



VENTURA COUNTY AREA AGENCY ON AGING ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

July 9, 2025

9:00 a.m. to 11:00 am

Human Services Agency – Ventura Room

2901 N. Ventura Rd, Oxnard

<https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1600825765?pwd=EJ4xAnkdNWwnqQakelBoyOTbk51LxR.1>

The council will be meeting in person, but members of the public are welcome to attend in person or via zoom.

VCAAA Advisory Council Role – To provide leadership, input, and advocacy as facilitators between VCAAA and the community, in support of VCAAA's mission.

VCAAA Role – VCAAA is the responsible agency to seek, serve, administer, and manage available funding to ensure resources are allocated to serve Ventura County, creating integrated community-based services where older adults and people with disabilities can age in their community with dignity and respect.

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| 9:00 a.m. | 1. | Call to Order and Agenda Review | Dr. Maria Munguia |
| | 2. | Pledge of Allegiance | Deborah Elwell |
| | 3. | Roll Call and Motion to Accept Online Virtual Attendance for those declaring "Emergency Circumstances" | Alisa Sanchez |
| | 4. | Approval of Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council Minutes of May 14, 2025. | Dr. Maria Munguia |
| | 5. | Public Comments | Dr. Maria Munguia |

Procedure: The public is welcome to comment. All comments not related to items on the agenda may be made at the beginning of the meeting only. Comments are limited to three minutes per person.

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| 6. | Consent Agenda Items – Committee Reports | Dr. Maria Munguia |
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Procedure: The Advisory Council will approve these reports all at once unless an Advisory Committee wishes to remove a report from the consent agenda and discuss and approve it separately.

- 6.1 Workforce Committee – May 15, 2025
- 6.2 Housing Committee – May 20, 2025
- 6.3 ADRC Committee – May 21, 2025
- 6.4 Optimal Aging Committee – May 21, 2025
- 6.5 Senior Nutrition and Health Comm. – May 21, 2025
- 6.6 Transportation Committee – no meeting held

ACTION ITEMS

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| 7. | Election of Officers (Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary) for FY 2025-2026; one focused population Veterans representative for a two year term starting July 9, 2025 through June 30, 2027; and two Service Provider representatives for a two year term starting July 9, 2025 to June 30, 2027; the reappointment of one Board Of Supervisors representative for a two year term that began September 13, 2024 and will go through September 12, 2026; the reappointment of a City of Oxnard representative for a two year term starting July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2027; the appointment of a second City of Oxnard representative for a two year term starting July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2027; the reappointment of a City of Simi Valley representative for a two year term starting July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2027; the reappointment of a City of Camarillo representative for a two year term that began July 1, 2024 and will go through June 30, 2026; the reappointment of one Service Provider representative for a two year term starting July 9, 2025 to June 30, 2027; and the reappointments of the following focused populations representatives starting July 9, 2025 to June 30, 2027: Behavioral Health, Consumer, Disabilities, Family Caregiver, LGBT+, and Medical Provider. | Sue Tatangelo |
| 8. | Recommendation for the Advisory Council to approve collapsing the Transportation Committee into the Housing Committee, creating a Housing and Transportation Committee | Monique Nowlin |

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

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| 9. | HSA Leadership Update | Melissa Livingston
Roger Robinson
Elaine Martinez |
| 10. | HSA Communications Manager Update | Roger Horne |
| 11. | Bylaws Update | Dr. Maria Munguia |

	12.	AAA Contracts Summary	Monique Nowlin
	13.	Triple-A Council of California (TACC) Update	Dr. Maria Munguia
	14.	Other Committee Meetings:	
	a.	California Senior Legislature Update	Brenda Birdwell Tony Gitt Dr. Karen Gorback
	b.	VCAAA Foundation Update	James Schicker
	c.	LGBT+ Aging Coalition	Dr. Ron Berkowsky
	d.	Dementia Friendly Ventura County	Jason Sagar
	15.	Meeting Calendar FY 2025-2026	Dr. Maria Munguia
	16.	Other Business	Dr. Maria Munguia
	17.	Comments from the Chair	Dr. Maria Munguia
	18.	Future Agenda Items	Dr. Maria Munguia
11:00 am	19.	Adjournment	Dr. Maria Munguia

VENTURA COUNTY AREA AGENCY ON AGING
Advisory Council Meeting Minutes
2901 N. Ventura Rd
Oxnard, CA 93036
May 14, 2025

Advisory Council Members Present:

Blair Barker (Service Provider)	Carol Leish (Disability Population)
Stephanie Belding (Thousand Oaks COA)	Luis Mendez II (Port Hueneme COA)
Dr. Ron Berkowsky (LGBT+ Population)	Dr. Maria Munguia (Santa Paula COA)
Brenda Birdwell (CSL)	Carmen Reyes (Camarillo COA) - virtual
Alvin Brown (Simi Valley COA)	Anita Ruiz (Piru)
Denise Calhoun (BOS District 2)	Peter Schreiner (Behavioral Health)
Deborah Elwell (Camarillo COA)	Martha Shapiro (Service Provider)
Carina Forsythe (Fillmore COA)	Alice Sweetland (Oxnard COA)
Tony Gitt (CSL)	Sue Tatangelo (Consumer)
Dr. Karen Gorback (CSL)	Sylvia Taylor-Stein (BOS District 5)
Lynette Harvey (Medical Provider)	Nita Vaidya (Thousand Oaks COA)
Maureen Hodge (Family Caregiver)	Susan Zirnite (Simi Valley COA)

