

Napa County Commission on Aging

Minutes for Monday, January 26, 2026

2 p.m. – 4 p.m. CSOA

650 Imperial Way, Ste. 101, Napa, CA

I. Call to Order; Roll Call; Introductions

Meeting called to order at 2 p.m. Present: Marc Frankenstein, Jay Kouba, Devereaux Smith, Mary Palmer, Dan Woodard, Heather Luna, Kristi Morrow, Tessa Lorraine, Karen Folkman Lustig, Colleen Kabeary, Marianne Galvin, and Robin McKee-Cant. Excused: Heather Luna, Carol M. Whichard, and Barbara Wiggins. Absent: John Pearson

II. Approval of Agenda: January 26, 2026

Karen motioned for approval, Jay seconded the approval. All voted in favor.

III. Approval of Minutes: November 24, 2025

Marc said change Share the Care's Gift Guide to Give Guide and HAPI's speaker at the next HAPI meeting was Emma Moyer. Jay motioned for approval and Dan seconded the approval. Robin abstained from voting since she was not at the November meeting. The rest of the commission voted to approve the minutes.

IV. Public Comment

No comments

V. Speakers and Presentations -

a. Supervisor Anne Cottrell - Napa County update

Supervisor Cottrell provided a written report via her aide (Leah Doyle-Stevens), as she was unable to attend the meeting. The report discussed the many changes happening at the state and federal level.

b. Tracy Rodriguez-Biggs - Providence Community Health Napa Valley - PACE Program

Tracy gave a PowerPoint presentation. Tracy shared that PACE stands for a Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly. They have been in Napa for three years. A video was shown on what PACE does. Tracy discussed their interdisciplinary team. She shared the "ideal candidate for PACE and discussed how PACE gets reimbursed.

VI. Standing Reports

a. HHS-A-CSOA: Aaron Cadore

Aaron discussed the third allocation of home safe funds from the California Department of Social Services. Home Safe is "light touch housing support" for Adult Protective Services clients. In 2022 and

2023, Napa County received allocations. Each allocation was \$260,000. He said they exhausted the first allocation and are almost through the second allocation. Via the two allocations, they will have served about 160 housing stable older independent adults in Napa County. The third allocation provides one-time funding of about \$275,000. They hope to help about 60+ clients. He shared the funding should be available this spring. He added that with the third allocation, they are teaming up with the Self-Sufficiency Division at HHSA. CSOA will provide protective services and related referrals, and Self-Sufficiency will provide housing navigation and economic development case management.

b. Napa/Solano Area Agency on Aging (AAA): Gwendolyn Gill

No report

c. Connections Napa Valley: Tiffanie Walker

She discussed Information and Assistance. She shared they received 2,476 calls in 2025. She said there are three social workers and one person (maybe two) answering the main line. In case management, they saw 243 people not including home visits that don't turn into cases. They continue to onboard caregivers. They are continuing to do outreach. They had 2,765 contacts during outreach. Regarding Connections, they moved their Advisory Council meetings to once a quarter. She also discussed the ADRC.

d. Ombudsman update: Ben Hill

He discussed the last quarter of 2025. They opened and closed 25 cases. He said the cases involved abuse and neglect (psychological) and abuse and neglect (financial exploitation). They investigated some discrepancies with billing. He shared that the Ombudsman Program can witness advanced healthcare directives for those in skilled nursing facilities and the Veterans Home. He said they got quite a few of those calls.

e. California Senior Legislature: Yvonne Baginski

She shared that they are getting organized for next year's legislation. One of the things they are looking at is what happens to people who need "wrap-around care, can't get it at home, might need to go into a facility, cannot afford a facility and are left alone at home to founder on their own." Yvonne said the senior senators in the NorthBay and the Assembly people have formed a caucus. They meet monthly and they are putting together a combination of proposals called the California Affordable Assisted Living Act. She said that counties' general plans don't talk about assisted-living housing. She said the "baby boom" generation is going to hit their 80s in about 15 – 20 years and we are not prepared. She shared that it's coming down to both capacity and affordability. She said they have until March 1 to

“put together the intent to provide proposals.”

