



Aging and Adult Services - Public Guardian Senior Affairs Commission

1. CALL TO ORDER; PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE; INTRODUCTIONS BY COMMISSION, DAAS-PG STAFF, AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

- Commissioner David Wilder, Senior Affairs Commission (SAC) Chair called the General Session to order at 1:00 PM.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** This is the opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on matters within the Commission's jurisdiction. Please limit comments to three (3) minutes or less. State law prohibits commissioners from discussing or taking action on items not on the agenda. Public Comment can be submitted via email at DAASSAC@hss.sbcounty.gov. In the subject line, provide your full name and the words, "Public Comment". Comments are read for the record and are limited to three (3) minutes. Public comments do not have to be submitted in advance.

- Public Comment access was provided in both the West Valley and Desert Regions.
- Ling Hwang, Community Development Director with 24 Hour Home Care introduced herself and provided a brief overview of the services her program provides for older adults in the community.

3. APPROVAL OF JANUARY 17, 2024, MINUTES

- **Motion to Approve:** Commissioner Louisa Ollague moved to approve the minutes from January 17, 2024.
- **Motion Seconded:** Commissioner Keith Stroup seconded the motion to approve the minutes.
- Michelle Torres, Clerk of the Commission noted that going forward the General Session Meeting minutes will be presented in 14-point font. Other standing committee minutes will continue to be presented as they are. A note has been noted on the website indicating alternative formats, including larger font is available upon request.
- Commissioner Louisa Ollague called for corrections on the misspelling of her name on pages: 1, 7, and 12 of the minutes.
- Commissioner Jauregui noted he is listed as a commissioner on the minutes, because there was a lapse in his appointment he should not be listed.
- Michelle Torres, Clerk of the Commission, conducted a roll call vote to approve the minutes. Twelve (14) "Yes" votes were recorded. There were no objections, abstentions, or additional corrections. Motion carried; the minutes were approved with changes.



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4. **PRESENTATION: CONSERVATORSHIP: AN OVERVIEW OF THE OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC GUARDIAN**, by, Dr. TraChanel Cater, Program Manager I – DAAS-PG

Dr. Cater began her presentation by thanking the Commission for inviting her to present. The presentation covered the following topics:

- Agenda
 - Organizational Chart
 - What is the Office of the Public Guardian
 - What is Conservatorship
 - Types of Conservatorship
 - Conservatorship Referral Process
 - Conservatorship Data
- **Organizational Chart**: The Office of the Public Guardian is overseen by Sharon Nevins, Director - Public Guardian, Department of Aging and Adult Services - Public Guardian. Ms. Glenda Jackson, Assistant Director is working in the capacity of Chief Deputy Public Guardian. The remaining staff consists of a Program Manager II, Program Manager I, Probate Investigators, Clinical Therapist, Nurses, Supervising Deputy Public Guardians, Senior Deputy Public Guardians, Deputy Public Guardians, Estate Specialists, a fiscal team, and clerical staff.
- **What is the Office of the Public Guardian**: San Bernardino County's Office of the Public Guardian is an office of the County that manages the affairs of incompetent or gravely disabled individuals under the authority granted by the Superior Court through conservatorship.
 - The Public Guardian, Chief Deputy Public Guardian, Program Managers, Supervisors, and Deputy Public Guardians are sworn officers for the State of California Superior Court.
 - Each California county has a Public Guardian's office; however, each county manages its Public Guardian's office differently based on the agency with which it is associated.
 - Conservatorship should be a last resort. Probate code 2920: Welfare & Institutions Code 5354.
- **What is Conservatorship**: Conservatorship is a protective status created through court proceedings. The process appoints a legally responsible person (conservator) to manage the affairs of an individual who, due to mental/physical incapacity, is no longer able to:
 - Manage his/her own affairs or
 - Make appropriate decisions concerning his/her life.
 - A conservator may be appointed over the person, estate or both. A conservator of the person is appointed for a person who is unable to properly provide for physical health, food, clothing or shelter.
 - A conservator of the estate may be appointed for a person who is substantially unable to manage his/her own financial resources or resist fraud or undue influence.

