

**AREA 12 AGENCY ON AGING ADVISORY COUNCIL
MEETING NOTES**

Monday, June 15, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.

**Meeting Location:
Amador Senior Center, 229 New York Ranch Rd, Jackson, CA 95642
(209) 223-0442**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 10:04 am by Rich Corvello Chair. Quorum is met.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. ROLL CALL & INTRODUCTIONS

Advisory Council Members

In Attendance:

Amador Co.
Barbara Long

Calaveras Co.
Andrew Schleder
Rich Corvello
Marian Coahran

Mariposa Co.
Lydia Arre (P)
Don Fox

Tuolumne Co.
Denise Simpson
Dick Southern
Cathie Peacock

Excused/Unexcused Absences:

Amador Co.

Calaveras Co.
Susan Tomasich

Mariposa Co.

Tuolumne Co.
Barbara Farkas

Leon Casas

Guests:

John Featherstone – Tuolumne County

Kelly Marshall for Chris Kalton – Amador County Senior Center

A12AA Staff:

Chris McCoy – Assistant Director, ADRC Program Manager

Joycelyn Preston – Executive Director

Gabby Chipponeri – Planner/MIS Specialist

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT - The public may speak on any item not on the printed agenda. No action may be taken by the Advisory Council. The public will also be given the opportunity to comment before or during the Council's consideration of an item [§54954.3(a)].

V. CONSENT AGENDA

Consider approving the Minutes of the April 20, 2026, meeting.

Motion: It was moved by D. Southern and seconded by D. Fox to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2026, meeting.

Motion Carried: 10 – 0

- VI. PRESENTATIONS:** Amador County Behavioral Health: Amy Hixson Behavioral Health Care Program Manager, Sylvia Newlun Behavioral Health Clinician III
Amador County Behavioral Health assists those in Amador County with Substance Use Disorder Treatment and Mental Health Services. Amy Hixson discussed services through the Substance Use Disorder Treatment including case management, cognitive behavioral interventions, addiction treatment and relapse prevention, anger management, individual and group counseling, life skills development, and supportive services for workforce re-entry. They will assist anyone from perinatal to older adults. Sylvia Newlun discussed Mental Health Services including medication management, psychiatry, therapy, case management, wellness & recovery, coordinating with primary care, intensive care coordination, intensive home-based services, and mobile support services.
- VII. BUSINESS REQUIRING ACTION**
None
- VIII. DISCUSSION ITEM**
A. Breakout sessions to work on Area Plan committee objectives
- B.** Recruitment Public Service Announcement- Joycelyn Preston
Don Fox created a Public Service Announcement (PSA) for Mariposa Gazette to help with recruitment for Advisory Council. Joycelyn Preston coordinated with him to create a PSA for each county with the intent to have Advisory Council Members submitting them in their county newspaper, radio station, or public access tv station. The following volunteered to complete this task:
Barbara Long – Amador County
Don Fox and Lydia Arre – Mariposa County (radio station)
Rich Corvello – Calaveras County (radio station)
Marian Coahran – Calaveras County (newspaper)
Denise Simpson – Tuolumne County
Other ideas discussed for recruitment advertising included creating a flyer to post at public spaces and online and mentioning mileage stipends as an added perk in advertisements.
- IX. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**
A. Legislative Committee – Marian Coahran
Marian Coahran went through the Legislative Report on CSL Sponsored Bills/Top Priorities with their current status hyperlinks.
- B.** Membership & Recruitment Committee – Rich Corvello
Rich Corvello has been attending outreaches, most recently a Firewise Community Event in Arnold with Andrew Schleder. They have outreach bags that are being handed out with information on the Advisory Council and other giveaways.

C. Nutrition Committee – Vacant

Barbara Long reported interested in the Nutrition Committee vacancy. The council has agreed to appoint Barbara Long to report on the Nutrition Committee for future meetings.

Joycelyn discussed the Senior Farmer's Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP) for this year. Farmer's Market cards are distributed each year at a Senior Center in each county with \$50 to use on fruits/vegetables, herbs, and honey. They must be used by the end of the 2026 Farmer's Market season in October, and they are for anyone 60 years or older and with a monthly income at or below 185% of the federal poverty level. Flyers will be created showing which market and vendors accept these cards and will be distributed to the Senior Center's to give out to participants. Joycelyn is working on getting a vendor in Amador to schedule visits at the Amador Senior Center as they are limited to where they go in the county. Lydia mentioned that they will have sign ups at the North County site in Mariposa as well for those closest to that center. Internet is the only requirement to get people signed up.

D. Public Awareness Committee – Dox Fox

In the breakout session, Don mentions a discussion about how to reach out to homeless seniors on local resources and Area 12. He states there was a healthy discussion and hoping to find ways to provide outreach to that population. Cathie Peacock talked about the Tuolumne County Senior Advocacy Committee and planning the annual Centenarian Luncheon event in October. It will be the same day as the Advisory Council meeting.

X. OTHER REPORTS

A. Joycelyn Preston, A12AA Executive Director
See Attached, 6-15-26 Directors Report

C. Marian Coahran, Senior Senator member, CSL
Discussed CSL Report during Standing Committee Report. Marion has asked to be removed from Other Reports for future meetings.

C. Rich Corvello, TACC, Executive Committee
Meeting every 4 times a year, 3 meetings via Zoom and one in-person. During the May meeting, they discussed senior homelessness, and how many of them have nowhere to go. Rich mentions the Senate is drafting funding for housing developments and highlighted that those 50 years or older are the fastest growing group of unhoused individuals at this time. Rich also mentioned that June is Elder Abuse Month.

Meeting adjourned at 12:02 PM.

The next Advisory Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 17, 2026 at the Mariposa Senior Center- 5246 Spriggs Ln. Mariposa, CA 95338- (209) 966-6632.

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