f. Molly’s Angels: Devereaux Smith

She shared that in 2025 they onboarded 467 new clients. They drove older adults 51,500 miles around the county and made 7,700 phone calls to isolated seniors. She said 260 people attended their senior lunch in December. She added that Molly’s Angels has a small emergency grocery fund and requires “nothing more than you to call us and say I have a client that needs help.” She said the SAFE Conference is on July 25.

g. Share the Care: Heather Luna

Colleen gave the report. They are planning for the July 25 Rock the Block fundraiser. She asked if anyone hears about any presentations or health fairs that give Share the Care an opportunity to be present to let her know. She said in Fiscal Year 2024-2025, the Stop Falls Program served 124 clients. In 2025, the Declutter Program served 60 clients, and the Transitional Falls Program served 70 clients. The donation center served 7,162 clients and the number of items given out was 46,439. She said they helped 598 veterans.

h. Elder Abuse Task Force: Jay Kouba

He shared they haven’t had a meeting since November, and their next meeting is in February. He said they were having people talk to them about mandatory reporters in the financial industry. At their next meeting, a banker will be discussing how they train their mandatory reporters. The task force talked about supporting the Safe Conference. They were talking with their subgroup about developing some videos on elder-abuse issues.

i. Continuum of Care: Colleen Kabeary

They are preparing for the PIT (Point-in-Time) Count. Marc said the count is this week.

j. HAPI - Healthy Aging Planning Initiative: Marc Frankenstein/Devereaux Smith

Devereaux said HAPI will have the same presentation by PACE that the COA was given. She said she and Aaron would meet to put out the calendar for the rest of the year.

VII. Commission Business

a. Future Speakers

Marc said Supervisor Manfree will be February’s speaker and Mark Rivas will be discussing Internet Connectivity for older adults. In March, Supervisor Alessio will be the speaker. Marc talked about having the Suicide Prevention Council or someone from Mentis come speak to the commission. April’s COA meeting will be held at Las

Casitas and Supervisor Ramos will be the speaker.

b. Public Relations Committee: New Members & Committee Chair

Marc said Marianne and Robin will join the committee. Jay said they plan to have a COA meeting in June in Calistoga.

c. Nominating Committee: Appeal for Members

Marc said Devereaux and Barbara are on the committee and Jay agreed to join. Marc said he needs a slate of officers by April and they vote in June.

VIII. Commission Reports

a. Treasurer's Report: Kristi Morrow

Marc said they haven't spent any of the \$1,500 in funds. Marc said last year they gave the Safe Conference some funds as well as giving Share the Care some funding.

b. Standing Committees

i. Legislative: Tessa Lorraine

No report

ii. Membership: Mary Palmer

No report

iii. Public Relations: Jay Kouba

Duplicate entry from above.

IX. Commissioner Comments/Updates

Devereaux asked that a transportation ad hoc committee be added to future agendas. Devereaux said the NVTa (at Supervisor's Alessio's request) is returning to the main board with a proposal for a pilot project for mobility management. Devereaux said it's "a one call 'I need to get to X how do I get there?'" Devereaux said it's in many counties throughout the state. She said it's not funded and the NVTa will try to find some money to do a pilot project hopefully led by Dexter Cypress. She said the proposal has not been approved yet by the NVTa Board. She also shared that the NVTa has appointed a new firm to do the ADA certification for VineGo. She said the Paratransit Coordinating Council may have openings. She said if you're interested go online for information. She mentioned that she thinks the COA needs to do an annual report to the Napa County Board of Supervisors. The commission discussed a report. Marc said he thinks their goal should be to have the report done by the end of the fiscal year. Marc created an ad hoc Annual Report Committee. He put himself, Jay, Dan, Tessa and Marianne on the committee. Robin suggested maybe "we have a

repository for senior-related issues where we know who needs volunteers.”

Dan?? motioned for adjournment. Devereaux?? seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Meeting adjourned at 4 p.m.

Next meeting: February 23, 2026, at CSOA Office (Scheduled: Supervisor Amber Manfree - Napa County update, and Mark Revis - update on Internet Connectivity for Older Adults)