this year as “bridge
funding” to “soften the blow”.

Yet to be resolved is the question of whether or not these funds will be used to maintain a
social safety net, or handed out to special, temporary projects in the manner of a foundation.
Previously, these investments were officially defined as: “Through its investment in public
agencies and Community Programs, the County of Santa Cruz supports the existence of
culturally competent social safety net services as an essential function of government so that people have access to the basic necessities of life - shelter, food, physical safety, health, and a minimum level of financial resources. Programs that help vulnerable people access sufficient resources to lead a healthy and successful life or prevent the circumstances that put them at risk are part of the safety net."

**LIVE OAK SENIOR CENTER**
The Live Oak Senior Center has responded to our advocacy efforts by agreeing to consider revising their eviction notices and potentially forming a workgroup to work towards a shared vision for the Live Oak Senior Center and future uses of that property. A key to that potential action is Community Bridges offer to pay for overdue repairs on the building and property. The initial estimate of these repairs was over $500,000; Community Bridges has received bids for a fraction of that amount. Also requested is that all of the occupant agencies release any potential liability claims against the school district.

A number of elected officials have written letters encouraging the district to work with Community Bridges, Senior Network Services and the Seniors Council to develop an active partnership and find a path forward to continue providing senior services at the location. Action is expected at the August 3 meeting.

**MASTER PLAN FOR AGING – LOCAL PLAYBOOK**
We continue to work with Alicia Morales and the County of Santa Cruz to plan on the development of a Master Plan for Aging Local Playbook for Santa Cruz County. Two steps are in the queue currently; 1) the County continues in its quest to hire a consultant to conduct a survey for seniors to measure their areas of needs and interests; and 2), the County’s project consultant worked with Alicia and me to create a Powerpoint presentation that we can use to provide a quick overview of the Master Plan and its Five Bold Goals. Our plan is to use this to make presentations to interested groups such as County Commissions, senior centers, City Councils, etc. to engage more stakeholders in the process. Meanwhile, Pam Arnsberger and I hope to put together another Solutions Summit, where we will invite all of these potential stakeholders to come together and develop ideas for local action for each of the five MPA goals.

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CANDIDATE FORUM**
Lastly, our Advocacy Committee is recommending we hold a candidate forum (or two) for the two soon-to-be-vacant seats on the Board of Supervisors as Greg Caput and Ryan Coonerty step down. We would structure the Forum in much the same manner as we did in our San Benito County Board of Supervisors Forum – an event which went very well. Other agencies from our Advocacy Committee would also be supporting sponsors, including Health Projects Center and Community Bridges. Ideas and discussion are welcome.
Justice in Aging’s Analysis of the Final California 2022-23 State Budget

July 7, 2022

Introduction

On June 30, 2022, Governor Newsom signed the final 2022-23 state budget and accompanying budget trailer bills. This year’s budget includes spending of over $300 billion, including almost $100 billion in surplus. This robust state budget provides an opportunity to make transformative investments in California’s Master Plan for Aging—especially in light of the ongoing pandemic, which continues to disproportionately impact older adults.

It is crucial that the state leverage these historic resources now to meaningfully advance the state’s vision for an equitable California, especially for older Californians who have faced longstanding barriers to health and economic security. While many one-time investments were made in this state budget, we must continue to advocate for more robust, equitable, and long-term investments in programs that will improve the lives of low-income older adults.

Below is a summary of the Budget proposals impacting low-income older adults, organized by the Master Plan for Aging’s five goals.

Goal 1: Housing for All Ages and Stages

The final budget builds on investments for housing instability and homelessness that were initiated last year. Still, additional housing funding and efforts are needed. For example, the Master Plan for Aging goal of preventing and ending older adult homelessness would have been furthered by substantial investment in a rent stabilization program targeted to adults age 50 and older and persons with disabilities who are at imminent risk of or experiencing homelessness.

- **Investment in Community Living Fund:** The budget approves $10 million for a Community Living Fund to assist older adults and persons with disabilities in transitioning from nursing homes to independent living.

- **Reentry Housing:** The budget includes $31.8 million over three years to support reentry housing through the Returning Home Well program for transitional housing for parolees at risk of housing insecurity or homelessness. About 25% of the reentry population is age 50 or older.

- **Veterans Housing and Homelessness Prevention Program:** $31.8 million over two years is included in the budget to support veterans’ housing needs.
• Healthier Homes – Aging in Place: The budget approves $12.5 million to establish the Healthier Home – Age in Place Nursing Program in eight counties across the state to provide grant funds to hire registered nurses and community health workers to deliver health education, navigation, and coaching to residents at senior affordable housing sites in each of the pilot counties.

• Modernizing the Older Californians Act: The budget approves $59.3 million to modernize the Older Californians Act and create pilot programs supporting Community Based Services Programs, Family and Caregiver Supports, Senior Volunteer Development, and/or Aging in Place.

• Continuing Care Expansion Program: The budget includes $55 million one-time funding for operating subsidy reserves for existing adult and senior residential care facilities as part of the Community Care Expansion program to avoid the closure of facilities and to increase the acceptance of newly qualified residents. The budget also extends the period of time to expend Community Care Expansion Program funds to June 30, 2027.

Goal 2: Health Reimagined

The Governor’s final budget includes several health-related investments, which would benefit older adults and people with disabilities. Importantly, the budget proposes to reform the Medi-Cal Share of Cost program in 2025 so aging adults do not have to spend 60% of their income on health care. Additional long-term investments are needed to bolster and improve the Home and Community Based Services in California, in order to facilitate older adults aging in their own communities.