Advisory Council Members Absent:

Lyn Cotwright (Moorpark COA)	Jonnie Lisman (Port Hueneme COA)
Smita Dandekar (BOS District 4)	Jeanette Sanchez-Palacios (BOS District 1)

VCAAA Staff Members Present:

Julianna Eusano (Social Worker)	Monique Nowlin (Division Manager)
Roger Horne (Communications Mgr)	Ben Rhodes (Division Manager)
Melissa Livingston (Director)	Jason Sagar (PEARLS/ADRD Mgr)
Elaine Martinez (Deputy Director)	Alisa Sanchez (Program Assistant)
Denise Noguera-Valenzuela (I&A Mgr)	Kari Verdugo (Administrative Specialist)

Members of the Public Present:

Elizabeth Savage

Virtual Attendees:

Sarah Mailes	Jerrica Van Nest
Kim Post	Gray Wilking
James Schicker	

BOS (Board of Supervisors) Supervisorial Appointees:

District 1 – Supervisor Matt LaVere
District 2 – Supervisor Jeff Gorell
District 3 – Supervisor Kelly Long

District 4 – Supervisor Janice Parvin
District 5 – Supervisor Vianey Lopez

- 1) **Call to Order and Agenda Review** – The March 12, 2025, Advisory Council meeting was called to order at 9:04 am by Chair Dr. Maria Munguia.
- 2) **Pledge of Allegiance** – The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Alisa Sanchez.
- 3) **Roll Call and Motion to Accept Online Virtual Attendance for Those Declaring “Emergency Circumstances”** – Alisa Sanchez called roll. Quorum was reached.
- 4) **Approval of Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council Minutes of March 12, 2025.**

Motion: Approve March 12th, 2025 Minutes

Moved by: Sue Tatangelo, seconded by Alice Sweetland

Result: Motion passed

- 5) **Approval of Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council Minutes of February 12, 2025**

Motion: Approve February 12th, 2025 Minutes

Moved by: Blair Barker, seconded by Stephanie Belding

Result: Motion passed

- 6) **Public Comments** – Dr. Ron Berkowsky shared that he continues to work with the city of Santa Paula with a team of college students from Cal State University Channel Islands (CSUCI) on a data collection project to help them develop their Master Plan for Aging. An opportunity for funding from the Robert Wood Johnson foundation has arisen – the Exploring Equitable Futures Grant. His plan is for CSUCI to apply for the Grant and if awarded, CSUCI could be the data collector and repository and in the future, local cities could come to CSUCI for said data for their Master Plans for Aging. Al Brown shared that the City of Simi Valley Council on Aging is hosting a

Wellness Fair on May 21, 2025, from 8 AM – 12 PM at the City Hall. Stephanie Belding shared that actor Bradley Cooper executive produced a documentary called Caregiving which can be streamed on PBS beginning on Tuesday, May 27th and beginning on June 24th, it will be available to stream on YouTube. Caregiving shines a light on the urgent need for Support for Caregivers by sharing personal stories. Maureen Hodge shared that she, Lynette Harvey, and Sue Tatangelo recently attended an Advocacy Day event and that she even got a private 30 minutes with Congresswoman Brownley. She and a group of 20 representatives are continuously focused on how to keep caring for the Caregiver – the group partnered with other groups and applied for a Grant and will find out if they got it on June 1st. Tony Gitt shared that later today (May 14th) at 3PM, the Governor will be releasing his proposed revised budget. There is a number you can call in to listen – 800-369-1866. The access code is 384466. Martha Shapiro shared the article in The Acorn that recognized Al Brown, as he was honored by the City of Simi Valley and named 2025 City Volunteer of the Year.

7) Consent Agenda Items

7.1 ADRC Committee – March 19, 2025

7.2 Workforce Committee – March 20, 2025

7.3 Optimal Aging Committee – March 26, 2025

7.4 Senior Nutrition and Health Comm. – March 26, 2025

7.5 Housing Committee – April 15, 2025

7.6 Transportation Committee – no meeting held

Motion: Accept Committee Reports

Moved by: Alice Sweetland, seconded by Martha Shapiro

Result: Motion passed

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- 8) HSA Communications Manager Update** – Roger Horne shared that soon the county website addresses will be changed/updated. VCAAA.org will become VCAAA.venturacounty.gov. There were 16 outreach events in March and 15 in April. Upcoming Events: Simi Valley Wellness Fair May 21st, Ventura Senior Expo May 28th, 50 Plus Senior Expo in Oxnard June 6th, and Santa Paula Spring into Summer Event June 21st. Attended the annual proclamation for Older Americans month yesterday, May 13th at Board of Supervisors. Roger shared the video he created highlighting HICAP.