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- **Types of Conservatorships:** There are four types of conservatorships: Probate, LPS, Murphy, and Limited. San Bernardino County Office of the Public Guardian administers three of the four types of conservatorships: Probate, LPS and Murphy.
 - ***A Probate Conservatorship*** is established when someone can no longer handle his or her own financial affairs. The conservatorship restricts the conservatee's powers over financial and/or personal care decisions.
 - ***An LPS Conservatorship*** is established under the Lanterman-Petris-Short (LPS) Act of 1967. A conservator is appointed to represent a person who is "gravely disabled." LPS conservatorships are designed for persons with serious mental disorders, or who are impaired by chronic alcoholism.
 - ***A Murphy Conservatorship*** is established for individuals who have not regained competency to stand trial within the period allowed by law (two years) and who are dangerous.
- **Conservatorship Referral Process:**
 - ***Probate Conservatorship*** – A petition for appointment of a conservator may be filed by any of the following:
 - The proposed conservatee;
 - The spouse or domestic partner of the proposed conservatee;
 - A relative of the proposed conservatee;
 - Any interested state or local entity or agency of this state or any interested public officer or employee of this state or a local public entity of this state;
 - Any other interested person or friend of the proposed conservatee.
 - The Public Guardian is the last resort. All alternatives must be explored prior to acceptance by the Public Guardian. Once the conservatorship is granted by the court the conservator is granted the following powers and authority:
 - Medical consent authority, if requested and granted. May NOT consent of Psychiatric treatment, placement or medications.
 - Make placement decisions and place in the least restrictive and appropriate setting anywhere in California or with Court order outside of California.
 - May limit visits of specific persons if they are harmful to the conservatee
 - Manage the estate
 - Marshall all assets
 - Sale of real and personal property with court approval
 - Purchase clothing, food and personal items

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- **LPS Conservatorship** – A psychiatrist providing treatment in one of the LPS designated psychiatric hospitals within the county or a county detention center can recommend a patient who is receiving treatment in the facility for an LPS Conservatorship.

San Bernardino has 5 designated psychiatric hospitals:

- Arrowhead Regional Medical Center (ARMC) in Colton
- Canyon Ridge Hospital in Chino
- Loma Linda University Behavioral Medical Center in Loma Linda
- San Bernardino Community Hospital in San Bernardino
- Jerry L. Pettis Memorial Veterans Hospital in Loma Linda
- In addition to a mental health diagnosis, LPS must meet the criteria for grave disability. A person is not considered gravely disabled if that person can survive safely with the help of responsible others who are willing and able to help.

- **Murphy Conservatorship** – is an amended procedure for the commitment of mentally incompetent criminal defendants in the Penal Code and the scope of long-term commitments under the LPS Act.

- Found mentally incompetent
- Charged with a violent felony
- Indictment or information not dismissed
- Incompetent to stand trial
- Substantial danger of physical harm to others

- **Conservatorship Data:**

As of February 1, 2024, the Office of the Public Guardian caseload consists of 1054 cases (798 LPS cases and 256 Probate cases).

- **Gender:** The LPS caseload is made up of 364 Male and 227 Female conservatees. The probate caseload is made up of 34 Male and 45 Female conservatees. Trust and Estate only cases were excluded from this count.

Age: The ages of persons on LPS conservatorship range from 18-89 with most conservates (124) in the 60-69 age group. The ages of persons on Probate conservatorship range from 18-100+ with most conservatees (27) in the 70-79 age group. Trust and Estate only cases were excluded from this count.

- **Ethnicity/Race:** Of the 594 active LPS cases, 47% are white, 23% are Black or African American, 25% are Hispanic or Latino and 4% are Asian. Of the 104 active Probate cases, 72% are White, 18% are Black or African American 9% are Hispanic or Latino, and 1% are Asian. Trust and Estate only cases were excluded from this count.

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Question: Commissioner, Luisa Olague, asked what causes a case to terminate.