• Medi-Cal Share of Cost Reform: The final budget approves reforming the Medi-Cal Share of Cost program’s maintenance need income level to 138% of the federal poverty level, beginning January 1, 2025 subject to a budget appropriation. Justice in Aging will continue to monitor funding and advocate to accelerate the implementation timeline.

• Expansion of Medi-Cal to Undocumented Adults: The budget approves funding to expand full-scope Medi-Cal to all income-eligible Californians, regardless of age or immigration status, starting January 1, 2024. Under the proposal, undocumented adults age 26-49 are eligible for full-scope Medi-Cal, including IHSS, beginning January 1, 2024. Last year’s Budget expanded full-scope Medi-Cal coverage to older adults age 50 or older, regardless of immigration status, beginning May 1, 2022. And in 2020, full-scope coverage was expanded to undocumented children and young adults up to age 26. This expansion of coverage would ensure undocumented adults are able to access comprehensive medical, behavioral, and oral health care, and promote healthy aging.

• In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS): The budget includes $34.4 million in ongoing funding to establish a permanent back-up provider system for IHSS recipients to avoid disruptions to caregiving due to an immediate need or an emergency.

• Health Care Access for Working Disabled People: The budget approves funding to reduce Medi-Cal premiums to zero for 500,000 women, children, and working adults with disabilities to continue progress on California’s goals to expand access to health care and increase the affordability of home care. Of the 500,000 individuals who would benefit from this proposal, approximately 14,000 people, or three percent of the total, are individuals with disabilities of all ages enrolled in Medi-Cal’s Working Disabled Program.
• **CalAIM Implementation:** The budget includes ongoing funding for the implementation of CalAIM, a broad-based delivery system, program, and payment reform across the Medi-Cal program, including significant reforms impacting older adults, people with disabilities, and individuals dually eligible for Medicare and Medi-Cal.

• **Alzheimer’s Healthy Brain Initiative:** The budget approves $10 million in one-time funding to continue support for the Alzheimer’s Healthy Brain Initiative.

• **Medi-Cal Dental:** The budget includes funding to implement coverage for laboratory-processed crowns for posterior teeth for adult, including older adult, Medi-Cal beneficiaries in place of stainless-steel crowns in accordance with evidence-based practices.

• **Specialty Dental Clinics:** The budget approves $50 million in funding over two years to establish a specialty dental clinic grant program to better serve individuals with complex oral health needs.

• **Presumptive Eligibility in Medi-Cal:** The budget proposes to make permanent a hospital’s ability to use presumptive eligibility for Medi-Cal for adults age 65 and older. This was a change made temporarily during the COVID-19 public health emergency that will now be standard practice.

• **New Medi-Cal Benefit—Medi-Cal Community-Based Mobile Crisis Services:** The budget approves the creation of a new Medi-Cal benefit, adding multi-disciplinary statewide, 24/7 mobile response services for crises related to mental health and substance use disorders starting January 1, 2023. These services would be available to all Medi-Cal recipients regardless of age, which would help to connect older adults and especially aging adults experiencing homelessness to care to prevent unnecessary hospitalizations and law enforcement engagement.

• **Evaluation of Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Programs:** The budget approves $4 million for the California Department of Aging to do an evaluation of California’s HCBS programs beyond HCBS offered through Medi-Cal. The new evaluation will supplement the Medi-Cal HCBS gap analysis currently being undertaken by the Department of Health Care Services.

• **LTSS Feasibility Study:** The budget includes $5 million for the California Department of Aging to conduct a long-term services and supports feasibility and actuarial study to assess financing and services options for the aging population and people with disabilities. This study augments the actuarial study funded in 2019 and conducted and completed by Milliman in 2021.

• **Medi-Cal Suspension for Incarcerated Individuals:** Beginning January 1, 2023, the budget allows individuals who are on Medi-Cal prior to incarceration to have their Medi-Cal coverage indefinitely suspended rather than terminated. This allows for an easier transition back onto health coverage after release. This is extremely important for racial and health equity, as California’s incarcerated population is increasingly aging and people of color who will benefit from gaining more immediate access to health services after incarceration.

• **Nursing Facility Medi-Cal Rates:** The budget includes an average four percent rate increase, with an allocation of $340.2 million for the 2022-23 fiscal year. A new Workforce and Quality incentive Program will be devised by the State in consultation with stakeholders, for the purpose of paying performance-based supplements to nursing facilities that meet quality benchmarks.
Goal 3: Inclusion & Equity, not Isolation

The final budget includes proposals that invest in strategies under Goal 3, including providing new funding to Community Based Adult Service providers who provide key resources for older adults to stay in the community. There is also funding for protection from abuse and exploitation. Justice in Aging is pleased to see investments that promote and advance equity and elder justice and that support the ongoing implementation of the Master Plan for Aging as well as the data dashboard, which would ensure tracking the implementation and progress of realizing the Master Plan for Aging’s goals.

- **Ongoing Master Plan for Aging Implementation**: The budget includes $36 million for ongoing implementation of the Master Plan for Aging, including bolstering the MPA’s Data Dashboard to drive outcomes and sustain public engagement for statewide initiatives through the California Department of Aging and strengthening civic engagement policies and programs in the California Commission on Aging. This investment highlights the commitment to furthering the goals of the Master Plan for Aging and the need for data to further the Plan’s goals, including aggregate demographic data to advance equity for older adults.

- **Funding for Community Based Adult Service Providers**: The budget includes $61 million for competitive grants to licensed adult day health care centers, licensed adult day programs, or Program of All Inclusive Care for the Elderly sites to improve the health, safety, and well-being of vulnerable at-risk older adults and people with disabilities through safe access to in-center congregate services.