- 9) **AAA Office Move Update** – Monique Nowlin shared that the VCAAA Move is now complete, and staff is settled into their new offices. She directed attendees to see PowerPoint slide attached to agenda packet that has the Zoom link for Advisory Council Meeting and the addresses of the new office locations.
- 10) **Bylaws Update** – Chair Dr. Munguia shared that the Bylaws committee has now met 4 times (March 25th, April 22nd, April 29th, and May 13th). Chair thanked the Bylaws Committee members, Carol Leish, Dr. Karen Gorback, Sue Tatangelo, Alisa and Monique for the collaboration. Next steps are for HSA Leadership to review the Redline version, then if/when approved, it will be brought forth to Advisory Council to vote on and then it goes to Board of Supervisors for final approval and acceptance.
- 11) **HSA Leadership Update** – Director Melissa Livingston shared that although she did retire on April 25th, she will be staying on as acting Director until the newly appointed Director Roger Robinson arrives mid-June. He has been the Assistant Director of Solano County, and he will be moving to Ventura County. When he starts Melissa will stay on for a few weeks to make sure the transition is seamless and a warm handoff. Melissa commits that new Director Roger Robinson will be attending the July Advisory Council Meeting and she may attend with him. She shared that there may be potential difficult decisions that will need to be made as a county dependent on the revised budget coming down from the Federal Government and State.
- 12) **HSA Fiscal Update** – Monique Nowlin shared the programs that will be sunsetting: Project Lifesaver aka VC Project Found, SCSEP (Title V), Home Share Program, HCBA Program. SCSEP Program was transitioned to SER Jobs for Progress, Home Share was transitioned to United Way and HCBA Program was transitioned to Access TLC. MSSP will be sunset at the end of June and announcement on who the new provider will be forthcoming once a decision is made by CDA. GrandPad program will also be sunset at the end of June. A handout was passed out that highlights the programs and services ADS offers. Monique shared up on the screen the Fiscal/budget updates from Bernadette Heredia. Budget adjustments will be made mid-year.
- 13) **Nominating Committee Update** – Sue Tatangelo, chair of Nominating Committee shared that the Nominating committee is formed and had their first meeting. The committee is comprised of Sue Tatangelo, Al Brown and Stephanie Belding with the assistance

of AAA Director, Monique Nowlin and Program Assistant, Alisa Sanchez. Sue shared the various city vacancies as well as the Focused Populations and Service Provider vacancies. Sue shared that the current Executive Officers (Chair, Co-Chair and Secretary) are amenable to staying on another term for consistency through transition. Sue shared that any of the Council Members are welcome to run for Executive Officer and to apply by June 30th so that names can be presented/slotted at the July 9th meeting.

- 14) **Strategic Plan Update for FY 2025-2026** – Monique Nowlin shared the Strategic Plan Update that is going to the California Dept of Aging this week. The Area Plan is for 2024-2028 however an annual update is required, the update going to CDA is for 2025-2026. Ventura County is Planning Service Area (PSA) 18. The changes made include the removal of the SNP Food Box program, the Senior Nutrition Farm was removed, Ombudsman rate changed from 94% to 99% and updates to AAA addresses. After the meeting, the Update was also emailed to the Advisory Council.
- 15) **Other Committee Meetings:**
 - a. **California Senior Legislature Update** – Tony Gitt shared a flyer about Senior Rally Day that was held virtually on 5/6/25. Tony shared about five goals and bills that support the goals. The CSL report that was shared was emailed out to the Advisory Council after the meeting.
 - b. **VCAAA Foundation Update** – James Schicker, Foundation Chair shared that VCAAAF is looking to get a larger spectrum on senior concerns throughout the County. He shared that Blair Barker came and spoke at a VCAAAF meeting a couple of months ago and he was appreciative of her insight. VCAAAF plans to help fund the 13 meal sites in Ventura County. Every meal site will get a one-time donation.
 - c. **LGBT+ Aging Coalition** – Dr. Ron Berkowsky introduced himself as the new Chair of the LGBT+ Aging Coalition and thanked previous Chair Martha Shapiro for her years of service. Dr. Berkowsky also thanked VCAAAF for funding the swag that will be given out at various outreach events during Pride season.
 - d. **Dementia Friendly Ventura County** – Jason Sagar shared that there have not been any recent Living Well Caring Well events as of late, but the committee is still having their regular meetings. Next meeting is scheduled for June 4th and will continue to work towards their mission and spreading awareness about resources.
- 16) **Meeting Calendar** – FY 2025-2026 is now out and attached to Agenda Packet.

- 17) **Other Business** – It was mentioned to keep eyes out for the California Gas Tax that will affect Californians. The average is supposed to be between \$700 and \$1,500 annually.
- 18) **Comments from the Chair** – Chair Munguia shared a reminder about Older Americans Month and that this year's theme is "Flipping the Script on Aging".
- 19) **Future Agenda Items** – Newly added agenda item that will remain on each agenda going forward. Please bring forth any agenda topics during this time for future Advisory Council Meetings. Email the agenda items to Chair Dr. Maria Munguia.
- 20) **Adjournment** – Meeting adjourned at 11:16 AM. The next regular meeting for the Advisory Council will be held on July 9, 2025.