- **Answer:** Program Manager I, Dr. TraChanel Cater, responded, that an LPS case goes to court for re-establishment every year. At the hearing, the judge can terminate a case if the conservatee no longer meets criteria.

Question: Commissioner, Chelsea Lagrange, asked if there is a cost associated with filing a personal probate petition.

- **Answer:** Assistant Director, Glenda Jackson, responded, yes, there is a cost to file the petition with the court and attorney's fees for a private probate conservatorship. The court may waive those fees if you can demonstrate that you cannot pay. If you cannot afford an attorney Legal Aide may be able to assist.

Question: Commissioner, Ben Jauregui asked how the change in the definition of grave disability would impact the Office of the Public Guardian.

- **Answer:** Assistant Director Glenda Jackson, responded, that the expansion of grave disability to now include SUD, will significantly impact counties across the state. Specifically, with placement and the lack of funding being provided to implement SB 43.

Question: Commissioner, Ben Jauregui asked what percentage of those individuals on conservatorship receive Medi-Cal (low-income), have income (SSI/SDI), or have no resources.

- **Answer:** Assistant Director Glenda Jackson, responded, that on the LPS side, most of those individuals are Medi-Cal recipients except for the small percentage that are veterans. On the Probate side, the majority of the individuals have estates and income.

Question: Commissioner, Louisa Ollague, asked how big is the budget for the Office of the Public Guardian and if MHSA funding is used to fund the Office of the Public Guardian.

- **Answer:** Assistant Director, Glenda Jackson, responded, that because DBH is the County's Mental Health Plan the Office of the Public Guardian receives \$5 million from DBH to support the mental health (LPS) portion. To support the probate portion, the Office of the Public Guardian receives a little under \$2 million from the county general fund. The court has allowed the Office of the Public Guardian to collect fees from the conservatee if he or she has a running balance of \$300 or more a month.
- The fees collected range from \$400,000 - \$600,000 a year. A partnership with the Sheriff, Public Administrator, and Corner (shared staff) is \$120,000 a year. The overall budget for the Office of the Public Guardian is a little under \$9 million a year.

Comment: Commissioner, Louisa Ollague asked that the gender slide to be broken down by race and ethnicity and provided to the Commission.

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5. **PRESENTATION: DEPUTY DIRECTOR'S QUARTERLY REPORT**, presented by, Dr. Krystle Rowe, Deputy Director, DAAS-PG, Aging and Age Wise Programs

Dr. Rowe began her presentation by introducing herself. The presentation covered the Second Quarter (July 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023) Report for Fiscal year 2023/2024.

Area Agency on Aging

- **Title IIIB - Supportive Services**: Dr. Rowe noted that a few of the Direct Services (Cash/material aid, Housing, and Personal affairs assistance) are a little off-target due to challenges the Senior Information Assistant (SIA), the Department's Direct Services Provider, is facing with hiring and retaining staff for the Service Representative position. The Department will watch those numbers closely and is hopeful that all targets will be met by the end of the year. The Department as a whole continues to work with HR to fill all vacancies. Contracted Services are set to meet and or exceed the targets for the year in all categories.
- **Title IIIC – Senior Nutrition Program**: The contracted services in the categories of Congregate meals, Home-delivered meals, and Nutrition Education have met or are on target to exceed the targets for the year.
- **Title IIID – Disease Prevention and Health Promotion**: Dr. Rowe noted that a few of the contracted services have received low attendance which has resulted in a decrease in the targets for the quarter. The service providers are revising some of the services to hopefully increase participation and meet the targets for the year.
- **Title IIIE – Family Caregiver Support Program**: Dr. Rowe apologized for the inaccurate reporting of the information in this section. For all of the categories both direct and indirect services should be reported. It was advised that in a couple of the categories only one of the services was reported not both. The packet will be revised and sent out. The true figures are as follows:
 - Access assistance - 8,400
 - Information services – 250
 - Respite services - 3,700
 - Supplemental services – 95
 - Support services – 5,000Family caregiver support program services are meeting or are set to exceed annual targets.
- **Title IIIE – Grandparent Caregiver Support Program**: Grandparent caregiver support program services are meeting or are set to exceed targets for the year.
- **Long Term Care Ombudsman Program**: The Information and Assistance to Residents and Facility Staff categories are set to exceed annual targets. The nursing facility visits provider has increased their visits from quarterly to monthly to assist the facilities in recovering from COVID. The nursing facility visits are set to exceed annual targets.

