



Aging and Adult Services - Public Guardian Senior Affairs Commission

SENIOR AFFAIRS COMMISSION MEETING Wednesday, June 15, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.

MINUTES

KEY:
P: Present
NP: Not Present
E: Excused

ATTENDANCE

Commissioners:	P	NP	E	DAAS-PG Staff Present:
First District				Edge-Ballantine, Jennifer – District Manager
Jim Welte		X		Esquer, Vanessa – Secretary I
Frank Kelly	X			Gray, Paul – Supervising Deputy Public Guardian
Second District				Harris, Claudia – District Manager
Larry S. Grable	X			Jackson, Glenda - Deputy Director/Chief Public Guardian
Linda Frost	X			Johnson, Cassandra – Secretary I
Third District				McCarthy, Jake – District Manager
Dr. Deborah Nattress	X			Nevins, Sharon – Director/Public Guardian
Judith K. Walsh		X		Picazo, Adriane - Supervising Deputy Public Guardian
Fourth District				Power, Rosalinda – Supervising Social Worker
Joanne Iavello		X		Quiroz, David J. – Deputy Director
Sue Yoakum		X		Ramirez, Brizza: Supervising Social Worker
Fifth District				Sesay, Melissa – Supervising Social Worker / SAC Liaison
Maricela Ferguson	X			Sotile, Loretta – District Manager
Arlington Rodgers	X			Tarr, Chris – Deputy Director
Members At Large				Torres, Michelle - Executive Secretary II / Clerk of the Commission
Daniel Burke	X			Weeks, Mary - Senior Information & Referral Area Representative
VACANT				Young, Roxanne – Deputy Director
Professional Members				
Denise Benton	X			
Ben Jauregui	X			
Regional Council on Aging (RCA):	P	NP	E	
David Wilder, SAC Chair: East Valley RCA	X			
Stanley Przybicki: Morongo Basin RCA		X		
Gwen Alber: West Valley RCA		X		
Priscilla Benedom: North Desert RCA	X			
VACANT: Colorado River RCA				
Heather Lopez, SAC Secretary: Victor Valley RCA		X		
Penny Shubnell, SAC Vice-Chair: Mountains RCA	X			
Guests:				
Hayes, Lisa – Rolling Start/ San Bernardino ADRC				
Danny Tekle - Rolling Start, INC				
(3) Unidentified Call-In Users				



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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 meeting to order at 1:00 PM.
- Commissioner Larry Grable led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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.

- No public comments at this time.

3. APPROVAL OF May 18, 2022 MINUTES

- **Motion to Approve:** Approval of minutes for June 15, 2022 meeting have been deferred to July 20, 2022 meeting.

4. PRESENTATION: Housing Assistance; Making the Existing Housing Accessible; Presented by Commissioner Ben Jauregui, Manager, BH & CM Support Services, Inland Empire Health Plan (IEHP)

- Commissioner Ben Jauregui reported that IEHP is the local public entity that serves Medi-Cal and Medi-care patients.
 - Riverside and San Bernardino County created Inland Empire Health Plan in 1996 as a Public Entity to serve as a not-for-profit Medi-Cal health plan for the Inland Empire.
 - Why is a health plan involved in housing?
 - Housing is a social determinant of health
 - Homelessness makes it very difficult for an individual to follow through with healthy behaviors
 - Homeless individuals who receive housing end up with overall lower medical costs and improve quality of life.
 - Services are provided directly by IEHP and others by contracted vendors:
 - Housing Transition Navigation Services – finding a place to live.
 - Housing Tenancy and Sustaining Services – case management to prevent homelessness.
 - Housing Deposits – deposits only, not rental subsidy.
 - Environmental Accessibility Adaptions – minor home modifications
 - Recuperative Care – safe place to recover for 90 days.
 - Short-Term Post Hospitalization Housing – up to 6 months post recuperative care.
 - Community Transition Services/Nursing Facility Transition to a Home
 - Nursing Facility Transition/Diversion to Assisted Living Facilities , such as Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly (RCFEs) & Adult Residential Facilities (ARFs)
 - Community & Housing Navigation – form Members who do not qualify for Community Supports.
 - Housing Transition Navigation Services assist members in obtaining housing by:
 - Tenant screening and housing assessments
 - Developing individualized housing support plans
 - Completion of housing applications and required documentation
 - Benefit advocacy
 - Securing resources for subsidizing rent
 - Ensuring a safe and ready to move-in living experience
 - Communicating and advocating on behalf of the member with the landlords
 - Assisting with reasonable accommodation requests

