



Contra Costa County
ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING



Background

The Contra Costa County Advisory Council on Aging facilitates countywide planning, cooperation and coordination for individuals and groups interested in improving and developing services and opportunities for older residents. The Council provides leadership and advocacy on behalf of older persons and serves as a channel of communication and information on aging issues. The Council, whose members are appointed by the Board of Supervisors, is advisory to the Board and to the Area Agency on Aging.

The Advisory Council is one facet of the Area Agency on Aging or Planning Services Area 7 (PSA 7) in California. There are 33 PSAs in the state. The California Department on Aging in Sacramento administers the Older Americans Act (OAA) throughout the state through the PSAs. Area Agencies on Aging are mandated by the OAA.

Roles of the Advisory Council on Aging are:

1. Planning and evaluation
2. Communication, Education and Information
3. Advocacy
4. Advisory to the Area Agency on Aging and the Board of Supervisors.

The Advisory Council meets ten times/year on the third Wednesday of the month from 9:30am till 12:00pm at 500 Ellinwood Way, Board Rooms A&B, in Pleasant Hill. The Council recesses in either July or August and in November each year.

The Advisory Council complies with the Brown Act (open meeting law) and/or County of Contra Costa regulations applicable to advisory boards. The Council welcomes guests to attend any Council, committee or work group meetings. A three-minute public comment allocation is set aside at each Council meeting.

Work Groups

(Open membership)

Health—Assesses current and proposed health related programs and systems that affect persons 60 years and older who are residents of Contra Costa County. .

Housing—Supports activities directed toward providing adequate and affordable housing for seniors in the County.

Legislative—Studies, reviews, and advocates for bills set before the California State and federal legislatures relating to aging issues.

Marketing—Works to increase knowledge of the Advisory Council on Aging throughout Contra Costa County to improve opportunities for the exchange of information and increased effectiveness of advocacy efforts.

Transportation—Works with various transit providers to advocate for the solution of transportation and paratransit problems encountered by seniors

Committees

(membership restricted to Council members)

Executive—Comprised of Work Group chairs, plus a select few additional members as defined in the Council's bylaws. The planning arm for the Council, to address global issues affecting the work of the Council.

Planning—Works with Area Agency on Aging staff to develop the Area Plan for services to older adults and to assist in contract monitoring activities.

Membership/Nominating—Recruits and selects county residents to serve as Council members-at-large. Maintains council roster, monitors attendance, and committee/work group participation. Nominating committee formed mid-year and meets through elections in December. Nominating Committee recommends to the Council a slate of officers for the coming year.



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