

COMMITTEE: Legislative Advocacy (LAC)	DATE: January 6, 2025	LOCATION: 20 N. San Pedro Rd., Muir Woods
<p>MEMBERS: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Diana López, Chair <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kristin Amlie, Vice-Chair <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sylvia Barry <input type="checkbox"/> Allan Bortel</p> <p>PUBLIC/ OTHER: Tom Gannon (Community Member), Luke Barnesmoore (Home Match), Ted Jackson (Marin Center for Independent Living), Kristi Denton Cohen (Commission on Aging), Kris Organ (California Alliance for Retired Americans, CARA), Joseph Shumake (Home Match)</p> <p>EXCUSED: Bortel ABSENT: N/A</p>		
STAFF/RECORDER: Mandy Reyes, Sr. Program Coordinator, Area Agency on Aging (AAA)		
NEXT MEETING: February 3, 2025		
MINUTES SUMMARY		ACTION TAKEN/ RESPONSIBLE PARTY
<p>Call to Order: Chair López called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.</p> <p>Approval of Agenda as Amended:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion/Seconded/Carried (M/S/C) – Amlie/Barry/3-0 <p>Approval of Minutes – Dec. 2, 2024 as Written:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion/Seconded/Carried (M/S/C) – Amlie/Barry/3-0 <p>Speakers: None</p> <p>Commissioner Announcements: None</p> <p>Open Time for Public Comment on Matters not on the Agenda: None</p> <p>Legislative Aide’s Reports: Summer Cassel (Senator McGuire): N/A Melissa Apuya (Assemblymember Connolly): N/A</p>		

Community Partner Updates/Reports:

Kris Organ (CARA) -

- CARA is re-committing to the national effort to preserve and improve social security, Medicare and Medicaid.
- CARA Action Team (CAT) will be meeting this Wednesday at 11 a.m.

Luke Barnesmoore (Home Match) –

- The big fight ramping up is over the Home Safe program. The one-time funding has now dried up. A new funding allocation is needed.
- SB 37 for shallow rent subsidies passed both the house and the senate but was not funded in the budget so the governor vetoed it. The governor’s office says they support the policy, but a funding stream needs to be identified.
- The language for the shared housing bill that will run in the next legislative session is in the process of being dropped.
- The other thing being looked at has to do with tenancy law, particularly the Lodge or Law because it is not enforced which creates confusion.

Ted Jackson (Marin Center for Independent Living) –

- MCIL is playing a wait and see game while congress is coming back together.
- One issue for MCIL is the reauthorization of the Work Incentives Opportunities Act (WIOA). Attached to this is the amendment of the reauthorization of the Rehabilitations Act which is MCIL’s base funding. MCIL will be looking at advocacy around this.
- Waiting to see what the Governor’s budget says when it comes out which will determine MCIL’s initial advocacy steps.
- The Daylight Law affects the reduction of the overall number of parking spaces, which includes ADA parking spaces.
- There is a spot bill that hasn’t been introduced yet which allows counties to do contract mode for IHSS protective supervision.

Chair and California Senior Legislature (CSL) Reports:

Chair Report: Chair López – None

Vice Chair Report: Amlie - None

Legislative Year in Review:

- Commissioner Amlie lead a discussion on how this committee should be structured going forward and the important work that needs to be done in terms of legislation.

- The committee was asked to help determine what bills should rise to the top in terms of advocacy.

Planning for MCCOA General Meeting Presentation:

- The committee discussed the upcoming presentation and the best ways to advertise.

New Business: None

Adjournment: 5:27 p.m.

- Motion/Seconded/Carried (M/S/C) – Barry/Amlie/3-0