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- Housing Deposits
 - Security Deposits
 - Setup fees/deposits for utilities
 - First month coverage for utilities
 - Service necessary for an individual's health and safety
 - Goods such as an air conditioner or heater and other medically necessary services
- Recuperative Case
 - IEHP Provides Recuperative Care Services to Members experiencing homelessness.
 - Members are provided with a safe place to stay (motel room) while receiving skilled nursing care and social services
 - Hospitals refer to this program.
 - Members are assessed for PSH while on site.
 - Typical stay is 60 days.
- **Question:** Commissioner Penny Shubnell asked if the housing team service the San Bernardino mountain area.
Answer: Commissioner Ben Jauregui responded that they service the entire San Bernardino County including the mountain area
- **Question:** Commissioner Chair David Wilder asked if the housing units ever considered shared housing.
Answer: Commissioner Ben Jauregui stated they will provide housing or shared housing but they will not assist with a deposit with shared housing/room and board.

5. SAC CHAIR'S REPORT: Commissioner Chair David Wilder

- **ORIENTATION:** Commissioner Chair, David Wilder acknowledges his appreciation for Deputy Director, David J. Quiroz. He acknowledges the great information he's given and he has received many compliments. He reports that they have completed three orientations and have one left.
- Deputy Director, David J. Quiroz acknowledges Commissioner Chair Wilder's appreciation for his participation in the Senior Affairs Commission orientations. He also acknowledges Clerk of the Commission, Michelle Torres for her hard work with the orientations.
- Commissioner Shubnell also acknowledges Clerk of the Commission, Michelle Torres for her hard work and dedication to the orientations.

6. DAAS-PG DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Director/Public Guardian, Sharon Nevins

- **ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH:** Interim Assistant Director, Glenda Jackson welcomed everyone in attendance and began her report with recognizing June as Elder Abuse Awareness Month.
- **NACO AWARDS:** Interim Assistant Director, Glenda Jackson, announced that the National Association of Counties (NACo) has granted achievement awards to three DAAS-Public Guardian: **1)** Age Wise Home and Community-Based Mental Health Services Expands Access for Seniors; **2)** Senior and Disabled Adult Vaccination Outreach and Clinics; **3)** Helpful Resources for Seniors Booklet Puts Vital Resources at Seniors' Fingertips. **4)** Covid-19 Homebound Vaccinations.
- **USAGING CONFERENCE:** Interim Assistant Director, Glenda Jackson reports that the conference will be held next month in Austin, TX. The Age Wise program and been selected to represent San Bernardino County.
- **ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES (APS) EXPANSION:** Interim Assistant Director, Glenda Jackson reported that the state provided funding and the county received the funding. APS will begin the expansion under the direction of Deputy Director, Roxanne Young. The county will be doing a mass hiring for the program. The phone APS referral phone number is (877) 565-2020.