- **Training for Adult Protective Services Workers**: The budget continues and increases support for the Adult Protective Services (APS) training program and infrastructure to ensure that the APS workforce remains prepared to meet the needs of California’s growing aging and disabled populations.

- **Funding for Foster Grandparents and Senior Companion Program**: The budget includes $10 million to fund a demonstration project which awards stipends to individuals 55 years and older who volunteer to mentor and tutor children with exceptional needs or who are in circumstances that limit their academic, social, or emotional development, or who volunteer to provide transportation, companionship, and support to older adults who are at risk of nursing home placement.

- **Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment (CARE) Court**: The budget includes $64.7 million for 2022-23 and $49 million in ongoing funding for the Department of Health Care Services, the Judicial Branch, and the Department of Aging to establish and administer CARE Courts. Justice in Aging opposes the CARE Court framework on the basis that it will harm older adults, people with disabilities, perpetuate institutional racism, and worsen health disparities, while failing to provide housing to those experiencing homelessness.

Goal 4: Caregiving that Works

The final budget includes investments in the state’s workforce, including some funding that supports providers who care for older adults and people with disabilities. However, the proposal falls short of providing the direct support to caregivers of older adults and people with disabilities—especially family caregivers.
• **Health Care Workforce:** The budget includes funding for workforce development in behavioral health, public health, and primary care. The budget also includes retention payments for health care workers who were most impacted by the pandemic. It is not clear how or whether the initiatives outlined in this section of the Budget will generate or support caregiving jobs that specifically serve older adults and people disabilities.

• **Provider Rates:** The budget includes making the Proposition 56 Medi-Cal provider rate increases permanent, including the AIDS Waiver, Community-Based Adult Services, home health services, and Intermediate Care Facilities for the Developmentally Disabled. Starting in 2022, these rate increases will be ongoing and supported by the General Fund.

• **California Holocaust Survivors Program:** The budget includes $36 million in one-time funding for grants for specialized services to holocaust survivors and their caregivers to help them remain independent and safe in their communities.

## Goal 5: Affording Aging

Given California’s unprecedented surplus this year, the budget includes direct cash relief to low-income Californians. Importantly, the budget sets in motion the steps to fully restore the Supplemental Security Income (SSI)/State Supplementary Payment (SSP) grant to pre-recession grant levels. For the tax rebate relief Californians are getting, we are disappointed that the program leaves out low-income older adults and people with disabilities who rely on Social Security as their only source of income. These people do not file state income taxes and thus are ineligible to receive fiscal relief under the plan, even though they are struggling to afford the cost of living in the state. The average Social Security benefit is just under $18,500 per year.

• **SSI/SSP Grant Increase:** The budget rescinds the remainder of the recession-era cuts to the SSI/SSP grant by providing $300 million for an SSP increase effective January 2023, and assuming an additional $296 million in the 2023-24 budget and $593 million ongoing for an additional increase in 2024. These grant increases will provide ongoing assistance to some of the lowest income seniors and people with disabilities in California.

• **Better for Families Tax Refund:** The budget includes funding to provide low- and middle-income California taxpayers with a one-time payment between $350 and $1,050, with the amount of the payment depending on their income and number of dependents.

• **California Food Assistance Program:** The budget includes funding of $35.2 million, increasing to $113.4 million annually in 2025-2026, to expand the California Food Assistance Program (CFAP)/CalFresh to Californians 55 and older regardless of immigration status. This will make California the first state in the nation to provide food assistance benefits to undocumented adults.

• **Food Bank Support:** The budget includes $112 million one-time funds in 2022-23 and $52 million one-time funds in 2023-24 to support food banks to purchase, store, and transport food grown or produced in California.
Conclusion

While many one-time investments were made in this year's budget to advance the goals of the state's Master Plan for Aging, Justice in Aging will continue to advocate for more robust, equitable, and long-term investments in programs that will improve the lives of low-income older adults.
June 24, 2022

Live Oak School District  Board of Directors
984-1 Bostwick Lane
Santa Cruz, CA 95062

RE: Proposal to Form a Live Oak Senior Center Project Partnership

Dear Board President Pfotenhauer and Directors:

We humbly request that the LOSD Board of Directors open a discussion with your former partners the Seniors Council/Area Agency on Aging (AAA), Community Bridges/Meals on Wheels (MOW), Senior Network Services (SNS), and the County of Santa Cruz regarding the future of the Elena Baskin Live Oak Senior Center (EBLOSC).

Senior Programs are an essential part of any community, and those located at the EBLOSC since 1977 are no exception. The AAA, MOW and SNS appreciates the opportunity to explore alternatives to the eviction notices sent to the organizations currently operating at that location.

We are also interested in exploring long term partnerships with LOSD in the hopes of benefitting both children and older adults, and in meeting the goals and challenges faced by each of our organizations and the communities of Santa Cruz County.

As representatives of the senior services community we have enjoyed a partnership with LOSD since the EBLOSC was purchased in 2004 with Measure E funds, which were also intended for ongoing maintenance of this property and to ensure necessary repairs. It was the anchor tenants - SNS, MOW and the Live Oak Senior Center (LOSC)- along with the AAA, the Alzheimer's Association, and the County of Santa Cruz that played an instrumental role in educating the community in Live Oak regarding Measure E. That effort was instrumental in helping LOSD to secure over fourteen million dollars in funding.