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- **Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP)**: Dr. Rowe noted there was an error in the 1st quarter reporting. The changes will be made and sent out in the revised packet. The HICAP program data shows the annual targets are set to be met.
- **Multipurpose Senior Services Program**: Enrollment levels continue to be at 100%.

Adult Programs

- **In-Home Supportive Services**: The total applications received represents a cumulative total. The department received approximately 4,500 additional applications for the 2nd quarter.
- **Adult Protective Services**: The 2nd quarter mirrors what was reported in the 1st quarter. The average number of monthly reports received is just over 1,000 approximately. The same is true for the average monthly new cases. Of the types of referrals received, the highest continues to be financial abuse, 2nd psychological, and 3rd neglect.

Other Programs

- **Age Wise**: The total number of referrals received remains steady, which is a significant increase from previous years. The total number of open cases remains steady. The 24-hour hotline remains in effect.
- **At Home**: The 2nd quarter mirrors that of the 1st quarter, with approximately 101 total number of clients served. The category with the highest instances of services provided is food/groceries and the second is rent payment.

Question: Commissioner, Louisa Ollague, asked if Community Service Block Grant (CSBG) and Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funding is used for aging in place.

- **Answer:** Assistant Director, Glenda Jackson, responded, that the department has leveraged some of those funds specifically for the Nutrition Program. Deputy Director, Dr. Krystle Rowe, responded, that she would need to research further to find out if those funds were specifically used for modifications and repairs.

Question: Commissioner, Penny Shubnell, asked if Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funding has been given back to rural communities.

- **Answer:** Assistant Director, Glenda Jackson, responded, that there we changes in regulations and how the money was distributed. The department utilized those funds to assist some Senior Centers. Concerning the rural community, the funding may come through Special Districts or another program that provides oversight. Further research is needed.

Question: Executive Director of Rolling Start, Lisa Hayes, asked if family caregiving services are given directly through DAAS or if services are contracted out.

- **Answer:** Deputy Director, Dr. Krystle Rowe responded that it depends on the service category. Some services are provided through DAAS directly and some services are contracted. For example, respite care is a contracted service.

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Comment: Executive Director of Rolling Start, Lisa Hayes, shared she has funding available for home modifications through the Community Living Fund. She would love the opportunity to collaborate with DAAS to help utilize those funds.

Comment: Commissioner Maricela Ferguson, shared that because many seniors today typically have more than one race or ethnicity, it is confusing for some to answer the race/ethnicity question on the intake form. Because their race is not listed, they may skip the question not realizing they can mark other.

Comment: Commission Chair, David Wilder, shared that there is a proposal at the Federal level to add the category of disability back to the Census.

Comment: Commissioner, Penny Shubnell, shared that the Quarterly Reports are very important to the RCA members throughout the County. The report is used as a tool when discussing what is happening with the Department of Aging and Adult Services.

6. **SAC CHAIR'S REPORT:** Commissioner David Wilder, Chairperson

- Commissioner David Wilder reported that he is finding that the County in general is not abiding by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). This includes some programs that are contracted with DAAS. They are refusing to serve seniors who are blind. The same issue exists in paratransit. Seniors with power chairs are being told they must give a 72-hour notice when requesting a ride through paratransit. State law states only a 24-hour notice is required. He is hoping DAAS staff will help identify and report violations when seen. Any ADA violations should be reported to Dr. Natress and the Access Committee.

7. **DAAS-PG DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Glenda Jackson, Assistant Director for Sharon Nevins, Director-Public Guardian

- Assistant Director, Glenda Jackson, began her report by acknowledging Director, Sharon Nevins. In her absence, Director Nevins sends her regards.
- On January 31, 2024, the California Department of Aging (CDA) conducted an entry audit for the PSA 20 and MSSP programs.

