



SENIOR COALITION OF STANISLAUS COUNTY

January 24, 2023 | Virtual Meeting

Members Present:

Dianna Olson, Samantha Borba, and Jessica Enes - Healthy Aging Association (HAA), Tim Stevens - Home Safety Services, Janice Herring - CSU Stanislaus, Elba Scherer - Hands on Central/Americorps, Hayley Vieyra - MOVE, Kevin Alvey - Valley Caregiver Resource Center, Susan Cook - SEAPA, Hannah Brady - Senior Advocacy Network, Julian Aguirre - Stanislaus County Community Services Agency/Adult Services, Jose Michel - Stanislaus County Community Services Agency, Melissa Flaherty & Beverly Ballum - Stanislaus Ombudsman Program, Channa King - Society for Disabilities, Denise Davis - Alzheimer's Association, Stephanie Navarette - MSSP, Angela Swanson - StanRTA, Michelle Donaldson - SEVA Hospice

Facilitator:

Jessica Enes, Healthy Aging Association

Agenda Item	Discussion	Outcome/Action
Welcome and Introductions	<i>Jessica facilitated introductions. Participants introduced themselves.</i>	

New Business		
Presentation on CalAIM	Jose Michel presented a basic overview of CalAIM. These changes to Medi-Cal focus attention on coordinating care for those who are most in need of help. There are currently 2 health plans (Health Plan of San Joaquin and HealthNet) who are working to manage care plans and bring on new services with the whole person care approach. With this transformation of Medi-Cal the managed care plans will be able to contract with CBOs and county agencies to provide ECM and CS.	https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/calaim
Budget Updates	Dianna reported on the Governor’s proposed budget for 2023-2024, specifically housing for seniors. Seniors were not separated from the homeless category making it more challenging to focus on housing for all seniors, not just those who are at risk of being homeless or who are currently homeless. Grants are becoming available for cities to apply for and advocacy is needed to encourage city officials to apply for funding.	https://ebudget.ca.gov/budget/2023-24/#/BudgetSummary
Senior Coalition Goals for the Year	Shared goals for the year with Coalition members and asked for feedback. 1. Complete Fall Prevention Resource Guide draft by July 2023. 2. Housing - Explore programs and options to bring to Stanislaus County. Connect and collaborate with organizations and services to make affordable housing accessible for older adults 3. Caregiving - Continue supporting local caregiving efforts (events, education, etc.) Advocate for higher wages and more tools to be available to assist caregivers. 4. Plan MPA Event to happen near the end of 2023.	https://www.seniorcoalitionofstanislaus.org/

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Fall Prevention Services & Programs		
A Matter of Balance Classes	These 8-week classes are currently being offered in Modesto at the Stanislaus Veterans Center and the Ceres Community Center by HAA. Room still available. A Matter of Balance focuses on the fear of falling and concerns about falling for older adults.	https://www.healthyaginassociation.org/a-matter-of-balance.html
Dignity At Home	This program provides in-home environmental assessments, fall prevention education, and injury prevention accessories to qualifying individuals 60 and older or persons with disabilities who are at risk of falling in Stanislaus County. The program coordinated by HAA is currently accepting referrals. Income guidelines have been removed, allowing more older adults with this fall prevention service.	https://www.healthyaginassociation.org/dignity-at-home.html

COVID-19 Vaccine Updates and Outreach		Outcome/Action
Updates	Many vaccine sites have closed, such as the Turlock site. HAA doing bi-monthly newsletters.	

Agency Sharing:

- Elba Scherer - Hired new coordinator to help with veterans. Offering opioid education and disaster preparedness courses. Currently working with CSU Stanislaus for volunteers.
- Hayley Vieyra- Moved to a new office. Continuing to work with those 55+ to get them bus tickets. Assisting with promotion of the Caregiver Wellness Retreat coming up on March 22nd at the Stanislaus Veterans Center.
- Jose Michel - CSA has received an access to technology grant allowing older adults to receive an ipad and training. Also working with the Alzheimer's Association on grant partnership.
- Michelle Donaldson - Currently offering a palliative care program now.
- Beverly Ballam - Looking for interested volunteers for the Ombudsman program.
- Channa King - Loan program available for medical equipment, currently in need of wheelchairs.
- Hannah Brady - Legal aid for seniors - Senior Law Project, current programs - rental subsidy, homeshare, housing counseling, home safe program. 3 new programs - mortgage foreclosure program, consumer debt program, and legal on the move.
- Denise Davis - Currently working with CSA and Center for Human Services on grant partnership to bring community based events to train and educate people.
- Stephanie Navarette - Currently taking new referrals for MSSP. Receiving ipads and internet services from CDA.
- Angela Swanson - March 5th major service changes will be happening. Shuttle services in select areas will be eliminated, currently working with other agencies to continue providing services and exploring ride options.
- Susan Cook - Educating community on scams, assisting with Homemaker Program which is looking for volunteers to help with simple housekeeping for older adults.

Next Meeting: March 28, 2023 at 2:30 pm Meeting held virtually via Zoom