SNS and MOW were mentioned by name in the arguments in favor of Measure E in the 2004 voter guide with joint-use being in the ballot measure language explaining the anticipated use. Additionally, during the time period of Measure E, and clearly articulated in communications with the County, which owned the property prior to LOSD,
was the assurance of a long term home for senior services at the location. This assurance was acted upon when LOSD provided a lease, extendable through 2045, to nonprofit organization LOSC, which was located at the EBLOSC. Both MOW and SNS were listed as subtenants on that lease. Unfortunately, LOSC folded approximately five years ago surrendering the lease back to LOSD and LOSD did not elevate SNS and MOW from subtenant status to keep the lease in place as previously agreed to. This marks the point where the established long term use and relationship began to veer from its intended purpose as stated to the voters of Live Oak a little over a decade earlier.

It is our view that together LOSD and senior services were successful in obtaining funds through Measure E by having both the needs of children and seniors represented. We believed this successful formula was the foundation of the partnership and that statements made would be honored. It was with great surprise, and disappointment, that SNS and MOW recently received the notices of eviction without prior communication or invitation to participate in the previous board discussion. These notices are in stark contrast to previous statements and discussions. The following was communicated late last year by the LOSD Board President:

- Active development of the EBLOSC site was on hold
- Any changes in status would include senior services in the discussion
- There would be a minimum of one year notice if eviction ever became necessary
- There was interest on the part of LOSD for a County led process regarding development of the EBLOSC for both workforce housing and a senior center

A path forward for workforce housing and a senior center at the EBLOSC complex

In addition to this joint letter you have received two other documents. One is a letter from MOW outlining the immediately needed repairs and associated costs at the EBLOSC. With agreement from LOSD to the requests itemized below (1-5) MOW will bear the costs of these identified repairs. The second document is a Draft Amendment to the existing lease addressing liability concerns expressed by LOSD, a negotiated final amendment with MOW and SNS would also be signed upon LOSD’s agreement to the proposed itemized requests and would be commensurate with the cost of repairs to allow MOW time to capitalize that expense over time.

We are proposing that the LOSD Board of Directors will not only reconsider their previous action, but also engage in the following requests:
1. The LOSD Board of Directors appoint a joint committee to explore solutions to the challenges before us. Besides LOSD Board members and staff, we recommend participation by staff of our three organizations, the County of Santa Cruz, and any other key stakeholders, such as LOSD consultants, the County Office of Education, or others.
   - Please note - the Board of Supervisor representing Live Oak had begun an investigation into identifying funding for a feasibility study for workforce housing and a senior center at the EBLOSC site prior to the eviction notices.
2. The LOSD Board of Directors formally responds to our request for the formation of a committee by July 6, 2022.
3. The removal of eviction notices sent to MOW and SNS upon agreement to appoint a committee and acceptance of the proposed repairs.
4. A guarantee of 12 months notice for any future eviction.
5. A guaranteed minimum of 24 months to remain at the site while baseline repairs are conducted and the committee examines long term partnership options.
   - Long term partnership options to be discussed include:
     i. Explore ways to remove the burden of site management from the LOSD;
     ii. Identify long term site goals, with the vision of addressing:
        - Project Vision
        - Estimated timelines
        - Financial viability
        - Mixed use
        - Intergenerational programming benefitting all age groups, instead of harming seniors to benefit children
     iii. Developing formal agreements to clearly define partner commitments and liability;
     iv. Consider a partnered approach to making long-overdue site repairs;
     v. Pursuing long-term funding.

We believe addressing these points (and any others that may arise) are the key elements to finding a successful solution. It's impossible, of course, for us to propose a single solution without a full discussion of the challenges and available options. It would also be impossible for the LOSD to responsibly accept or reject any such proposal without a full exploration of its components.

By forging this potential partnership, we embrace working together and creating a win-win project for everyone. We also avoid the ugly scenario of a public battle of child
education vs. senior hunger and homelessness. We refuse to believe that we can't find a mutually beneficial solution, and hope you agree. Let's work together so that all ages can thrive.

Thank you,

Clay Kempf
Executive Director
Seniors Council/Area Agency on Aging of Santa Cruz & San Benito Counties

On behalf of:

Corey Azevedo – Executive Director Senior Network Services
Raymon Cancino – Chief Executive Officer – Community Bridges
Lisa Berkowitz – Program Director – Meals on Wheels, a program of Community Bridges

cc: Senator John Laird
Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors
Area Agency on Aging of Santa Cruz & San Benito Counties Advisory Council
Seniors Council Board of Directors
June 23, 2022

Live Oak School District Board of Directors
Kristin Pfotenhauer, Board President
984-1 Bostwick Lane
Santa Cruz, CA 95062

Dear President Pfotenhauer,

I have become aware of the pending eviction of the Meals on Wheels (MOW) program and the Senior Network Services (SNS) from the Live Oak Senior Center (LOSC) property since the Live Oak School District (LOSD) is exploring the future use of this property as a workforce housing project. Additionally, there are much needed repairs at this location which are further exacerbating the pending request for MOW to vacate by October 2022. This news is of concern to me both because I understand the critical services provided by these agencies to the seniors in our community for the past eighteen years, and as a past California Assembly Member of this district who worked to write the ballot argument in favor of the Bond Measure E in 2004 along with former State Senator Bruce McPherson. The intent of the Bond Measure E was to promote a collaborative project that would provide a mixed use and a shared facility for the seniors in our community at the LOSC.

I also understand that an offer has been made to the LOSD by Community Bridges to maintain the integrity of this property and its facilities, and that a presentation will be made to your board on June 29, 2022. Their efforts include arranging for the building repairs needed and covering the actual costs of those repairs. In exchange for the cost of the work needed, I hope the LOSD would also consider an exchange for the ongoing use of the property by MOW and SNS until the workforce housing component becomes viable.