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DAAS-PG DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Glenda Jackson, Assistant Director for Sharon Nevins, Director-Public Guardian (Continued)

- Assistant Director, Jackson reported that two weeks ago, in an effort to mitigate the situation associated with last year's winter storm. The department immediately called those individuals who have received services through the Department in the past or are currently receiving services to make sure they were ok and if there were any needs identified. Within two hours staff had contacted over 200 seniors. During those calls, it was identified that food supplies were needed. The Department immediately partnered with Community Action Partnership, the San Bernardino County Fire Department, and Commissioner, Penny Shubnell to deliver over 200 boxes of food to the residents of Crestline. In case of an emergency, food boxes were also left with the Fire Department to immediately meet the needs.
- District Manager, Dr. Chanel Serano shared that two weeks ago the APS Strike Team was deployed to the mountain area to distribute dehydrated food boxes to the APS clients with open cases. In addition, the team has partnered with Jensen's Grocery Store to house 25 food boxes to distribute to mountain residents in the event APS staff can not travel up the mountain. Jensen's will deliver those food boxes to clients.
- Assistant Director Jackson reported that the Department is part of a workgroup lead by the Department of Behavioral Health, for the implementation of Senate Bill 43. Senate Bill 43 covers the expansion of the definition of "Grave Disability." The work group includes San Bernardino County Sheriff, Coroner, Public Administrators, DAAS-PG, ARMC and other County Departments. Senate Bill 43 is set to be rolled out in San Bernardino County in January 2025.
- The Office of Homeless Services has done a call to action to review all funding sources that come into the County to better utilize and serve the residents of the County and to also identify gaps in service and how the County can collectively fill those gaps. Deputy Director, Roxanne Young, will represent the Department and older adults with disabilities.
- Assistant Director Jackson recognized Commissioner Dr. Ben Jauregui with the Inland Coalition on Aging on the implementation of the Inland Empire Master Plan on Aging. The Inland Coalition on Aging represents the Inland Empire on aging as they focus on housing, caregiving, Behavioral Health, Dementia/Alzheimer's, health care and medical transportation.
- The Department did a meet-and-greet with San Bernardino County's Veterans Affairs new Director, Ralph Duarte. Mr. Duarte is a former Army Sergeant and is joining the County from Riverside County. One of Mr. Duarte's focuses is older adults and individuals with disabilities. The Department is looking at ways to partner with Veterans Affairs and work collaboratively to serve the mutual population and make sure needs get met particularly with Veterans.

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DAAS-PG DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Glenda Jackson, Assistant Director for Sharon Nevins, Director-Public Guardian (Continued)

- Assistant Director Jackson shared that this year the Community Assistance, Recovery and Empowerment (CARE) Act Program, also known as CARE Cour, will be implemented in San Bernardino County. CARE Court provides mental health services for those individuals with schizophrenia and other psychotic disorders. Under the CARE Court program any individual can make a referral for CARE Court services. It is imbedded in the program language, that if an individual fails to comply with the service plan, conservatorship may be an option. The implementation of CARE Court will have a direct impact on the Office of the Public Guardian.
- On February 8, 2024, the Department participated in the County's 2024 Diversity and Inclusion Forum with the Human Service Department and Equal Opportunity Commission.

Senior Nutrition Program Update: Dr. Krystle Rowe, Deputy Director

- Dr. Krystle Rowe reported that at the last Board of Supervisors meeting the Board approved an item that allowed the Department to work with the Vendors to expedite and release payments for monthly expenditures.
- Dr. Krystle Rowe reported that the Department continues to work closely with the senior nutrition sites to be able to offer special events at all sites.
- Dr. Rowe reported that the Bloomington Nutrition Site continues to see an increase in participants. On Wednesday, February 14 the meal services received 54 participants. On Friday, February 16, 2024, the meal service received 84 participants.
- Dr. Rowe provided an update on the Modernizing Nutrition Older California Act Funds released by the California Department of Aging (CDA). The Department is working with HS Contracts on Requests for Proposals. The goal is to expand services to areas to may not and have services readily accessible to them and to expand service delivery.
- Additionally, the Department has been in talks with two other county departments regarding an expressed interests in hosting Intergeneration activities.
- Dr. Rowe provided a brief update on the Infrastructure Grant. The Department has been working collaboratively with the vendors on the spend down of those funds received. To date, approximately 80% of the grant total has been spent.

