

Aging/Older Adult Ad Hoc- Staff Update

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Overview

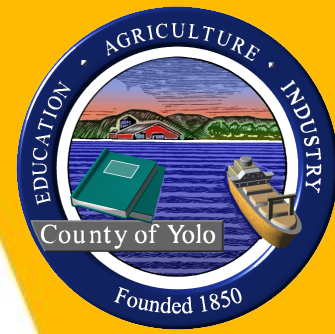
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Current Landscape

- Yolo County's aging population is expected to grow significantly by 2060. In 2020, the aging population was 41,541. By 2060, the aging population is projected to be 59,436, a 43% increase. ([Data Dashboard for Aging - Let's Get Healthy California](#))
- SB 43 has been implemented and will significantly impact the numbers of conservatorship referrals and cases through significantly expanded grave disability criteria.
- CARE Court is another new process which addresses the intersection of older adult and disability issues to deliver mental health and substance use disorder services. This new process will increase the demands on the County for CARE Plan service delivery with no new sources of funding.
- The County and the State are both facing budget challenges which create funding constraints that risk core business functions in older adult issues.

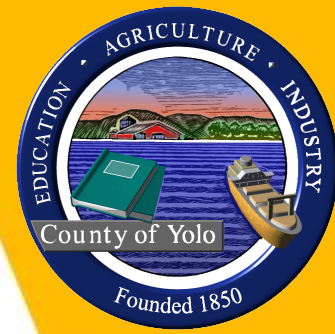


Ad Hoc 2024 Task Completion

1. Research to inform potential County actions and exploration of the capacity of community programs.
2. YoloCares Facility Tour in February 2024.
3. Health and Human Services Agency and the County Administrator's Office collaborated on an evaluation of a 2017 Grand Jury Report, an Internal Audit Report, and Corrective Action Plan of Public Guardian functions.
4. 3 FTE Conservator Officers for the Public Guardian were approved by the Board in June 2024.
5. The Grove Post-Acute Nursing Home guest presentation in November 2024.
6. Exploration of Yolo Healthy Aging Alliance alignment with the County's Commission on Aging & Adult services.

Letters of Intent for AAA Designations

- Once **every four years**, county governments, county-based joint powers authorities (JPAs), and tribal organizations will have the opportunity to apply to be an AAA provider, even if there is an existing provider in place, utilizing the Older American Act's right of first refusal for local units of government per 45 CFR §1321.19 (a)(1)(iv).
- Any time an AAA becomes vacant and a county, county-based JPA, or tribal organization either declines their right of first refusal or cannot satisfy the requirements of 45 CFR §1321(a)(1)(iv)(A)(B), non-profits and non-profit JPA providers may apply to assume the AAA designation.
- From **July 2027 to September 2027**, CDA will institute a Letter of Intent (LOI) process for eligible entities (counties, non-profits, joint powers authorities, and tribal organizations) interested in being an AAA provider:
 - Between **July 1, 2027 and August 15, 2027**⁵, interested applicants must submit a LOI to CDA to be eligible to be considered as an AAA provider.
 - The LOIs will require applicants to submit documentation of fiscal capability, program readiness, and administrative capacity to act as a AAA and to serve the PSA.
 - Between **August 16, 2027 and September 30, 2027**, CDA will conduct a pre-screening process based on the LOIs and will invite eligible candidates to submit an AAA Designation Application.



Staff Recommendations

1. Consider extending the anticipated duration of the Ad Hoc committee's efforts to the end of the 2026 calendar year and adopt an amended Scope and Charge that includes the following objectives:
 - A. Exploring the possibility of reconfiguring the current regional service arrangement to a localized Yolo County Agency on Aging; and
 - B. Continue to pursue funding opportunities and research best practices to provide high quality navigation services for Yolo County constituents seeking aging resources, services, and housing options.

2. Direct staff to work with Ad Hoc on Aging to draft and send a letter on behalf of the Board of Supervisors to the AAA4 JPA to make a formal request for information.