



CCoA Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, June 5, 2025

1. Call to Order, Roll Call, Establish Quorum

Commissioners present: Castile, Davis, Goodall, Frank, Jauregui, Chair Lindeman

Commissioners absent: Vice Chair Toppel

Staff Present: Swartzlander, Melman, Smith

2. Public Comment

None.

3. Approve May 15, 2025, CCoA Executive Committee Meeting Minutes MAY 15, 2025, MINUTES APPROVED.

4. Chair/Executive Director Updates

- A. Chair Lindeman and Swartzlander met with Richard Figueroa, Deputy Cabinet Secretary, Office of the Governor Gavin Newsom. "Fig" has taken on the aging and disability policy issues in Kim McCoy Wade's absence.
- B. A CCoA May Revise Response Letter was submitted to Governor Newsom and Legislative leadership on June 4, 2025. The reinstatement of the Medi-Cal asset test for older adults and individuals with disabilities, elimination of housing programs, and cuts to the Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) were the key issues called out.
- C. Swartzlander will work with Commissioners Frank and Jauregui to review and develop comments on the proposed 2025-2029 CA State Plan on Aging. Comments will be shared with the Commission for additional input. Comments are due June 21.
- D. Swartzlander noted the CA Department of Health Care Services released an article focused on the proven cost effectiveness of the [California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal \(CalAIM\)](#) initiative.

5. May 22 CCoA Meeting/Informational Hearing in Los Angeles – Debrief

Swartzlander thanked Commissioners Davis and Schmeding for submitting written comments and takeaways from the meeting to staff. Chair Lindeman expressed appreciation for the Braille Institute and CCoA staff's preparation for the meeting. Commissioners felt the informational hearing format was well-organized and effective.

Next Steps: Staff will create and submit a preliminary report compiling findings from the meeting to the CCoA Research and Policy Development Committee for feedback and guidance. The policy brief will be action-oriented and identify clear actions, guidelines, and responsibilities. The recommendations could be the focus of a CCoA Forum at the Association of Area Agencies on Aging (C4A) annual conference in November.

6. Federal Outreach and Education Subcommittee – Update

The subcommittee has merged with the Aging and Disability Coalition (ADC). The ADC is working on a statement of solidarity focused on Administration of Community Living (ACL) programs. A fact sheet explaining the ACL was prepared by ADC. Staff will bring the final statement and fact sheet to the Executive Committee for approval prior to distribution on CCoA social media.

The federal Department of Health and Human Services announced on May 30 that the Older Americans Act, and other aging and disability programs, will be housed together under a new agency rather than be dispersed across several agencies. Commissioners discussed convening an informational hearing on the impact of proposed federal cuts, eliminations, etc., on older adults, people with disabilities and caregivers.

7. Review Operational Planning Framework Update – Action

Consideration of amending the Framework was tabled until additional guidance from the Administration is obtained.

8. Staff Updates

- A. Swartzlander noted the next Executive Committee meetings will be held on June 26 and July 31.
- B. The next Research and Policy Development Committee will be convened in July, to provide feedback on recommendations from May 22 and on new project. CCoA intern, Sophia Aragoza, is focused on a new project about Extreme Heat Climate Resilience. A subcommittee will be established to support the Climate Resilience project.
- C. Swartzlander reported being contacted by an [Aging in America](#) representative from University of California, Berkeley about the proposed impacts of ACL proposals.

9. Public Comment

None.

10. Commissioner Comments

Staff responded to questions about how climate resilience was selected for a subcommittee.

11. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 9:34 am.