I encourage you to strongly support this request to allow for the MOW program to continue serving the nutritional needs and social connections of the hundreds of seniors in our community from the LOSC.

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and without any interruption of these services. Thank you for your consideration President Pfotenhaus and the LOSD Board of Directors.

Respectfully,

[Signature]

JOHN LAIRD,
State Senator, 17th District

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To: kpfotenhauer@losd.ca
Cc: Raymon Cancino <RaymonC@cbridges.org>
Subject: Meals on Wheels and Senior Network Service

Dear Ms. Pfotenhauer-

I write to strongly encourage the Live Oak School District (LOSD) Board to work collaboratively with the Meals On Wheels Program and Senior Network Services regarding the eviction notice these programs have received from your District office.

As you are aware, the original ballot measure to fund facility improvements for the Live Oak School District was Measure E, which I was pleased to support as your State Senator. Along with Assembly member Laird, I wrote the ballot argument in favor of Measure E in which we mentioned the value of using the Live Oak Senior Center building as an essential resource for seniors in the community. I understand that the building has costly deferred maintenance issues which could be an untenable burden on the LOSD given fiscal constraints and use of your limited resources. It is my understanding from the CEO of Community Bridges that his organization may be willing to fund essential repairs in exchange for a guaranteed lease term that allows Meals on Wheels and the Senior Network Services to remain in the facility until other plans may be feasibly implemented. It is my hope that your Board take into consideration the value of not disrupting the senior services provided in the building until the programs are able to move elsewhere, which takes planning and time.

Please work with Community Bridges and the Seniors Council to renegotiate a lease that is in the best interest of all parties, including the Live Oak School District. Feel free to contact me if you wish to discuss the situation further.

Sincerely,

Bruce McPherson
Supervisor, Fifth District
County of Santa Cruz

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June 24, 2022

Live Oak School District Board of Directors  
Board President Kristin Pfotenhauer  
984-1 Bostwick Lane  
Santa Cruz, CA 95062

Dear Board President Pfotenhauer,

I have become aware of the pending eviction of Meals on Wheels (MOW) and Senior Network Services (SNS) from the Live Oak Senior Center Property at 1777 Capitola Rd, Santa Cruz. This concerns me because of the critical services provided by these agencies to our county’s older adult population, as well as the short timeline presented by the board for alternative solutions for both organizations. The locations for these organizations are critical since the kitchen of the MOW and the social services provided by SNS creates the closest thing to a hub for elder adult services that this community has ever had. As the Mayor of Watsonville and a community member, I urge you to place the needs of our community first and allow the opportunity for collaborative problem solving to occur to ensure we can maintain these services in place without issue to your school district plans.

I recognize that it is the aim of the school district to evaluate the future of the property as a potential workforce housing project as part of the district-wide assessment of school facilities. I also understand that mixed use of the property may be considered and may likely be the only viable solution that will meet the needs of the school district, due to the site that would require variances and density bonuses to meet the stringent requirements as well as the unique funding challenges in developing workforce housing that strictly identifies a specific population such as school district employees. I urge you and the board to continue to explore options with the current tenants to find a viable solution for this location.

Furthermore, I understand that an offer has been made to the school district by Community Bridges to maintain the integrity of the property by paying for necessary repairs, a presentation concerning this offer should be made to your board on Wednesday, June 29th. I urge you to continue to allow MOW and SNS to maintain the use of their spaces until which time the school district is ready to begin physical work on this property. Accepting the offer from Community Bridges will certainly accommodate a more efficient and cost-effective transition for these senior service providers as well as maintain these community assets as long as possible without interruption to, or financial drain on the school district.
I am eager to support the efforts of the school district and current property organizations in formulating a new collaborative project that will honor the original intention of the property, mixed-use space for the community, and educational services.

Sincerely,

Ari Parker
Mayor, City of Watsonville
June 26, 2022

Live Oak School District Board of Directors
Board President Kristin Pfotenhauer
984-1 Bostwick Lane
Santa Cruz, CA 95062

Dear Board President Pfotenhauer,

I have become aware of the pending eviction of Meals on Wheels (MOW) and Senior Network Services (SNS) from the Live Oak Senior Center property. I am troubled by this news both because I understand the critical services provided by these agencies and short timeline presented by the board for alternative solutions for both organizations which serve our older adult population. These locations are important not just the Live Oak community but as both the central kitchen for MOW and the central critical social service for seniors in SNS this location is the closest to our community to having a senior hub that seeks to enhance the wellbeing of older adults in our community. As a community member we urge you to place the needs of our community first and allow the opportunity for collaborative problem solving to occur to ensure we can maintain these services in place without issue to your school district plans and without any service interruption to the organizations.

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Moving forward I am eager to support the efforts of the school district and representatives organizations providing senior services to envision a new collaborative project honoring the original intension of the property a mixed use and collaborative space for services and the school district.

Sincerely,
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Grant Writing Consultant
Santa Cruz City Councilmember
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June 27, 2022

Live Oak School District Board of Directors
Board President Kristin Pfotenauer
984-1 Bostwick Lane
Santa Cruz, CA 95062

Dear Board President Pfotenauer,

Having been a teacher for over over 30 years, a municipal policy maker for 20 and a senior citizen for a couple of decades, I have seen a lot of difficult situations. I have become aware of the pending eviction of Meals on Wheels (MOW) and Senior Network Services (SNS) from the Live Oak Senior Center property. I am troubled by this news both because I understand the critical services provided by these agencies and short timeline presented by the board for alternative solutions for both organizations which serve our older adult population. These locations are important not just the Live Oak community but as both the central kitchen for MOW and the central critical social service for seniors in SNS this location is the closest to our community to having a senior hub that seeks to enhance the wellbeing of older adults in our community. As a community member we urge you to place the needs of our community first and allow the opportunity for collaborative problem solving to occur to ensure we can maintain these services in place without issue to your school district plans and without any service interruption to the organizations.