TO: VCAAA Advisory Council Members
FROM: Stephanie Belding, Chair
DATE: 07/02/2025
SUBJECT: **Workforce Committee (WC) Report from May 15, 2025**

Committee Members Present:

Stephanie Belding
 Dr. Karen Gorback
 Dr. Nita Vaidya
 Al Brown

Interested Members of the Public

Absent:

Alice Sweetland
 Brenda Birdwell
 Dr. Maria Munguia

Interested Members of the Public Present:

VCAAA Staff Members Present:

Sonia Vaughn (HICAP Manager)
 Roger Horne (Communications Manager)

Committee Members Absent:

1. **Welcome-** Meeting was called to order by Stephanie Belding at 10:07 am.
2. **Public Comments-** There were no public comments made.
3. **New Membership-** There were no new membership updates. Stephanie shared that 80% of the committee members are from the City of Thousand Oaks and this limits the requests the committee can handle. The Members discussed the need to have other members from other areas participate; this is a common issue across organizations, and it was suggested for the Chair and Co-Chair to target specific Advisory Council members individually and follow up with a phone call. It is important to have other member's point of view.
4. **Aligning Goals with HSA; Limits of Strategic Support-** Committee discussed on various ways to align the support with HSA's programs. Currently, the current programs list provided at the AC meeting (May 14, 2025) does not include anything to do with work or jobs. Title V- Senior Employment was a great connection to the Workforce Investment Board and now that Title V is no longer with VCAAA, the committee is not sure what the future state of the Workforce Committee will be.
5. **Development of Presentations to Older Adults-** It was suggested the need to create various presentations and rotating them. One of the presentations that was suggested was on Fraud & Scams
6. **America's Job & Career Center / EDD-** Committee discussed how the AJCC does not have "senior" specific workshops that focus on employment. Workshops for older adults and persons with disabilities would be beneficial for the senior and adults with disabilities population.

7. **Information to Support Current Services-** The committee discussed and is interested to know if HSA will support the efforts of the committee. It was discussed how it would be beneficial to meet with the AAA Director, Monique Nowlin, to discuss the state of the committee. Stephanie will be scheduling a meeting with AAA Director and Co-Chair Al Brown.
8. **Other-** Stephanie shared the idea of having different committees and rotating them every year. She suggested a committee that focuses on Fraud and Scams.
9. **Next meeting date –**The Workforce Committee's next regular meeting will be held on via TEAMS on Thursday, July 17 from 10 AM – 11 AM.
10. **Adjournment-** Meeting adjourned at 10:47 AM.

VENTURA COUNTY AREA AGENCY ON AGING



Housing Committee

April 15th, 2025
2pm – 3pm

Meeting to be held on Zoom

Report

1. Welcome and Introductions-Martha Shapiro, Stephanie Belding, Luis Mendez II, Dr. Jeanette Sanchez-Palacios, Jason Sagar, Jerrica Van-Nest, Roger Horne

2. Public Comments- Stephanie: Thousand Oaks opened a homeless shelter with 30 stand-alone furnished units with access to health, mental health, and job resources. There are still 20-30 unhoused applicants.

Martha: Oak Creek Senior Villas has 20-30 openings for those aged 62+

Housing challenges- Required to apply in order to know of openings, programs are not low-cost and there is a 3-6 month wait limit, HUD facing funding challenges.

Simi Valley housing site with 30 units up for sale where existing occupants could face eviction.

Stephanie- Thousand Oaks reviewing zoning laws which could face possible changes

Luis: Ventura County Coastal Association of Realtors is holding a seminar event June 21st to discuss Living trusts and awareness of fraud effecting homeowners, ex: Solar panel installations increasing property taxes.

Seniors should be able to sign-up for email alerts whenever there is a Title change.

3. HomeShare Update- Jerrica: Effective April 28th Jerrica has transitioned to the PEARLS program. The Homeshare program will now be managed by United Way. Roger has removed application materials from the AAA website. People interested in Homeshare can contact the United Way

Landlord Engagement Division at (805) 485-6288. Links to housing resources remain on the AAA website.

4. Planning Discussion continued-Transportation committee integration was to be discussed at prior Advisory Council Meeting but did not make the meeting. Committee wants to increase membership to represent more regions. Would like more insight from HSA management on goals and expectations of the committee.

The plan for the next meeting is to invite a member of United Way to present on Homeshare and also invite a member from Continuum of Care Homeless services to present on current homeless count-Possibly Dr. Ben Rhodes or Jennifer Harkey.

5. Other- Notable attendee, Dr. Jeanette Sanchez-Palacios, Mayor of Ventura appointed by Supervisor Matt Levere joined us as a representative of the city of Ventura.
6. Next Meeting Date – July 15, 2025, from 2pm to 3pm

TO: VCAAA Advisory Council Members
FROM: Tony Gitt, Chair
DATE: May 21, 2025
SUBJECT: **ADRC Committee Meeting**

Committee Members Present:

Carol Leish Al Brown Ronald Berkowsky Peter Schreiner Jim Marston Vanessa Acain
Sue Tatangelo Emily Bridges Maureen Hodge

Committee Members Absent:

Tony Gitt Martha Shapiro Jennifer Griffin Blair Barker Carmen Reyes Linda Mac
Dougall Lilly Grossman Keith Goslin Susan Zirnite

VCAAA Staff Members Present:

Denise Noguera-Valenzuela (Call Center Manager)

1. Program & Organizational Updates

- Several AAA programs are sunsetting or transitioning to external partners.
 - HCBA Medical Waiver Program → transitioned to Access TLC
 - Senior Employment Program → transitioned to SER Jobs for Progress
 - HomeShare Program → transitioned to United Way (now referred to as “Sharing Housing Opportunities”)
- These transitions are now reflected on the AAA website.
- Additional changes may occur in the new fiscal year (starting July). The list of programs is expected to be updated accordingly.