Covid-19 Vaccine Update: Jennifer Pohlman, Special Projects Manager

- Special Projects Manager, Jennifer Pohlman reported the Department is still doing in-home vaccinations for COVID 19 as well as Flu for individuals who are home bound. There is an updated flyer in the works. The flyer will be made available and shared with the Commissions as soon as it is approved and published.
- Mrs. Pohlman has provided with today's information packets a brochure on the "Things to Know About COVID 19" and Job and Resource flyer for the Needles Area. Public Health will be administering COVID 19 vaccines at the event.

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DAAS-PG DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Glenda Jackson, Assistant Director for Sharon Nevins, Director-Public Guardian (Continued)

County Aging & Disability Resource Connection (ADRC): Lisa Hayes, Executive Director, Rolling Start, INC. & Dr. Krystle Rowe, Deputy Director

- Executive Director, Lisa Hayes, shared that staff from DAAS-PG and Rolling Start will be participating in a time study to assist the ADRC with obtaining funds for sustainability.
- Executive Director, Lisa Hayes, shared that staff from DAAS-PG, IEHP, Rolling Start, and the ADRC Advisory are participating in a Boston University Training. The training is being offered through a grant received from the CDA.
- Executive Director, Lisa Hayes, reported the home modifications program through Cal Aim has received 130 referrals from IEHP.
- The next ADRC meeting is scheduled for March 6, 2024.

8. **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS** (5 minutes each)

A. **ACCESS COMMITTEE**

Meets 2nd Wednesday of the month; 11:00 a.m. Commissioner Dr. Nattress, Chair

- Commissioner Deborah Nattress reported that the Access Committee meeting was well attended. The meeting had 12 people in attendance.
- Commissioner Mattress challenged those individuals that will attending the Access meeting next month to focus on the positive and bring one example to something that is being done well or right.
- Commissioner Swanson was named the new Vice Chair of the Access Committee.
- **The next meeting is scheduled for March 13, 2024, at 11:00 am.**

B. **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Meets 2nd Wednesday of the month; 2:00 p.m. Commissioner Wilder, Chair

- Commissioner David Wilder shared that the Executive Committee meeting has two purposes.
 - The first is to approve the Agenda for the SAC General Session meeting.
 - The second is to hear from the Committee Chairs on issues they may be facing.
- Commissioner Wilder shared that he wants the full Commission to actively participate in the Committee structure and the Commission structure.
- **The next meeting is scheduled for March 13, 2024, at 2:00 p.m.**



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C. HEALTHY AGING COMMITTEE

Meets 3rd Wednesday of the month; 11:00 a.m. Commissioner Shubnell, Chair

- Commissioner Penny Shubnell shared that the Committee had a good meeting and discussion.
- Commissioner Shubnell reported that the Committee reviewed and approved two “Did You Knows.”
 - DYK “Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD)”
 - DYK “Senior Transportation”
- Commissioner Ben Jauregui was named the new Vice Chair of the Healthy Aging Committee.
- **The next meeting is scheduled for March 20, 2024, at 11:00 am.**

D. INTERGENERATIONAL COMMITTEE

Meets 3rd Wednesday of the month; 10:00 a.m. Commissioner Drake, Chair

- Commissioner Susan Drake shared that there was a nice turnout at the Intergenerational Committee meeting and great input and discussion.
- Commissioner Susan Drake reported that the committee reviewed the calendars for Community Intergenerational meetings and activities they will try to attend and give feedback about those events.
- **The next meeting is scheduled for March 20, 2024, at 10:00 am.**

E. LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Meets 2nd Wednesday of the month; 1:00 p.m. Commissioner Ferguson, Chair

- Commissioner Maricela Ferguson shared that Jessica Escalera reported there has been an influx of bills. There has been no change to the Governor’s proposed budget until May 14, 2024.
- Senate Bills AB 817, AB 1588 and AB 1813 were discussed.
- **The next meeting is scheduled for March 14, 2024, at 1:00 pm.**

F. NUTRITION COMMITTEE

2nd Wednesday of the month; 10:00 a.m.; Yoakum, Chair

- Commissioner Gwen Alber reported the Nutrition Committee has a lively discussion.
- **The next meeting is scheduled for March 13, 2024, at 10:00 am.**

9. REGIONAL COUNCILS ON AGING (RCA) REPORTS (3 minutes each)

A. COLORADO RIVER RCA, VACANT; not meeting at this time.

- **No report at this time.**



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B. EAST VALLEY RCA

Commissioner Wilder; 1st Thursday of the month; 10:00 a.m., Teleconference.

- Commissioner David Wilder reported the RCA had a short meeting with few attendees. The RCA is scheduled to go to Rolling Start on March 7, 2024, to discuss the 2024 Area Plan.

C. MORONGO BASIN RCA

Commissioner Przybocki; 4th Thursday of the month; 12:30 p.m., Yucca Valley Senior Center

- No report at this time.

D. MOUNTAIN RCA

Commissioner Shubnell; 4th Wednesday of the month at 12:00 p.m., Leisure Shores Senior Center, Crestline

- Area Plan discussion meeting is scheduled for March 21, 2024.

E. NORTH DESERT RCA

VACANT; not meeting at this time

- No report at this time.

F. VICTOR VALLEY RCA

VACANT; 2nd Tuesday of the month at 9:00 a.m., Victorville DAAS-PG

- Commissioner Susan Drake reported that the RCA did not have a meeting.

G. WEST VALLEY RCA

Commissioner Alber; 1st Tuesday of the month at 9:30 a.m., Montclair Senior Center

- Commissioner Gwen Alber reported that the RCA discussed the upcoming Area Plan meetings and how to get more seniors involved.
- The Area Plan meeting is scheduled for March 5, 2024, at 9:00 am

10. PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

- No public announcements at this time.



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11. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

- Commissioner Maricela Ferguson shared that she received a call from DAAS-PG staff to be on standby for the wireless headset from the Digital Connections Program. Commissioner Ferguson expressed her gratitude and is very thankful to staff for all they do.
- Commissioner Ben Jauregui acknowledged and thanked the Inland Caregiver Resource Center (ICRC) for their continued support.
- Commissioner Wilder shared that anyone can become a member of a SAC Committee
- Commissioner Penny Shubnell expressed her gratitude to the DAAS-PG leadership on the handling of the delivery of the food boxes to the Mountain are seniors.
- Commissioner Shubnell shared that Jacqueline Louder will present on “Understanding Aging” at St. Richards Church on March 2, 2024.

12. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

- County Transportation Authority to present at a future General Session meeting.
- Individual transportation providers to present at an Access Committee meeting.

13. NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, March 20, 2024, at 1:00 p.m.

- **Presentation: Area Agency on Aging Area Plan 2024-2028 Public Hearing**
Presented by Liz Lopez-Avila, District Manager
Department of Aging & Adult Services-Public Guardian

Meeting Location, Public Comment Access & Virtual Live Stream:

East Valley Region (In-Person Meeting Location)	DAAS-PG San Bernardino/Administration	784 E. Hospitality Lane, San Bernardino, CA 92415
West Valley Region (Public Comment Access*)	DAAS-PG Rancho Cucamonga	9445 Fairway View Place, Ste 110, Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730
Desert Region (Public Comment Access*)	DAAS-PG Victorville	17270 Bear Valley Road, Ste 108, Victorville, CA 92395
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14. ADJOURNMENT

- Commissioner David Wilder adjourned the meeting at 3:08 PM.

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