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https://www.cityofwatsonville.org/
From: Alicia Morales  
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Subject: Live Oak Senior Center

Dear President Ray,

I am the County Human Services Department Director of the Adult and Long Term Care division. My division manages the In Home Supportive Services, Adult Protective Services, Public Guardian, and The County Veterans Services programs. I am writing to strongly encourage your Board to work collaboratively with Meals and Wheels and Senior Network Services to renegotiate or extend the lease at the Live Oak Senior Center site.

The Adult and Long-Term Care Division of the County of Santa Cruz provides essential safety net services to elderly and disabled residents. We work in partnership with community organizations such as Meals and Wheels and Senior Network Services to provide services that allow our elderly and disabled residents to remain safely in the community. Many of our seniors and their families rely on the services provided at Live Oak Senior Center for meals, socialization and to prevent institutionalization. The services provided through the site are incredibly impactful in minimizing abuse and neglect, isolation, and food insecurity among older adults.

I am mindful that you have plans for the property that would also greatly benefit the community. My request is to allow these community organizations an opportunity to occupy the property until they are able to find a suitable alternative and your plans for development of the site are ready to move forward.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

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# Legislative Report

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<td><strong>Telehealth:</strong> Expanding Healthcare Accessibility: Requires DHCS to extend the telehealth flexibilities in place during the COVID-19 Pandemic. Ensures patients will continue to have access to care by maintaining parity in reimbursement for telehealth services for Medi-Cal managed care plans. Further requires DHCS to convene an advisory group of healthcare reps to provide input on the development of a revised telehealth policy that promotes the use of telehealth to achieve timely and patient-centered access to care. Findings must be reported by July 1, 2025.</td>
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<td><strong>Skilled nursing facilities and intermediate care facilities: notice to prospective residents:</strong> Requires a skilled nursing facility or intermediate care facility to provide a prospective resident of a skilled nursing facility or intermediate care facility, or their representative, prior to or at the time of admission, a written notice that includes specified contact information for the local long-term care ombudsman and links to specified websites relating to these facilities. The bill would require the notice to include a statement that it is intended as a resource for purposes of accessing additional information regarding resident care at the facility and reporting resident complaints.</td>
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<td><strong>Medi-Cal Income Level for Maintenance:</strong> Allows Californians who are older or disabled to keep more of their monthly income to pay for necessities like food, clothes and shelter while still qualifying for Medi-Cal by increasing the maintenance needs levels to 138% of the Federal Poverty level.</td>
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<td><strong>Bridge to Recovery for Adult Day Services: COVID-19 Mitigation and Resilience Grant Program to Combat Senior Isolation:</strong> Creates the Bridge to Recovery for Adult Day Services: COVID-19 Mitigation and Resilience Grant Program to Combat Senior Isolation to improve the health, safety, and well-being of vulnerable at-risk seniors through safe access to vital services in adult day health care and adult day program settings. Requires the department to administer the grant program and award grants for qualified entities for infection prevention and control and to address workforce shortages, as specified. Specifies that the program would be operative for 2 years from an appropriation and would require the department to post on its internet website when the 2 years have passed.</td>
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<td><strong>Housing Stabilization to Prevent and End Homelessness Among Older Adults and People with Disabilities Act:</strong> Requires CDA to create and administer the Housing Stabilization to Prevent and End Homelessness Among Older Adults and People with Disabilities Program. Requires the department to offer competitive grants to nonprofit community-based organizations, continuums of care, and public housing authorities to</td>
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<td>administer a housing subsidy program for older adults and persons with a disability that are experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness. Requires the department, to prioritize communities where renters face high rates of poverty, displacement, gentrification, and homelessness. Requires an award recipient to use grant funds for specified activities, including, housing subsidies for up to the amount of reasonable rent until the participant is able to access a long-term subsidy or no longer requires the housing subsidy and relocation costs if a landlord decides not to continue participating in the program or evicts a tenant, as specified. Authorizes 30% of program funds to be used for administration and staffing costs, landlord incentives, and housing navigation and tenancy transition services, as those terms are defined.</td>
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<td>SB 107</td>
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<td>CalFresh: Provides option to apply, report, and recertify for CalFresh in person, by mail, online, or by telephone, and permit an individual to complete the interview requirement and client signature by telephone. Authorizes counties to implement any method of telephonic or electronic signature that is supported by county business practice and technology. Requires the department, with the input of stakeholders, to develop and execute a plan of support for counties that have not already implemented a telephonic application and renewal process and to provide technical assistance and resources. Requires the application process to satisfy specified criteria, including simple, user-friendly language and instructions. Requires certain counties to comply with these provisions beginning on or before January 1, 2023, and requires the remaining counties to comply with the provisions beginning on or before January 1, 2024.</td>
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<td>SB 861</td>
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<td><strong>Dementia Care Navigator Grant Program:</strong> Establishes the Dementia Care Navigator Grant Program, to be administered by the California Department of Aging, in partnership with organizations with expertise using community health workers, promotores, and health navigators. The bill would provide that the purpose of the program is to incentivize organizations that provide services to local communities to provide dementia care navigation training services. Authorizes organizations with expertise using community health workers, promotores, and health navigators to apply for a grant. Requires the department to award grants on a competitive basis. Requires an organization that receives a grant pursuant to these provisions to provide to the department an annual report on the services provided on or before December 31 of the year the grant is received. Also requires the department to provide a report to the relevant policy committees of the Legislature on or before December 1, 2025, and annually thereafter.</td>
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Date: 7-14-22

To: Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council
   Seniors Council Board of Directors

From: Clay Kempf, Executive Director

RE: Executive Director’s July Report

COVID-19 UPDATE
The relaxing of COVID-19 safety protocols is resulting in expected impacts, with cases on the rise, including participants in some local senior centers and programs, and staff of our own agency and contracted service providers. The Seniors Council continues to exercise caution, and in addition to requiring vaccines, we maintain our previous policies of limiting office visits, wearing masks in common areas, and providing free home test kits to our staff. We occasionally hold staff meetings in person, but the vast majority, including all of those involving non-staff, continue to be held remotely.