2. Denise – ADS/Area Agency on Aging (AAA)

- Partnership with HSA continues: Collaborative support for services to older adults, people with disabilities, and caregivers remains unchanged despite program transitions.
- Database Transitions:
 - AAA staff began using a new HSA-managed database in mid-March.
 - HSA IT has provided strong training and support, including custom reporting features tailored to AAA programs.
 - Staff expressed appreciation for the IT team’s responsiveness and training assistance.

3. Vanessa – ACCESS Central Coast (ACC)

- Rebranding in process:

- The Organization is transitioning from Independent Living Resource Center to Access Central Coast (ACC).
 - New branding materials and logos are forthcoming and will be shared with AAA Staff once finalized.
- CalAIM Contracting:
 - ACC is working toward full contracting with Gold Coast Health Plan for CalAIM services in Southern offices.
 - Contract already exist in the northern part of the County.

4. Open Floor

- Emily shared she will have increased in-office availability starting July 7th.
- Sue provided updates on regional collaboration efforts for the Caregiver Coalition.
 - Encouraged inclusive representation across APS, AAA, hospital-based programs, and community-based organizations.
 - Noted opportunities for cross-agency data-sharing and legislative advocacy.
- Closing note: This is the final meeting of the fiscal year.
 - Next meeting will occur in the new fiscal year, with selection of a new ADRC chair as a part of that agenda.

TO: VCAAA Advisory Council Members
FROM: Alice Sweetland, Committee Chair
DATE: May 21st, 2025
SUBJECT: Optimal Aging Report from May 21st, 2025

Committee Members Present:

Alice Sweetland (chair)
Ronald Berkowsky
Al Brown
Denise Calhoun
Dinah Frishlig
Sylvia Taylor-Stein
Susan Zirnite

Committee Members Absent:

Lyn Cotwright

VCAAA Staff Members Present:

Julianna Eusanio (Fall Prevention Program Coordinator)
Hoger Horne (Public Information Officer)

1. **Welcome and Introductions:** Meeting was held via Zoom and called to order by chair Sweetland at 2:05 pm as a quorum was reached.
2. **Public Comments:** none
3. **Legacy Awards Application Review:** The Committee provided feedback related to the Legacy Awards application as a whole upon committee review. The application will be sent out publicly in June. In order to spread awareness about the Dementia Friendly Business category of the Legacy Awards, the committee discussed and agreed to coordinate with the Dementia Friendly committee to present at their upcoming meeting.
4. **Adjournment –** The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m. The next Optimal Aging Committee meeting will be **Wednesday, July 23rd 2-3p.m.**

TO: VCAAA Advisory Council Members
FROM: Committee Chair, Blair Barker
DATE: May 21, 2025
SUBJECT: Senior Nutrition and Health Committee Report from May 21, 2025

Committee Members Present:

Blair Barker
Anita Ruiz
Lynette Harvey
Alice Sweetland

Committee Members Absent:

Smita Dandekar
Dr. Maria Munguia

VCAAA Staff Members Present:

Alyssa Corse (Program Administrator)
Aurora Meadows (Registered Dietitian)
Roger Horne (Public Information Officer)

1. **Welcome and Introductions** – The VCAAA Nutrition and Health Committee meeting was called to order at 12:35pm by Chair Blair Barker.
2. **Public Comments** – No Public Comments
3. **Introduction of the New Staff for Committee-** None
4. **Registered Dietitian Update-** Aurora was out on LOA but returned the day of the meeting, so Alyssa gave a brief update on the CFHL Management Evaluation. Aurora explained about the classes she's been teaching at the housing sites. The growth of participants has grown. Aurora talks about the Farmers Market Programs that she's involved in, including the market match program. The next PSE project Aurora is working on is getting market match at the Oxnard Farmers Market. Aurora also spoke about there being a new LIA (Local Implementing Agency) in the Ventura County. The University of California Cooperative Extension is one of 3 agencies that serves the County of Ventura for CFHL. Senior Farmers Market Program will start end of July or beginning of August. County of Ventura will be receiving 700 cards to distribute to the community.
5. **Senior Nutrition Program Update** – Alyssa spoke about the list of Senior Nutrition Sites with the contract amounts that must get Board of Supervisor approval. HSA/AAA received their budget from the state and as of now no amendments or changes need to be made to any of the contracts. Alyssa addressed questions that were brought up at the Advisory Council regarding grant amounts for other sub-recipient contracts. Lastly, Alyssa spoke about the new menu process that the sites

have been working on for the last two months. Blair spoke about the Camarillo Council on aging meeting that just took place. She spoke about the concerns some of the council members had regarding how much CHCD was receiving in funding to run the Home-Delivered Program. Blair explained how the program operated but she stated that there might still be a disconnect with the council member on understanding of the program funds.