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6. DAAS-PG DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Director/Public Guardian, Sharon Nevins (continued)

- **BUDGET:** Director-Public Guardian, Sharon Nevins reported that the newly released budget has a lot of promising commitment to homelessness and support of older adults and persons with disabilities. There's funding and continued support for social service programs that serve older adults, like APS and IHSS. There's also a huge investment in homelessness. Director Nevins shared that they are still going through the budget, combing through to see what other areas are really highlighted but it's good to see the commitment to ongoing service delivery to older adults and persons with disabilities. The Department will continue to do its analysis and see what other new funding streams and opportunities are identified in the Governor's budget. Other committees have submitted letters to the Governor regarding the budget. There is a concern regarding the budget as we go forward.
- **MASTER PLAN ON AGING:** Director-Public Guardian, Sharon Nevins reported that Impact Stakeholders met on April 19th and the CDA Director, Susan DeMarois, continued to lead their efforts with the Master Plan Impact Committee. Several members from different organizations, including Ms. Nevins, worked on a counter paper to be submitted to the governor's office to discuss the ongoing needs. Some needs mentioned, support, funding, and commitment to the relevant goals that are identified in the Master Plan. Of the five bold goals, of course, homelessness is one of them. In addition to caregiving, networks, ad integration with health plan. Ms. Nevins shared that Susan DeMarois has done an excellent job in leading the stakeholder meetings for the Master Plan and will have more to share after their next meeting.
- **SENIOR NUTRITION PROGRAM:** District Manager, Claudia Harris, reported that the nutrition services are ongoing with no major interruptions and changes. In terms of the new contracts with nutrition, those have been completed, the request for proposals has closed, and budgets are being finalized so that a new schedule of contracted services with nutrition providers through San Bernardino County. New contracts have been finalized and signed. The Yucca Valley location however, continues to be temporarily closed due to the kitchen repairs and remodeling. Reopening is scheduled for the end of June however, services and meals continue to be provided to all the recipients that are serviced in that area.
QUESTION: Commissioner David Wilder asked Ms. Harris to send a list of the confirmed vendors.
ANSWER: District Manager, Claudia Harris, responded that she would send the list out to the commission.
QUESTION: Lisa Hayes of Rolling Start asked if people under 60 can receive food services.
ANSWER: District Manager, Claudia Harris responded that yes, the grant provides funding for the younger group of seniors to interact with the older group of seniors.

7. ITEMS FOR ACTION

- There were no items for action.

8. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS (5 minutes each)

A. ACCESS COMMITTEE

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

- Commissioner Deborah Nattress reported that they discussed access issues and she acknowledged that she is more aware of the access issues. One observation was the weight of a door at a local eatery.
- Commissioner Chair Wilder asked Commissioner Heather Lopez if she could find out the regulations on the door weight as he believed it shouldn't be heavier than 5 lbs. Commissioner Heather Lopez stated she would do research and report back to the committee.
- The next virtual meeting is scheduled for July 13th at 11:00 am. Join the meeting via WebEx at:
<https://hs-sbcounty.webex.com/hs-sbcounty/j.php?MTID=m5792c9c488b5a6004dcbd6d0bfe0f041>
Or Dial-in: 1-213-306-3065 / Access Code: 248 743 50288 # / Meeting password: JQfWj7FQY62



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B. **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Meets 2nd Wednesday of the month; 2:00 pm; teleconference; Commissioner David Wilder, Chair

- Commissioner Chair, David Wilder, reported that he has not found any reference to any bill that exempts Brown Act covered meetings from the requirement of doing a roll call vote.
- The next virtual meeting is scheduled for July 13th at 2:00 pm. Join the meeting via WebEx at:
<https://hs-sbcounty.webex.com/hs-sbcounty/j.php?MTID=mb7fb752b399938e18f9be5decb60bf6c>
Or Dial-in: 1-213-306-3065 / Access Code: 248 231 03141 # / Meeting password: 3irYPJpMF46

C. **HEALTHY AGING COMMITTEE**

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

- Commissioner Vice-Chair, Penny Shubnell reported that the committee received approval for this month's **Did You Know?** called "How to stay cool in the summer heat." If anyone is interested in receiving that please reach out to Commissioner Shubnell.
- The next virtual meeting is scheduled for July 20th at 11:00 am. Join the meeting via WebEx at:
<https://hs-sbcounty.webex.com/hs-sbcounty/j.php?MTID=m1bf0c55359895f7561fa7ed66a7f86d8>
Or Dial-in: 1-213-306-3065 / Access Code: 249 462 29542 # / Meeting password: gR2Cf3eJSb3