UNALLOCATED FUNDING
The unspent funding categories reported last month remain, with some clarity being received regarding their distribution timelines and guidelines being released. These funds fall into three distinct categories; 1) Home & Community-Based Services (HCBS), including Older Adults Resilience & Recovery (OARR); 2) American Rescue Plan Act, and; 3) the new state general fund allocations made this past month.

HCBS/OARR funding falls into five categories, including 1) a 2 yr continuation of the Dignity at Home Falls Prevention Program; 2 & 3) augmentations to Legal Services and Family Caregiver Support; 4) Nutrition Infrastructure; and lastly, 5) a new category – Intergeneration Nutrition Funding. A breakdown of HCBS/OARR funding, included in last month’s packet, is shared again here.

Within these categories, our direction is to continue to operate Falls Prevention as a direct service; allocate 100% of legal services to our sole, two-county legal provider (Senior Citizens Legal Services); split the Family Caregiver Support funding between Senior Network
Services (in Santa Cruz County), and Jovenes de Antaño (in San Benito County). As usual, we will overfund San Benito County programs and award 25% of the FCSP dollars to Jovenes.

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The $600,000 of *Nutrition Infrastructure* available for distribution will be released for proposals to local non-profits that are currently providing nutrition services to older adults. These funds will NOT be available for the operating costs of meal service, but instead are designed to purchase equipment that supports senior meal production. For example, purchase of a stove or a vehicle is an allowable cost; paying for food, kitchen staff, or food delivery personnel is not. The CDA process for distribution of these funds has been modified this month to allow for up to $300,000 to be designated as “set aside” funding to be determined at a later date.

One-sixth of this allocation will be made to us prior to any purchase of equipment. All other expenditures are on a reimbursement basis, meaning service organizations will have to pay for the equipment themselves, then submit an expense report to us, which we will forward to CDA for payment. Turn-around time from purchase to reimbursement is estimated at 90 days. We’re currently exploring solutions to these delays and are hoping to be part of a statewide solution.

Next is our *American Recovery and Rescue Plan* funding, again covering two years plus. Our plan remains to split these funds in half for the current and following year, as shown in the chart on the next page.

*Our Tentative Plan:* Split these funds equally between FYs 2022-23 and 2023-24. Announce the availability of these funds to our known senior service network and related allies. Request a short application of one to two pages, in a style similar to what we do with our OTO funds and Families First and Cares Act dollars showing equipment to be purchased, seniors to be served, and cost of service. Convene an
ARPA Review Committee to recommend funding allocations to the Board for final action.

In the case of IIID Health Promotion and Title VII Ombudsman, we will award those funds to our only categorical providers; IIID will remain a direct, in-house allocation, and Ombudsman funding will be awarded to Advocacy Inc.

**Timeline:** Upon Completion of Nutrition Infrastructure Spending Plan.

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Lastly, we’re awaiting information regarding the allocation and allowable uses of the State General Funding passed by the Legislature and signed by the Governor. The language in the budget bill was general and very flexible in nature, per the request of C4A Lobbyist Kathy Mossburg and myself. Both of us have requested and offered to assist the Department of Aging in how they allocate those funds, but have not been invited to do so.

**STAFF VACANCIES & TEMPORARY PROMOTION.**

Our new Foster Grandparent/Senior Companion Program Director, Tania Wildbill, has resigned; accepting employment in Oregon to be closer to her daughter. While we recruit to fill the vacancy, FGP/SCP Program Coordinator Cristina Bañuelos has been appointed as Interim Director, effective Tuesday of this week. We’re making other adjustments to program staff to compensate for Cristina shifting her focus from Program Coordinator to Director. Fiscal Officer Cathy Colvard and I will continue to dedicate significant hours to supporting Cristina during this transition, just as we had been doing for Tania. Kathryn Ramirez independent contract will be extended to provide administrative expertise when needed.
**Project Name:** Seniors Council Foster Grandparent Program  
**Grant Year:** 7/1/21-6/30/22

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July through September data includes CNCS approved Temporary Stipend Allowance hours. October through February data includes CNCS approved Alternative Service Hours. April data includes CNCS approved Temporary Stipend Allowance hours.

**June Averages**

- Hours per vol: 91
- Days in mth: 22
- Avg hrs/day: 4
- Days in wk: 4.40
- Avg hrs/week: 18.25

**OVER/UNDER**

- HOURS: 3,805
- STIPEND: $11,414.43
- VSYs: 3.64

**VSY Actual to Target (Cumulative)**
ADRC of San Benito County
Staff Report – July 2022

Core/Direct Service staff from the ADRC of San Benito County met for bi-monthly meetings on June 16th and June 30th. Key discussions included: ADRC Consumer Satisfaction Surveys; on-going projects, including the iPad/CHAT rollout and screenings, Fall Prevention Program referrals, and ADRC outreach and tabling activities, including the Hollister Farmers Market; No Wrong Door Network partners training opportunities; Personally Identifiable Information (PII) sharing protocols for referrals and application support, as well as associated forms and documentation; and the ADRC’s participation in CDA’s Medicaid Administrative Claiming (MAC) Time Study slated for the week of July 18th — 22nd.