6. **Committee Goals** – Working on other Agencies and or Representatives to come on the committee meetings to give more educational resources. Raquel with Simi Valley will be present about the Senior Nutrition Program that is ran in Simi Valley. The committee is interested in observing how all the sites operate and potentially addressing issues and offer support. Lastly, the committee will come up with a plan to help the VCAAA Foundation distribute funding that is equitable among on our Senior Nutrition Sites. Lynette asked if we wanted to focus more on Health topics for this next fiscal year. The committee will work on topics based on the budget confinements that will impact our community.
7. **Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 1:13p.m. The next Health & Nutrition Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 16th, at 12:30 p.m.



ADVISORY COUNCIL APPLICATION

Please complete this two-page application in its entirety and return to Alisa Sanchez at alisa.sanchez@ventura.org or to her attention at VCAAA, 855 Partridge Dr., Ventura, CA, 93003.

APPLICATION FOR WHICH SEAT:

☐ Service Provider for Older Adults & People With Disabilities

☒ Focused Population: Veterans

NAME: Paul Atkinson

ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

PHONE: [REDACTED]

EMAIL: [REDACTED]

1. Applicant is: (a) under 60 years of age ☐ (b) over 60 ☒

2. Occupation/title: Retired

3. Your employer: _____

4. Applicant:	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
(a) identifies as part of a marginalized racial or ethnic group.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(b) is <u>able</u> and <u>willing</u> to regularly attend and participate in Advisory Council and Committee meetings.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(c) is capable of communicating opinions as a representative of the community you are applying to represent.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

5. Summarize your qualifications for appointment (i.e. education, training, employment, experiences, licenses, etc):

Graduate CSUN, US Army honorable discharge (10% hearing disability), multi-media expert, Proj

6. Please briefly describe why you wish to serve on the Advisory Council:

To serve the community. I was chair of City of Ventura Arts Commision and left in 2024. Have bee

7. List any community involvement/activities:

Ventura Arts Advisory Commision. Deliverd food for VCAAA as a Volunteer during Covid period.

8. List any other special interests:

I am a practicing fusion glass artist and photographer.

9. Applicant's Declaration and Signature

I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that all the information on this form is true and correct.

Paul Atkinson

Signature

June 15, 2025

Date

PAUL ATKINSON



CREATIVE EXPERIENCE

Note: During my professional years as listed below, I continued with my personal photography and art. To View samples of that work please use the URL: <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/0xodyggqxb7hhkht/AADiU1lm49TboFkMQIDVXfj6a>

LEGACY DIGITAL SERVICES - 2013 - Present

Legacy Digital Services (LDS) was formed by Paul Atkinson with a desire to help individuals, organizations and businesses conserve valuable photographs and documents from any unexpected disasters that may occur. LDS also does photo organizing, documentation for insurance purposes and general photography as requested.

CITIBANK DEVELOPMENT CENTER, INC. - 2000 - 2012

Specialized in ATM graphical interface design

NORTH COMMUNICATIONS - 1998 - 2000

Senior Program Manager

Specialized in public kiosk hardware including the graphical interface & media creation.

HYBRID HEALTH TECHNOLOGIES INC. - 1993 - 1998

Director of Media Creation

Specialized in multimedia for Kiosk, CD-ROM and IVR (Interactive Voice Response) systems.

The Atkinson Group - 1982 – 1993

Multimedia Production Company - corporate and industrial photography and video.

Studio located in Culver City California

Brotman Medical Center - 1981 - 1988

Media Director Photographer & Videographer

Produced and directed continuing education, public and internal media.

Crisis Communications Corporation - 1979 - 1981

Production Director and Photographer

Company produced continuing education Medical titles for hospitals with focus on emergency nursing

University of California Los Angeles - 1974 to 1979

Senior Medical Photographer

Acted in other capacities on a variety of other media projects using 16mm film and video.

EDUCATION

BA, RTVF/Media Management, California State University, Northridge

AA, Pierce College, Woodland Hills CA

Continuing Education: UCLA Extension, CSUN Extension, CSULB Extension, Santa Monica College, Sony Institute, and American Film Institute.



COUNTY of VENTURA

Human Services Agency
Area Agency on Aging

ADVISORY COUNCIL APPLICATION

Please complete this two-page application in its entirety and return to Alisa Sanchez at alisa.sanchez@ventura.org or to her attention at VCAAA, 855 Partridge Dr., Ventura, CA, 93003.

APPLICATION FOR WHICH SEAT:

☒ Service Provider for Older Adults & People With Disabilities

☐ Focused Population: Veterans

NAME: carlo oleta

ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

1. Applicant is: (a) under 60 years of age ☒ (b) over 60 ☐

2. Occupation/title: Administrator

3. Your employer: Maywood Acres Healthcare

4. Applicant:

Yes

No

(a) identifies as part of a marginalized racial or ethnic group.

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(b) is able and willing to regularly attend and participate in Advisory Council and Committee meetings.

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(c) is capable of communicating opinions as a representative of the community you are applying to represent.