D. **INTERGENERATIONAL COMMITTEE**

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

- Commissioner Denise Benton reported there are three programs. Commissioner Benton has participated in one of the Kindship Programs and was able to meet other participants.
- Commissioner Denise Benton stated that Inland Caregiver Resource Center representative, Krystal Perez reported that ICRC is coming to the end of their fiscal year. They are trying to use the remainder of their grants/funds before the end of the fiscal year.
- Commissioner Denise Benton reported she visited the San Bernardino Library Foundation. They had their election of officers and it was announced they would receive funds from the Inland Empire Community Foundation.
- Commissioner Denise Benton contacted the Home of Neighborly Social Services to volunteer. They are incorporating mobile showers and giving away food.
- Commissioner Denise Benton will be attending the Life Membership: African American Alumni and UC Riverside to share information regarding the Intergenerational Committee.
- The next virtual meeting is scheduled for July 20th at 10:00 am. Join the meeting via WebEx at:
<https://hs-sbcounty.webex.com/hs-sbcounty/j.php?MTID=ma6c114a8e75cf82fe5b924871acd56df>
Or Dial-in: 1-213-306-3065 / Access Code: 248 925 21806 # / Meeting password: erPNYpeG338



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E. LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

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

- **Commissioner Maricela Ferguson reported on the Legislative deadlines.**
 - June 30: Last day for a legislative measure to qualify for the November 8th General Election ballot.
 - June 15: Budget Bill must be passed by midnight.
 - June 1: The Senate and Assembly leadership announced that the two houses have reached an agreement on a comprehensive budget package for the 2022-23 fiscal year. There will not need to be a budget conference committee this year, the bills will go into print and should be passed by each house by the June 15th deadline.
 - May 13: The May Revision of the Governor's Budget was released. Approximately 95% of the General Fund Surplus is proposed to be spent on one-time or temporary purposes, such as program expansions and tax refunds, reserves and debt payments. Significant funding is proposed to assist with various housing initiatives such as Home Key, and other homeless housing and prevention programs. The Community Assistance Recovery and Empowerment (CARE Court).
- **Commissioner Ferguson reported on the following Bill highlights:**
 - **AB2547: Housing Stabilization to Prevent and End Homelessness Among Older Adults and People with Disabilities Act**

Summary: Would, upon appropriation by the Legislature, require the California Department of Aging, by December 31, 2023, to create and administer the Housing Stabilization to Prevent and End Homelessness Among Older Adults and People with Disabilities Program. The bill would require the department, in administering the program, to offer competitive grants to nonprofit community-based organizations, continuums of care, and public housing authorities to administer a housing subsidy program for older adults and persons with a disability that are experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness, as those terms are as defined. The bill would require the department, in establishing program guidelines, to prioritize communities where renters face high rates of poverty, displacement, gentrification, and homelessness.
 - **AB 2630: Housing: California Interagency Council on Homelessness: report.**

AB 2630 would require each city and county that has used funds from any state funding source to assist in addressing homelessness to complete a report detailing the number of people experiencing homelessness in the jurisdiction and publish the report on its internet website or alternative, and publish a local homelessness action plan on its internet website.
 - **SB 1421: California Interagency Council on Homelessness.**

The Governor to establish the California Interagency Council on Homelessness, and requires the council to identify mainstream resources, benefits, and services that can be accessed to prevent and end homelessness in California, and promote systems integration to increase efficiency and effectiveness to address the needs of people experiencing homelessness. The Council on Homelessness to seek guidance from an advisory committee that includes a survivor of gender-based violence who formerly experienced homelessness.
- The next virtual meeting is scheduled for July 20th at 1:00 pm.

