

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING

www.slocounty.ca.gov/coa.htm

Meeting Date: July 22, 2026
Time: 10:00 am - Noon
Location: **DSS Building, 3433 South Higuera Street, Room #101, SLO**

- ✓ Call to Order
- ✓ Flag Salute (please stand if able)
- ✓ Public Comment and Member/Agency Updates – *burning desires from members or guests about current concerns, issues, scams - 2 min. max*

Introduction: Members and Guests (please provide your name, Commission position, and **brief** agency description)

Member rollcall: Chair establish Quorum

Approve Minutes: May 27, 2026

Presentation: **Aging Veterans Day - Discussion and Info Panel**

Geriatrics & Extended Care (GEC) Team VA Greater LA Healthcare System:

Cheryl De La Cruz MSN, RN -Chief Nurse, GEC (in person)

Camille Yu – Community Residential Care (in person)

Stacey Dailey – HHHA, Home Respite, and Community Nursing Home (virtual)

Tiffany Lafayette – Purchased Skilled Home Care & Veteran Directed Care (virtual)

Carlos Enriquez – Community Living Center (in person)

And locally...

Sam Griffith – Veteran Transition Centers CA (VTC)

Abraham del la Rosa – Santa Maria Wisdom Center

Kendra Scott – SLO County Veterans Service Office

George Moran – SLO County Veterans Center

David Cruz – Central Coast Veterans Helping Veterans

Paul Worsham – SLO Veterans Collaborative

Reports (time permitting):

AAA (2 min) – Stephanie Quintanar

ASPC (2 min) – Jerry Mihaic

Latest Scam Report (2 min) – Isabella Gaddini

Co-Chairs – Anita and Maryanne

Next Meeting: August 26, 2026–Hording Panel Specialists and Information

DSS Building, 3433 South Higuera Street, Room #101, SLO

SLOCOA Meets the 4th Wednesday of every month!
(November will be 3rd week 11/18 – No meeting in December 2026)
Please submit agenda and program items, ideas, and feedback to
slocommissiononaging@gmail.com

SLO COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES building/ Room 101/3433 South Higuera
SAN LUIS OBISPO, CA 93401
MINUTES July 22, 2026

Call to Order

- Meeting called to order at **10:04 a.m.**
- Pledge of Allegiance
- conducted.

Public Comment

1. Community Partners in Caring announced expanded volunteer transportation and support services throughout San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara counties.
2. Health Projects Center provided information regarding senior and enhanced care-management services for eligible Medi-Cal participants.
3. The July 10 Santa Maria Valley Senior Expo was reported as successful, with approximately 350 attendees plus vendors.
4. The Alzheimer's Association shared information about a respite-care grant of up to \$900 for qualifying caregivers. Laura Deloye announced her departure from the Association and new position managing the Paso Robles Senior Center.
5. A wellness fair at The Oaks in Paso Robles was announced for August 8, 2026.

Introductions

Commission members, agency representatives, and guests introduced themselves, including representatives from (member attendance list available upon request):

- District Attorney's Office
- Public Health
- SLOCOG
- Long-Term Care Ombudsman
- Access Central Coast
- Geriatric Care Management
- Area Agency on Aging
- CAPSLO
- Veterans Collaborative
- Hospice of SLO County
- Adult Mental Health Services
-

Approval of 05/27/26 Minutes

Motion to approve: Michael Bossenberry

Second: Sam Griffith - Minutes approved unanimously.

Co-Chair welcomed members to the 2026–2028 term. Vacancies remain for two supervisor representatives and two alternate members at large. The Commission's purpose and bylaws were briefly reviewed.

Presentation: Aging Veterans Information Panel

Representatives from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and local veteran-service organizations reviewed programs for aging veterans, including residential and nursing care, in-home assistance, respite care, adult day health care, veteran-directed care, housing, benefits assistance, and counseling.

Discussion focused on the shortage of local VA geriatric and long-term-care services and difficulties navigating VA referrals and authorizations.

Participants recommended greater education for local hospital social workers, continued coordination among service providers, and outreach to VA leadership and congressional representatives regarding expansion of services in San Luis Obispo County.

Additional presentations were provided by the Veterans Transition Center of California, Santa Maria Wisdom Center, County Veterans Service Office, and Vet Center.

VA representatives will communicate the County's concerns and need for expanded local services to VA leadership.

Commission members and community partners will continue sharing referral and enrollment information for veteran services.

Community organizations may contact Vet Center representatives regarding possible outreach-event locations.

Meeting adjourned approx. 11:55 am – exact time not recorded

Draft prepared by Anita Shower from meeting recording; edited by M. Zarycka 081926