

**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO COMMISSION ON AGING**  
**2010 – 2011 (June thru June) Goals and Priority Senior Issues.**  
**Actions taken to meet our Goals and to inform Commissioners and Public about COA**  
**Priority Senior issues.**

<b>PRIORITY SENIOR ISSUES</b>	<b><i>ACTIONS TO KEEP INFORMED</i></b>
<b>1) Follow: Affordable Senior Housing</b>	<p><b>Presentation:</b>  <i>Update on Affordable Housing: Jerry Rioux, SLO Housing Trust Fund, Oct, 2010</i></p> <p><b>Special Advocacy:</b> <i>Letter to State Judiciary Committee (Chairperson Feuer) re: AB 579 adverse affect on SLO County Mobile Home owners. May 20, 2011</i></p>
<b>2) Follow: Senior Safety from Abuse: avoiding fraud; recognizing physical, mental, &amp; emotional abuse</b>	<p><b>Presentations:</b>  <i>Long Term Care Ombudsman Services: Karen Jones, Director, July, 2010</i></p> <p><i>Safeguarding our seniors and loved ones against financial abuse and current scams: Angela Viles and Haley Red, District Atty office, Jan 2011</i></p>
<b>3) Follow: Senior isolation and depression: increasing awareness of signs</b>	<p><b>Presentations:</b>  <i>Understanding Hoarding: Lisa Niesen, Chief Deputy Public Guardian June, 2010</i></p> <p><i>Living with Hearing Loss &amp; Isolation: Norma Dengler, Martin Seifert, Aug, 2010</i></p> <p><i>SLO the Stigma: Mike Bossenberry and Shannon McQuat , Transitions Mental Health Association, September, 2010</i></p> <p><b>Special Guest:</b> <i>Coralyn Brett, County Mental Health, spoke about Prop 63 cuts to “Tax on Millionaires” a significant funding source for Mental Health. Oct, 2010</i></p> <p><b>Outside Meeting:</b> <i>BOS, May 17, 2011 meeting. Hearing Loss Advocacy at Public Comment. York (Gibson Rep), Bellefontaine</i></p>
<b>4) Follow: Impact of current Health Care Reform</b>	<p><b>Chair Report:</b>  <i>Kaiser Foundation 4yr projection about implementation of Affordable Care Act, Oct 2010</i></p> <p><b>Special Guest:</b> <i>Betty Umhofer, District Rep for Lois Capps. Update on Health Care Reform changes already happening in SLO. Nov, 2010</i></p> <p><b>Outside meetings:</b>  <i>Lois Capp’s One Year <u>Anniversary Celebration of Affordable Care Act</u>, March 25, 2011. Bellefontaine attended.</i></p> <p><i><u>Protect Medicare Rally</u>. Pounders, Nemko, Bellefontaine attended. May 11, 2011.</i></p>

Actions taken to meet planning Goals and focus on Priority issues for 2010-2011 (June-June)

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<p><b>Follow: Monitor affordable services to keep people safe in their homes</b></p>	<p><b>Presentations:</b> <i>Community Health Centers and Cen Cal Report:</i> Denise Stewart and Paula Curran, RN. Feb, 2011</p> <p><i>Conversation with Lee Collins, Director of Department of Social Services.</i> Mar, 2011.</p> <p><i>Intergenerational Panel: Sustain SLO.</i> Dr. Joy Harkins (Cal Poly), Eric Veium, Francesca Nemko. May, 2011</p> <p><b>Special Report:</b> <u>Good Neighbor Program (GNP):</u> Carol Schmidt, Wilshire Community Services, report to Commission on progress. Jan, 2011.</p> <p><b>Outside Meeting:</b> Chair attended GNP Open House on behalf of SLOCOA. Sept, 2010</p>
<p><b>Follow: Transportation options</b></p>	<p><b>Presentation:</b> <i>Update on Senior Transportation Options and Accessibility:</i> Mark Shaffer, Jeaneane Taylor (Ride On). April, 2011</p> <p><b>Special Guest:</b> Eric Greening. Advocate for Transportation funding. Gave update on RTA budgetary concerns. April 2011</p>
<p><b>Other Presentations:</b></p>	<p><b>Presentations:</b> <i>CSL Representatives from SLO County:</i> Alice Loh (Assemblyman), Dorothy Schlitz (Senator) explained their duties and advocacy on behalf of Seniors. Nov, 2010</p> <p><i>Conversation with Adam Hill. County Budget Priorities.</i> June, 2011</p> <p><b>Special Guest:</b> Julia Miller, DSS. Opportunity Conference Report. Aug, 2010</p> <p><b>Special Guest:</b> Jean Raymond: POLST update. Jan, 2011.</p> <p><b>Chair Report:</b> 2010 SLO County Community Foundation Report: Review of statistics pertinent to Seniors. Distribution of some data to members. Jan, 2011</p>

GOALS	ACTIONS
<p><b>Continue to improve Communication between SLOCOA and the County Board of Supervisors.</b></p>	<p><u>Annual Report</u> on BOS Consent Agenda. Anita Shower (Hill Rep) represented COA members at BOS meeting as outreach for SLOCOA. July 27, 2010</p> <p>BOS March 8, 2011 meeting: Marilyn Hamilton (Patterson Rep) and Kathleen Bellefontaine Public Comment to voice COA <b>opposition to State budget cuts</b> to IHSS recipients.</p> <p>BOS May 17, 2011 meeting: Public Comment about Advocacy for <b>Hearing Loss Awareness</b> in SLO County. Alice York (Gibson Rep) and Kathleen Bellefontaine</p> <p><u>Duties of Supervisor Representatives:</u> Members Anita Shower (Hill Rep) and Maryanne Zarycka (Mecham Rep) created a list of duties for Representatives to use as guidelines. A major Goal for this fiscal year! Jan, 2011.</p> <p><u>Invitations</u> to Supervisors to attend COA meetings. 2010 Christmas note; Jan, 2011 note to Paul Teixeira; Feb, 2011 note to Adam Hill (BOS Chairperson);</p> <p><u>Honored by attendance of:</u> Paul Teixeira; Jim Patterson; Adam Hill; Cherie Aispuru; Susan Devine; Debra Geaslen</p>
<p><b>OUTREACH and ADVOCACY</b></p>	<p><u>OUTREACH:</u> July 2010- June 2011. 2 additional printings of SLOCOA Rack Card for distribution (thanks to printing by Anita Shower)</p> <p>ASPC Meetings attended by COA Chair or alternate when possible.</p> <p>SLOCOA Website</p> <p>Speaker Bureau Presentations (see below)</p> <p><u>ADVOCACY:</u> Nov 2010: Hearing Awareness Advocacy Committee formed.</p> <p><u>Letters of Advocacy :</u> March 8, 2011 <b>Protect Most Vulnerable</b>. Letter submitted to Supervisors to voice COA opposition to State budget cuts to IHSS recipients. March 22, 2011: <b>Protect Most Vulnerable</b>. Letter to Sam Blakeslee and Katcho Achadjian to advocate for their support AGAINST State budget cuts to services of the most vulnerable Seniors and Disabled that would affect our County so adversely.</p>
<p><b>SPEAKER'S BUREAU</b></p>	<p><b>Dr. Chuck Carlson: Senior Friendly Communities, PEO, Morro Bay Branch, Mar,2011</b></p>