Join the meeting via WebEx at:
<https://hs-sbcounty.webex.com/hs-sbcounty/j.php?MTID=me8313785def51c1856bb7c0bd11ca2be>
Or Dial-in: 1-213-306-3065 / Access Code: 249 143 41088 # / Meeting password: QPik7DJvq68



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F. NUTRITION COMMITTEE

2nd Wednesday of the month; 10:00 a.m.; teleconference; Sue Yoakum, Fourth District

- Commissioner Penny Shubnell reported on behalf of Commissioner Sue Yoakum that due to the increase in positive Covid cases they didn't visit the sites as Secret Shoppers. The plan is to continue to work with the Commissioners and support them in any way that she can and insure that they have the correct checklist.
- Commissioner Penny Shubnell reported on the 3rd chapter of the Dietary Guidelines for Americans.
- The next virtual meeting is scheduled for July 13th at 10:00 am
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<https://hs-sbcounty.webex.com/hs-sbcounty/j.php?MTID=m933745e6790979d7b5c726c2a55e3f57>
Or Dial-in: 1-213-306-3065 / Access Code: 248 689 05371 # / Meeting password: gR2Cf3eJSb3

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

A. COLORADO RIVER RCA

Commissioner **VACANT**. Meeting TBD

- No report at this time.

B. EAST VALLEY RCA

Commissioner David Wilder; 1st Thursday of the month; 10:00 a.m., Redlands Senior Center on Lugonia

- Commissioner David Wilder reports that the members of his meeting requested Zoom meetings. The meetings will resume once Zoom is set up.

C. NORTH DESERT RCA

Commissioner Priscilla Benedom; Meeting TBD

- Commissioner Priscilla Benedom reported that the senior center is getting busy again. On June 28th and July 19th they will be hosting a booster clinic. On July 7th they will have cell phone training for seniors on Android phone. Later they will have a training for the iPhone.
- Commissioner Priscilla Benedom reported that in May they served 72 households, about 171 individuals. June's commodities will be distributed on this upcoming Friday.

D. MORONGO BASIN RCA

Commissioner Toni Stepetz; 4th Thursday of the month; 12:00 p.m., Yucca Valley Senior Center

- Commissioner Toni Stepetz reported that the Senior Center will be opening. They will be hosting a breakfast meeting.

E. MOUNTAIN RCA

Commissioner Penny Shubnell; 3rd Thursday of the month at 12:00 p.m., Leisure Shores Senior Center, Crestline

- Commissioner Penny Shubnell announced that the Captain of the Sheriff's department will be attending the meeting to educate the meeting on scams.



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F. **VICTOR VALLEY RCA**

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

- Commissioner Heather Lopez reported she was unable to attend the meeting. She did report that the attendance is still low and they are brainstorming ways to raise attendance.

G. **WEST VALLEY RCA**

Commissioner Gwen Alber; 1st Tuesday of the month at 10:00 a.m., Montclair Senior Center

- No report at this time.

10. **PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- None at this time.

11. **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

- Commissioner Penny Shubnell stated that the next orientation will be on June 24th at 10:00am. There are six commissioners who will be attending that meeting. Commissioner Shubnell stated she will be in contact with the commissioners who need to attend the orientation.
- Commissioner Penny Shubnell reported two updates from the county website that the Board of Supervisors approved a balanced budget. Commissioner Shubnell encourages everyone to review the budget.

12. **ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS**

- No items for future agendas.

13. **NEXT MEETING:**

Wednesday, July 20, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.

Join the meeting via WebEx at: <https://hs-sbcounty.webex.com/join/daassenioraffairscommission>, or

Dial-in: 1-213-306-3065 / Meeting number (access code): 146 770 9426 #

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

- Commissioner David Wilder adjourned the meeting at 3:00 PM.

Requests for reasonable accommodations should be made by contacting the DAAS-PG Senior Affairs Commission at DAASSAC@hss.sbcounty.gov, or at (909) 891-3917, at least 72 hours prior to the meeting. Written material for this meeting is available by request.

THIS MEETING IS CONDUCTED PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS IN AB 361, APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR SEPTEMBER 16, 2021 AND THE GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER N-25-20 DATED MARCH 17, 2020, WHICH SUSPENDS CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS OF THE RALPH M. BROWN ACT.