



GENERAL SESSION MEETING MINUTES

Monday, November 10, 2025 | 9:30AM – 12:00 PM

Alameda County Social Services Agency (Eastmont)

Maxwell Park Room

6955 Foothill Blvd, Suite 143 (First Floor)
Oakland, CA 94605

<p><u>ACA Commissioners Present</u> Barbara Price Denyse McCowan (Vice-Chair) – online Dori Ellis Helen Mayfield John Schinkel-Kludjian – online Johnny O’Brien - online Michael Goetz Priscilla Banks Laura McMichael-Cady (Chair)</p> <p><u>Commissioners Absent</u> Regina Guillory - Absent</p>	<p><u>County of Alameda Staff Present</u> Amritpal Gill Connie Soriano Deborrah Cooper Janet Weisman Jennifer Stephens-Pierre Jonathan Montano-Flores Min Feng Rhoda Turner Zalae Etienne</p>
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Guests: Jenny Pardini and Jacqueline Scoggins

Item	Discussion / Action Item
A. CALL TO ORDER	Meeting called to order at 9:40 am Roll Call of Commissioners Quorum achieved.
B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES	Motion to accept meeting minutes from 10/13/2025. (M) Laura McMichael-Cady (S) Michael Goetz Passed
C. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC FOR ITEMS ON THE AGEDA	No public comment was received at the beginning of the meeting. One public comment was received at the end of the meeting from Jacqueline Scoggins regarding the need for community education on funeral planning and pre-need services. She proposed a community outreach initiative. Chair McMichael-Cady acknowledged the importance of



	<p>the topic and suggested it be discussed further in the Executive Committee.</p>
<p>D. COMMENTS FROM THE ACA CHAIR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Takeaways from the Retreat 	<p>Chair McMichael-Cady shared reflections from the recent retreat, emphasizing the need to:</p> <div style="background-color: #e0e0e0; height: 100px; width: 100%;"></div>
<p>E. PRESENTATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Medicare and the Annual Enrollment Period: Changes for 2026 	<p>Jennifer Pardini from Legal Assistance for Seniors delivered a comprehensive presentation on Medicare and the HICAP program. Topics included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medicare eligibility and enrollment. • Part A, B, C, and D coverage. • Medicare Advantage vs. Original Medicare. • Prescription drug coverage and penalties. • Extra Help program and Medigap policies. • Legislative updates and changes under the Inflation Reduction Act. <p>Commissioners asked questions throughout, and the presentation was well received.</p>
<p>F. AAA DIRECTOR'S REPORT</p>	<p><i>Jennifer Stephens-Pierre, AAA Director, provided updates on:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AAA/ACA relocation to Hayward pending (6-8 weeks estimate). • CDA monitoring visit scheduled for November 12 – 14th. • \$1.7 million in additional Measure W funding awarded for nutrition services. • Holiday Basket Program scheduled for December 12; volunteers and donations requested. <div style="background-color: #e0e0e0; height: 50px; width: 100%;"></div>



<p>G. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Possible revision of SWOT ▪ Possible setup of bylaws committee and timeline for review 	
<p>H. COMMISSION COMMITTEE REPORTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Executive ▪ Public Relations ▪ Legislative ▪ Service Delivery 	<p>Executive Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Next meeting scheduled for November 24th. ○ Will review draft mission statement and committee objectives. <p>Public Relations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Working on the January newsletter. ○ Commissioners encouraged to submit content. <p>Legislative:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Discussed Measure W funding and emergency procurement processes and procedures. ○ Monitoring AB 1069 (Emergency Preparedness for Older Adults). <p>Service Delivery:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Attended the C4A Conference. ○ Will provide a formal report at a future meeting. <p>Commissioner Mayfield requested that when reports are given, there be something typewritten submitted in advance so that commissioners can review the content and add to the conversation if needed. Commissioner Banks responded, “We’ll be more than happy to try to accommodate you,” and invited Commissioner Mayfield to provide an example of the format he would like to see. Jennifer added that for the January presentation, presenters will be asked to submit their materials ahead of time so they can be included in the minutes. Commissioner Mayfield replied, “What I think I’m trying to do is not get back into the same footsteps of previous situations within this commission—[but instead] increase the support of AAA,” emphasizing the importance of</p>



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	consistency and shared understanding among commissioners.
I. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS/PUBLIC COMMENT	
J. ADJOURNMENT	Meeting adjourned at 11:59 pm.