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5. Summarize your qualifications for appointment (i.e. education, training, employment, experiences, licenses, etc):

1. EDUCATION : BS / MA PSYCHOLOGY
2. LICENSE : NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATION
3. ADMINISTRATION SINCE 2018 (SKILLED NURSING FACILITY)
OF MANHATTAN HEALTHCARE

6. Please briefly describe why you wish to serve on the Advisory Council:

TO REPRESENT THE SNF POPULATION

7. List any community involvement/activities:

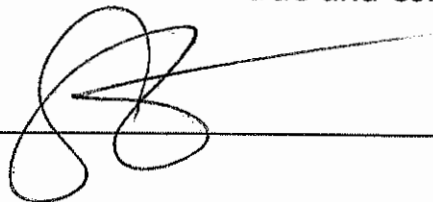
OFFICER - VENTURA COUNTY HEALTHCARE COALITION
MEMBER - VENTURA COUNTY HOSPITAL TO HOME/SNF
ALLIANCE

8. List any other special interests:

9. Applicant's Declaration and Signature

I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that all the information on this form is true and correct.

Signature



Date

6-18-2025



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APPLICATION FOR WHICH SEAT:

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☐ Focused Population: Veterans

NAME: Kelly Brown

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

1. Applicant is: (a) under 60 years of age ☒ (b) over 60 ☐

2. Occupation/title: Community Information Officer

3. Your employer: Interface Children & Family Services

4. Applicant: Yes No

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(b) is able and willing to regularly attend and participate in Advisory Council and Committee meetings. ☒ ☐

(c) is capable of communicating opinions as a representative of the community you are applying to represent. ☒ ☐

5. Summarize your qualifications for appointment (i.e. education, training, employment, experiences, licenses, etc):

15 years of nonprofit program leadership in VC providing services and connections to resources to

6. Please briefly describe why you wish to serve on the Advisory Council:

As a nonprofit leader and family caregiver, I understand the need for data-informed program deve

7. List any community involvement/activities:

VCLA Cohort XXX, Growing Edge Leaders Cohort 1, school site council and PTA, VC Voluntary C

8. List any other special interests:

I am married to my high school sweetheart Matt Brown who owns a local plumbing company, I ha

9. Applicant's Declaration and Signature

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Kelly Brown

Signature

06/09/2025

Date



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APPLICATION FOR WHICH SEAT:

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☐ Focused Population: Veterans

NAME: Michelle Rios

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

1. Applicant is: (a) under 60 years of age ☒ (b) over 60 ☐

2. Occupation/title: Family Consultant

3. Your employer: Coast Caregiver Resource Center

4. Applicant: Yes No

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(b) is able and willing to regularly attend and participate in Advisory Council and Committee meetings. ☒ ☐

(c) is capable of communicating opinions as a representative of the community you are applying to represent. ☒ ☐

5. Summarize your qualifications for appointment (i.e. education, training, employment, experiences, licenses, etc):

Please see attached document.

6. Please briefly describe why you wish to serve on the Advisory Council:

Please see attached document.

7. List any community involvement/activities:

Please see attached document.

8. List any other special interests:

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9. Applicant's Declaration and Signature

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Signature

06/27/2025

Date

Applicant- Michelle Rios

Ventura County Advisory Council Application-Service Provider

Answers to questions 5-8

5. Summarize your qualifications for appointment (i.e. education, training, employment, experiences, licenses, etc):

BS in Psychobiology from UCLA, MSHA in Health Administration with a concentration in ethics, and a Certificate in Diagnostic Medical Sonography. I am also Certified in Public Health. I have taken a course in Working with Older Adults provided by the Society of Senior Advisors and am currently pursuing certification as a Dementia Care Specialist. I have worked in the healthcare in roles ranging from direct patient care to leadership and now advocacy.

As a former caregiver for my mother, who lived with Parkinson's, I understand the challenges of caring for a loved one and the consequences of not having support which include burn-out. As a result, I became an advocate for the Parkinson's Community. I advocated and was able to make changes to our hospital in improving care for patients with Parkinson's. Now, as a Family Consultant, I work with caregivers in a support program that includes education and connections to resources.

6. Please briefly describe why you wish to serve on the Advisory Council:

Caregivers are a vital part of the aging journey. Without community support and essential connections to resources, both the health of the care recipient and caregiver are negatively impacted which will result on additional burdens to the healthcare system and community. This is especially critical when the caregiver is elderly, disabled, and/or isolated from additional family. As a Latina in a primarily Spanish Speaking home, our family experienced the impact of trying to navigate my mother's care in a system of very limited resources. My educational, employment, and personal background have given me a unique set of skills that allow me to understand and identify with the caregiver experience, resources available, efforts of foundations and associations, healthcare systems, and the opportunities and challenges of each. We are preparing for a continued increase of our elderly community who will live longer with debilitating conditions such as Alzheimer's and so the network around this community will need reinforcement. I would like to work with collaborate with the Advisory Council on improving the support system to caregivers and therefore the outcomes for both care partners.

7. List any community involvement/activities:

I have been a support group leader for the Spanish Speaking Parkinson's Community as well as an exercise program coach. I participate in Parkinson's conferences and speaking

engagements that bring awareness to living with Parkinson's. I have now also been trained as a Support Group Facilitator and Community Educator with the Alzheimer's Association.

In addition, I have been a Reviewer on a Grant Review Committee with the Davis Phinney Foundation, part of a planning committee for a Caregiver Summit and an Aware in Care Ambassador with the Parkinson's Foundation, and I have participated in a social media tour bringing awareness to the stigma of symptoms associated with Parkinson's in the Hispanic Community.

