

COMMITTEE: Legislative Advocacy (LAC)	DATE: February 3, 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), Kris Organ (California Alliance for Retired Americans, CARA), Joseph Shumake (Home Match), Allan Bortel (Community Member), Ed Schultz (Commission on Aging)</p> <p>EXCUSED: Allan Bortel</p> <p>ABSENT: N/A</p>		
<p>STAFF/RECORDER: Amy Dietz, Sr. Program Coordinator, Area Agency on Aging (AAA)</p>		
<p>NEXT MEETING: March 3, 2025</p>		
<p>MINUTES SUMMARY</p>		<p>ACTION TAKEN/ RESPONSIBLE PARTY</p>
<p>Call to Order: Chair López called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.</p> <p>Approval of Agenda as Amended:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion/Seconded/Carried (M/S/C) – Amlie/López/3-0. <p>Approval of Minutes – Jan 6, 2025 as Written:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion/Seconded/Carried (M/S/C) – Amlie/López/2-1. There was one abstention. <p>Speakers: None</p> <p>Commissioner Announcements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vice-Chair Amlie spoke at the Stanford Century 2025 Summit on the topic of health care and ageism last Saturday. • Commissioner Barry announced that Homeward Bound of Marin has 26 units of workforce housing that will open in March. 		

Open Time for Public Comment on Matters not on the Agenda: None

Legislative Aide's Reports:

Summer Cassel (Senator McGuire): N/A

Melissa Apuya (Assemblymember Connoly): N/A

Community Partner Updates/Reports:

Kris Organ (CARA) -

- CARA's top priority statewide is Medicaid funding; doing actions in communities to highlight how Medicaid helps seniors and persons with disabilities. One of three people on Medicare also relies on MediCal.
- Focusing on Bill SB242, which focuses on Medicare Advantage Plan members wanting to move to a Medigap plan due to coverage issues. Asked the MCCOA to help gather stories to persuade legislators.
 - Asked that stories be sent through commissioners and then forwarded to him.
 - Will send an email to Chair López and she will forward to members of the committee.

Joseph Shumake (Home Match) –

- There is a one-page description of the Home Share Act of 2025 put out by LeadingAge California. Front Porch is providing subject matter expertise. The aim is to make home sharing easier through possible incentives.
 - Chair López requested an update with more specifics at the March meeting.
 - Vice-Chair Amlie requested clarification as to the Lodger Law and how that would be impacted by this bill.

Chair and California Senior Legislature (CSL) Reports:

Chair Report: Chair López –

- Amy Gotwals' presentation at the last MCCOA meeting was excellent.
- Reached out to Assemblymember Huffman, Assemblymember Connoly, and Senator Maguire asking if they would like to speak at the committee or at the general meeting.

Vice Chair Report: Amlie –

- Thanked Chair López for organizing the last MCCOA meeting.
- Asked that there be a repository of PPT slides, on the website or elsewhere, from presentations. A possible issue is that things posted on our website must be digitally accessible and presenter slides may or may not be. Chair López will bring this up at the next Executive Committee.

CSL (Bortel)-

- Low number of legislative proposals this year.
- Approved the list at the end of Nov.

Discussion LAC Legislative Agenda 2025

- Important issues to focus on:
 - Amlie: Housing and employment. Ageism and ableism.
 - Schultz: Preserving MediCal funding. Behavioral Health Services Act changes and trying to preserve existing programs. Shallow rent subsidies and home match. Adult Day Health.
 - Barry: Maintain existing funding. Be able to quickly pivot. Shallow rent subsidies.
 - Shumake: Continue utility subsidy.
 - Gannon: Home share programs. Behavioral health concerns and more mental health support to older adults in Marin County.
 - Organ: Housing, taking the lead from Front Porch.

New Business: None.

Adjournment: 5:34 p.m.

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