Staff from the ADRC of San Benito County attended the Hazel Hawkins Memorial Hospital Volunteer Recognition Luncheon on May 18th, at Paine’s in Hollister. It was a very well-attended event, and ADRC Staff had ample opportunity to meet and speak with volunteers and influential community members, as well as to provide an introduction and overview of ADRC service supports, consumer service philosophy, and goals for creating a truly all-inclusive No Wrong Door (NWD) community partnership to support long term services and support needs. The forum also provided an additional opportunity to introduce both Seniors Council of Santa Cruz & San Benito County and the Central Coast Center for Independent Living programs and services, as the two organizations sponsored the luncheon.

Staff participated in a Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) ECM: A New Vision for Whole Person Care overview and information session on June 2nd. Staff participated in the June 10th meeting of the San Benito County Aging and Long Term Care Commission. Staff also attended the Monterey County HOME Collaborative Meeting on June 13th, the Hollister Farmers Market on June 15th, the ADRC Advisory Committee’s Sustainability Work Group sponsored workshop, Partnerships with CBOs: A Health Plan’s Perspective, Community Foundation for San Benito County’s Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Workshop - Session #3 on June 22nd, a session of the CDA sponsored MAC Stakeholder Workgroup on June 23rd, and the NWD/ADRC Vaccine Booster Outreach Briefing/Peer Action Learning Hour on the same day. Staff attended the Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH) Program Design Webinar and a MAC Time Study Training on June 29th.

Staff submitted its ADRC Infrastructure Grant Budget and Program Narrative for FY22/23 to CDA for review and approval on June 20th. The grant award for the new fiscal year is $199, 584 for the period July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023. The submitted budget earmarked $19,958 (10%) for Administrative Services; $108,453 (54%) for managerial and direct service Personnel; $44,000 (22%) for direct service Contracted Personnel; and $4,500 (2%) for Contracted Training, and $22,673 (11%) for combined Advertising and Promotion, Meeting Expenses, Website Maintenance, Equipment, Insurance, Office Space, Maintenance and Repairs, Utilities, and Training.

The Program Narrative submitted contained the following goals:

- Build ADRC of San Benito County and No Wrong Door consumer knowledge and brand recognition.
- Raise awareness of LTSS options, and the value of supported decision-making and a person-centered approach to planning to assist consumers and families in making choices, taking action, and achieving better and more sustainable outcomes.
• Perform focused outreach and undertake additional resource-sharing and awareness activities with traditionally underrepresented and underserved populations and geographies.
• Support consumer resource-sharing, education, eligibility screening, and application and enrollment assistance to improve and streamline access to a broad array of LTSS.
• Provide enhanced care and service access and care management support for individual consumers, caregivers, and families otherwise without a connection to or support from other community service providers.
• Support on-going NWD partner and LTSS community provider access to resource information, enrollment support, application assistance, training, and instruction.
• Broaden, deepen, and strengthen partnerships to support San Benito County’s No Wrong Door Network.
• Serve as a resource for No Wrong Door partners and community providers to build knowledge and skills related to the provision of greater whole-person care and support.
• Inform, support, and advocate for the greater development volunteer-based community LTSS, as well as for the development of more supportive pathways and a livable wage for community-based direct care workers.
• Continue to develop appropriate knowledge and processes to support and engage with a variety of claim-for-service payment sources such as MAC and ECM, with the goal of utilizing specific ADRC skills and abilities in support of local LTSS, as well as continued program sustainability.
• Develop means and process by which to better collect, measure, and report on various consumer services data and related outcomes, especially around social determinants of health markers.

ADRC of San Benito County Staff attended the CDA sponsored MAC Time Study Training event on June 29th. The training covered various elements of the time study directed at Medicaid Administrative Claiming opportunities for the ADRC in delivering: 1) Streamlined Access to Medi-Cal programs or services; 2) Application Assistance for Medi-Cal programs or services; 3) Marketing & Outreach for Medi-Cal programs or services; 4) Staff Training on Medi-Cal programs or services; and 5) Quality Improvement for Medi-Cal programs or services to both Medi-Cal eligible and enrolled individuals. The time study will take place July 18th – 21st; August 1st – 4th; and September 12th – 15th; the results will help inform the viability and the extent to which MAC may be able to provide on-going claim-for-service income supports for ADRC services statewide.

The ADRC of San Benito County is participating in Hollister Farmers Market tabling and outreach efforts for the Aging and Long Term Care Commission of San Benito County (ALTCC) and community service providers of long term services and supports represented on the Commission. The ALTCC is the designated advisory body for the ADRC of San Benito County. The Market has provided a great opportunity to meet potential consumers, provide information and resources, and raise awareness regarding the various community service supports available to individual consumers and caregivers.

Finally, staff from the ADRC of San Benito County ordered materials and finalized and approved plans to install an outdoor seating area for the purpose of in-person consultative meetings with consumers, caregivers, and families seeking information and supportive services from the ADRC hub site at the Hollister Recreation Center, at 300 West Street, in Hollister. The seating area will include eco-friendly TrueGrid pavers, a picnic table with benches, two sunbrellas, and a couple of decorative planters. The area will be located on the north (Virginia Drive) side of the building to the right of the entrance there, providing additional, alternative, and confidential meeting space to engage with community members.