As a part of my role at Coast Caregiver Resource Center, I am in the process of developing mini workshops in Spanish for Caregivers.

8. List any other special interests:

Personally, I am interested in connections to family and culture. I love spending time with others listening to music, cooking, sharing stories, and dancing. I also enjoy photography, reading, and going on walks.



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☐ Focused Population: Veterans

NAME: Martha Shapiro

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

EMAIL:

1. Applicant is: (a) under 60 years of age ☒ (b) over 60 ☐

2. Occupation/title: Director of Programs

3. Your employer: Senior Concerns

4. Applicant:	Yes	No
(a) identifies as part of a marginalized racial or ethnic group.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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5. Summarize your qualifications for appointment (i.e. education, training, employment, experiences, licenses, etc):

I am a Licensed Clinical Social Worker with over 15 years of experience working with older adults

6. Please briefly describe why you wish to serve on the Advisory Council:

I am passionate about serving older adults, family caregivers and people with disabilities. I believe

7. List any community involvement/activities:

I have served as the Chair for the LGBT+ Aging Coalition and now am on the Steering Committee

8. List any other special interests:

I am especially interested in helping family caregivers be able to access help and support. In rece

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Maurtha Shapiro, LCSW

Signature

6/4/25

Date

5. I am a Licensed Clinical Social Worker with over 15 years of experience working with older adults and family caregivers. I received my Master's in Social Welfare with a focus on gerontology from UCLA and continue to earn my LCSW. My work experience varies from working with severely mentally ill older adults, to providing case management to Holocaust survivors, service coordination in low-income housing, working with family caregivers, facilitating support groups and running an Adult Day Program. I currently oversee multiple programs and staff at Senior Concerns. I ensure quality and accessible service delivery. I feel my experience and knowledge help me to understand the complicated needs of older adults and people with disabilities. I also understand the needs and challenges of service provision for this population.

6. I am passionate about serving older adults, family caregivers and people with disabilities. I believe my professional experience provides insight into the unmet needs of this community and the interests and need of the service providers. I have served since 2017 as an active, involved and caring member of the Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council and I would like the opportunity to continue in this position. I feel I have shown my interest and ability to serve. I have also chaired the Housing Committee and been an active member in both the Dementia Friendly Ventura County and the LGBT+ Aging Coalition of Ventura County. Now more than ever we need an engaged and passionate council that will advocate for older adults and people with disabilities in our community. The older adult population is growing rapidly, and their needs are getting more complex, while we are seeing resources getting scarcer. I want to do everything I can in my professional capacity to find solutions and look at long term trends in order to better serve our community.

7. I have served as the Chair for the LGBT+ Aging Coalition and now am on the Steering Committee. I am on the Steering Committee for the Ventura County Coalition for Compassionate Care. I am part of the Dementia Friendly Ventura County, I chair the Housing Committee. I organize and put on an annual Caregiver Recognition Day event for 150 family caregivers. I am also part of the Ventura County Caregiving Coalition. I am always looking for ways to get involved and serve our community.

8. I am especially interested in helping family caregivers be able to access help and support. In recent years I have been a family caregiver myself and seen firsthand how complicated, stressful and draining it can be. I want to find ways to wrap support around them. They deserve all the care and support we can provide them with.



**VENTURA COUNTY AREA AGENCY ON AGING
ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE
FY 2025-2026**

All Advisory Council meetings are held in person.

**All sub-committee meetings are held via
Zoom/TEAMS.**

	Advisory Council	ADRC	Transportation	Housing	Senior Nutrition & Health	Optimal Aging	Workforce
July	July 9 9-11 a.m.	July 16 1 - 2 p.m.	July 9 11:15 – 12:15 p.m.	July 15 2 – 3 p.m.	July 16 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.	July 23 2 – 3:00 p.m.	July 17 10 – 11 a.m.
August							
September	Sept 10 9-11 a.m.	Sept 17 1 - 2 p.m.	Sept 10 11:15 – 12:15 p.m.	Sept 16 2 – 3 p.m.	Sept 17 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.	Sept 24 2 – 3:00 p.m.	Sept 18 10 – 11 a.m.
October							
November	Nov 12 9-11 a.m.	Nov 19 1 - 2 p.m.	Nov 12 11:15 – 12:15 p.m.	Nov 18 2 – 3 p.m.	Nov 19 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.	Nov 26 2 – 3:00 p.m.	Nov 20 10 – 11 a.m.
December							
January	Jan 14 9-11 a.m.	Jan 21 1 - 2 p.m.	Jan 14 11:15 – 12:15 p.m.	Jan 20 2 – 3 p.m.	Jan 21 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.	Jan 28 2 – 3:00 p.m.	Jan 15 10 – 11 a.m.
February							
March	March 11 9-11 a.m.	March 18 1 - 2 p.m.	March 11 11:15 – 12:15 p.m.	March 17 2 – 3 p.m.	March 18 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.	March 25 2 – 3:00 p.m.	March 19 10 – 11 a.m.
April							
May	May 13 9-11 a.m.	May 17 1 - 2 p.m.	May 13 11:15 – 12:15 p.m.	May 19 2 – 3 p.m.	May 20 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.	May 27 2 – 3:00 p.m.	May 21 10 – 11 a.m.
June							