

San Benito - Summary MPA Combined Workgroups

Meeting Details:

Date: July 30, 2026

Time: 1:30 PM

Location: via Zoom

Summary: The Master Plan for Aging Workgroups met on **July 30, 2026**, with a special presentation from the **Hollister Safe Streets for All (SS4A)** project team. The team provided an overview of the ADA Transition Plan, including completed data collection efforts, accessibility improvements under consideration, and community feedback gathered through surveys and interactive mapping. Discussion focused on improving pedestrian safety and accessibility for older adults, increasing community participation, and promoting the upcoming community event planned for October.

Workgroup members then shared updates across the five Master Plan for Aging goal areas. Housing discussions highlighted the continued demand for affordable housing, lengthy waitlists, and the need for additional housing resources for older adults. Health updates included Matter of Balance classes, YMCA wellness programs, caregiver education, and Alzheimer's Association outreach efforts with Hazel Hawkins to improve dementia resource referrals. Updates were also shared on technology assistance programs, volunteer recruitment opportunities through Gavilan College, and caregiver support groups expanding into San Juan Bautista.

The group also discussed plans for future community outreach events, including resource fair planning and continued collaboration with local partners to expand education, volunteerism, and services for older adults.

An update was provided on the Financial Guide project, with discussion centered on obtaining additional review from financial professionals before publication while continuing to move the project toward completion.

The meeting concluded with a broader discussion about the future direction of the Master Plan for Aging workgroups. Members discussed building on the success of the Local Playbook by strengthening partnerships, increasing advocacy for age-friendly communities, highlighting accomplishments, and identifying long-term priorities that improve the quality of life for older adults throughout San Benito County. This conversation will continue at future workgroup meetings.

You can review the notes from the Breakout Groups, which will guide our work on county-wide solutions, by clicking on the link below. This page also includes video recordings of the group meetings and outlines the goals from the Master Plan for Aging Solutions Summit <https://seniorscouncil.org/solutions-summit-2024/>

Next Meeting:

- Date: 10.29.26

- Time: 1:30 PM

- Location: via Zoom



Seniors Council and the Community Foundation for San Benito County are partners in local aging initiatives, including San Benito Connect – Neighbor to Neighbor Volunteer Network and the State of California's Local Master Plan for Aging planning and development initiative, working together to address local community aging and disability needs.

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