



SENIOR COALITION OF STANISLAUS COUNTY

November 9, 2021| Virtual Meeting

Members Present:

Dianna Olsen, Jessica Enes, & Samantha Borba - Healthy Aging Association, Gina Innes - IHSS Stanislaus County CSA, Tiffany Walter-Leijten & Kim Delucchi - Aging and Veterans Services, Tim Stevens - Home Safety Services, Denise Davis - Alzheimer’s Association, Diana Galván - Valley Caregiver Resource Center (VCRC), Patricia Mendoza - Central Valley PACE, Susana Diaz - First Behavioral Health Urgent Care Center, Hannah Brady - Senior Advocacy Network, Dr. Bob McGrew - HAA Board of Directors, Jeanette Johnson - Valley Capital Advisors, Cindy Starsiak - Visiting Angels, Janice Herring - CSU Stanislaus, Hayley Vieyra - MOVE, Carmen Garcia - California Phones.

Facilitator:
Jessica Enes,
Healthy Aging
Association

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

New Business		
Recap from Healthy Aging and Fall Prevention Summit	This was the 19th Annual Healthy Aging and Fall Prevention Summit. Healthy Aging Association held the event for 5 days, virtually and through drive thru distributions and were able to reach 3,000 older adults! The Virtual Summit presentations had a total of 95 participants who joined live discussions with experts on important senior health topics. Recorded videos and resources available on Healthy Aging Association website. Here are the number of bags distributed to older adults; Drive Through Distributions Across the County - 1,115, Senior Housing Communities & Senior Organizations - 1,435, Home Delivered Meals - 450	https://www.healthyagingassociation.org/healthy-aging-summit.html
SCAN Foundation Virtual Forum	The SCAN Foundation shared people’s experiences engaging with health care and long-term services and supports. During the four-week Forum, experts and stakeholders discussed opportunities to advance person-focused solutions and plans for the future. Challenges have been faced for older adults regarding availability and access to the internet.	https://www.thescanfoundation.org/our-events/
Updates on Senate Bill SB 639	This bill is to pay people with disabilities minimum wage. This bill has been passed by the Governor and now individuals with disabilities will receive a fair wage. Dianna also discussed bills regarding the Master Plan for Aging and 5 Nursing Home PROTECT Plan Reform Bills signed by Governor Newsom.	https://www.gov.ca.gov/2021/10/04/governor-newsom-signs-legislation-to-protect-older-californians/

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Fall Prevention Services and Programs		
Dignity at Home	The Dignity At Home program provides in-home environmental assessments, fall prevention education, and injury prevention accessories to qualifying individuals 60 and older or persons with disabilities. Healthy Aging Association is currently accepting referrals. Individuals can call 209-558-8698 to be pre-screened and make sure they qualify for the program. Home Safety Services has been a great partner along with state funding available for this program.	https://www.healthyagingassociation.org/dignity-at-home.html
COVID-19 Updates and Outreach		Outcome/Action
COVID Vaccine Update	Healthy Aging Association (HAA) will be receiving funding from the Stanislaus Area Agency on Aging to reach out to Homebound individuals in need of the COVID-19 Vaccine. HAA has distributed 1,090 packets to older adults at senior housing and meal sites. Transportation through MOVE is also available for the COVID-19 Vaccine and Flu shots. If individuals have lost their vaccine card they can contact the Stanislaus County Health Services Agency at 209-558-7535 to receive a copy of your vaccine record.	www.schsa.org/coronavirus/vaccine https://myturn.ca.gov/ MOVE - (209) 672-1143
Presentation on HomeShare		Outcome/Action
HomeShare by the Senior Advocacy Network	This program is to help individuals find housing and also assist older adults to stay in their home for longer. If individuals have a room to rent or are interested in renting a room they can begin the background process and complete the application to begin the HomeShare program. Also offer Senior Rental Subsidy to pay \$100 of low income seniors rent who are spending over 50% of their income on rent. This program lasts until September 2022.	http://senioradvocacynetwork.org/homeshare/ SANhousingprogram@gmail.com

Agency Sharing:

- Tiffany Leijten - Aging and Veteran Services - Catholic Charities is helping with transportation to vaccine appt. in Patterson.
- Kim Delucchi - Aging and Veterans Services - Next SOS Serving our Seniors is January 10 at 9:00 a.m.
- Gina Innes - IHSS - APS will review elder abuse cases for those 60 and older beginning January 2022.
- Denise Davis - Alzheimer's Assoc. - Caregiver support groups & education classes. Medi-Cal now covers annual cognitive health assessments.
- Diana Galván (VCRC)- Support groups, respite care, and legal support available. Clients 18 and older only virtually.
- Cindy Starsiak - Currently looking for caregivers, all caregivers are mandated to be vaccinated by November 30, 2021.
- Patricia Mendoza - Services (dental, vision, speech therapy, exercise, etc) available for individuals 55 and older at their facility and in the home.

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- Hayley Vieyra - Stanislaus County is reviewing transportation to gather information for needs in the community. Homebound Veterans program for appointment rides. Mileage reimbursement for door-through-door program. There is also fair assistance for Dial-A-Ride and public transit.
- Carmen Garcia - Ongoing Smartphone Training classes virtual. CA Phones staff available for in-person presentations.
- Jeanette Johnson - Annual Enrollment period is open, anyone needing help navigating Medicare can contact Valley Capital Advisors.
- Susana Diaz - First Behavioral Health Urgent Care Center - Counseling to seniors in-person, over the phone or virtually with iPads available.
- Dr. Bob McGrew - Speaker for the Alzheimer Dementia Support Center at the Modesto State Theatre on Friday, November 12th.

Next Meeting: January 25, 2022