

<b>COMMITTEE:</b> Legislative Advocacy	<b>DATE:</b> May 19, 2023	<b>LOCATION:</b> 20 N. San Pedro Rd., Pt. Reyes Room
<b>MEMBERS:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Diana López, Chair <input type="checkbox"/> Vacant, Vice-Chair <input type="checkbox"/> Matt Boland <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sybil Boutilier <input type="checkbox"/> Sylvia Barry <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Salamah Locks <b>PUBLIC/ OTHER:</b> Mandy Reyes (Area Agency on Aging), Luke Barnesmoore (Home Match), Linda Jackson (Aging Action Initiative) <b>EXCUSED:</b> Barry <b>ABSENT:</b> Boland		
<b>STAFF/RECORDER:</b> Mandy Reyes (Sr. Program Coordinator, Area Agency on Aging)		
<b>NEXT MEETING:</b> Friday, June 16, 2023, 9:30 – 11 a.m.		

NOTES SUMMARY	ACTION TAKEN/ RESPONSIBLE PARTY
<p><b>Call to Order:</b> Chair López called the meeting to order at 10:12 a.m.</p> <p><b>Agenda Approval:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commissioner Boutilier made a motion to approve the agenda for May 19, 2023 as written.</li> <li>• Seconded by Commissioner Locks.</li> <li>• Motion carried 3-0.</li> </ul> <p><b>Minutes Approval:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commissioner Locks made a motion to approve the minutes for April 21, 2023 as written.</li> <li>• Seconded by Commissioner Boutilier.</li> <li>• Motion carried 3-0.</li> </ul> <p><b>Introductions:</b> N/A</p> <p><b>Announcements:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• June 1 is Immigration Celebration Day at Embassy Suites 3-7 p.m.</li> <li>• 80 people signed up so far for MCCOA Health Forum: Friday, May 26th, 2023, 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. The Key Room at Homeward Bound 1385 North Hamilton Parkway, Novato, CA 94949</li> </ul>	

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<p><b>Open Time for Public Expression:</b> None</p> <p><b>Legislative Aide's Reports:</b> Melissa Apuya, District Director (Assemblymember Connolly):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Appropriations Committees in both the Senate and Assembly had their Suspense Hearing. Some bills that were previously held in their committee have been passed to the floor of their respective house. If you have questions or bills that you would like an update on, contact Melissa Apuya at <a href="mailto:Melissa.Apuya@asm.ca.gov">Melissa.Apuya@asm.ca.gov</a>.</li> </ul> <p><b>Chair Report:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• California Commission on Aging, C4A Conference – Chair López had the opportunity to go to the California Association of Area Agency on Aging (C4A) conference last week in Glendale, CA. A lot of contacts were made, and she learned a lot.</li> </ul> <p><b>California Senior Legislature (CSL) Report:</b> None</p> <p><b>Governor's May Budget Revision Update:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• OVERVIEW - The Governor released the May Revision, which kicks off the last month of budget negotiations. The Legislature and Governor have until June 15th to pass a balanced budget. The Governor focused on prudent fiscal planning, resilience, and restraint in spending. The May Revision points to growing risks that could impact the state budget such as the economic fallout from a debt limit impasse, higher interest rates, uncertainty of financial institutions, and the delayed tax receipts until October 2023. These issues create vulnerabilities in knowing the true fiscal picture of the state.</li> <li>• BUDGET SPENDING - The Governor does propose to balance the budget by using several tools: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Spending reductions and pullbacks - The May Revision reduces \$1.1 billion in spending across multiple fiscal years. Generally, the reductions in the May Revision reflect reversions of unused funds, rather than cuts to programs.</li> <li>○ Trigger cuts- The May Revision maintains most of the \$3.9 billion in trigger reductions included in January Budget.</li> <li>○ Delayed Spending – In total there is a proposed \$8.1 billion in spending delays spread across multiple years.</li> <li>○ Fund Shifts – The May Revision includes \$3.3 billion in shifts of spending commitments from General Fund and other funds.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Revenue/Borrowing - The May Revision includes \$3.7 billion in revenue and borrowing with \$2.5 billion from the Managed Care Organization (MCO) tax and \$1.2 billion in borrowing from special funds.</li> <li>○ Safety Net Reserve Withdrawal – The May Revision proposes to withdrawal \$450 million from the Safety Net Reserve. This represents half of the funds available in the reserve.</li> <li>● Key Aging issues: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Advancing Older Adult Behavioral Health—The May Revision includes \$20 million General Fund in 2023-24, \$20 million General Fund in 2024-25, and \$10 million General Fund in 2025-26 at the California Department of Aging to support the continuation of the Older Adult Friendship Line—a targeted media campaign for older adults, and competitive grants to local jurisdictions to build organizational capacity to identify and address older adult behavioral health and substance use disorder needs.</li> <li>○ Home and Community-Based Services Spending Plan Extension—The May Revision includes a six-month extension until September 30, 2024 for specified programs such as the IHSS Career Pathways Program and the Senior Nutrition Infrastructure Program to fully spend allocated funding based on critical programmatic needs.</li> <li>○ California Food Assistance Program (CFAP) Expansion Update—DSS continues to work towards implementing the CFAP expansion for income-eligible individuals aged 55 years or older, regardless of their immigration status. The Governor’s Budget indicated that the program may begin food benefits issuance in January 2027. Automation is anticipated to begin in July 2023 and food benefits issuance is now anticipated to begin in October 2025. The May Revision includes \$40 million General Fund for automation and outreach efforts.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Updates – Individual Committee Members – Bill Status:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Members of the committee gave updates on status of Legislature bills and made suggestions on which bills to continue to watch, watch+, support or advocate.</li> </ul> <p><b>Action Items:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Update Bill Status and Action Worksheet - Completed</li> <li>● Determine Bills to Bring Forward to the Board of Supervisors – Not completed</li> <li>● Advocacy Strategy re: Most Promising and Important Bills – Not completed</li> </ul> <p><b>New Business:</b> None</p>	

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<p><b>Adjournment:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Commissioner Locks made a motion to adjourn.</li><li>• Seconded by Commissioner Boutilier.</li><li>• Motion carried 3-0.</li><li>• The meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.</li></ul>	