



**Commission on Aging of Mariposa County**  
**Post Office Box 99 / 5362 Lemee Lane Mariposa, CA 95338**

**MINUTES**

**Wednesday, October 22, 2025**

**IN-PERSON MEETING**

**Location:**

**Health & Human Services Agency**  
**5362 Lemee Lane, Mariposa, CA 95338**

- 1. Call to order and Introductions:** Completed at 1:05 PM by Candy O'Donel-Browne.
  - a. **HHSA Staff Members** - Jason Allen & Lydia Arre
  - b. **Voting Members Present** – Candy O'Donel-Browne, Linda Pribyl, Nina Rhodes & Don Fox
  - c. **BOS Representative** – Rosemarie Smallcombe
  - d. **Guests** – N/A
  - e. **Absent:** N/A
- 2. Public Comments:**
  - a. Discussed the continuation of the commission and found that it is not a required commission by statute. Further discussion will need to be held at the county level to move forward on this topic. Rosemarie will discuss with IHSS chair with regard to interest in merging committees. If agreed, Jason will go through channels at HHSA and if approved, will move to the board level for consideration by County.
- 3. Approval of July 23, 2025 Minutes:**
  - a. By unanimous vote, the committee approved the motion of Don with a second by Linda, to approve the minutes of July 23, 2025.

**4. Rosemarie:**

**a. SB1249:**

- Rosemarie sent Jason a webinar to share with COA members regarding upcoming recommendations, this was emailed to members on 10/21/25.
- Discussion has been held around differences in services available across CA from the CDA standpoint and how easy it is for people who need services to gain access to them. The long-term goal is to make messaging, branding, and access to services more consistent across the board.
- A change has been made in the intrastate funding formula – the basis on which state takes state and federal funding and how it is distributed to different agencies on aging.
- Imposing requirement that the director of each Area Agency on Aging (AAOA) certify that data given to the state is true and correct.
- Discussion held about what the changes will mean for existing AAOAs as well as what new agencies may be formed in the coming years.
- Meeting held between the county and Health and Human Services Agency leadership about Mariposa's path toward staying with Area 12 Agency on Aging (A12AA) or becoming their own agency on aging. The current proposal made by CA State Association of Counties allocates more money towards larger AAOAs and less to smaller ones. The argument proposed by Mariposa County is that we need just as much funding and are able to sustain at the current level of funding due to partnering effectively with non-profits.
- Conversation will continue over the next several months.

**b. BOS Topics:**

- New budget passed at end of June 2025, mid-year adjustments coming in January. Tight budget, 9-18 million dollars shy in revenue compared to what was decided as reasonable expenditure levels. HHSA and county level discussing how to continue providing services at the same level should funding continue to be cut. Looking at staff levels and necessity to continue to provide all services currently offered and whether it is appropriate to continue to administer them at the county level and with the current number of positions. The overall goal of the county is to utilize the current funding levels as appropriately as is possible.

**5. Senior Center Program Manager Report: Lydia Arre**

- a. Veterans breakfast coming on November 10<sup>th</sup>
- b. Mature Driver Class coming November 17<sup>th</sup>
- c. Fraud/Scam prevention seminar coming in November, flyers and exact date/time coming soon.
- d. With the additional funding for meals provided by A12AA, home delivered meals have exceeded in-person meals, home delivered meals = close to 800 a month. The majority of this number come from North County, they receive 5 meals per week, around 40 per week are delivered and charged under the home delivered funding.
- e. Started giving to-go service for the daily hot meal at senior center.
- f. Active Agers senior exercise program started in October; this has taken the place of the previous program Silver Sneakers.
- g. Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP) will be at the senior center Friday 10/24 and 10/31. Lydia is preparing a webinar to play for seniors when HICAP staff are unavailable.

**6. Adult & Aging Deputy Director Report:**

- a. N/A

**7. Commissioners' Reports:**

- a. D1: Candy; No report.

- b. D2: Nina;

- Nina started a committee that advocates for North County Seniors, meets in Coulterville Gazollo building.
- Committee working on getting funding for continuing restaurant vouchers for seniors and will know by 11/1 if funding will be attained. Working with Adult and Aging deputy director to get information out to attendees.
- Committee is starting a North County bingo group at VFW.
- Committee is organizing a North County Christmas present drive.

- c. D3: N/A; need representation

- d. D4: Linda; No report.

- e. D5: N/A; need representation

- f. At-Large: Don shared a go-bag checklist from a recent Cal-fire presentation.

**8. Old Business:** Jason will send the Ethics online training to Nina, Don and Candy.

**9. Adjournment:** 2:35PM

**10. Next Scheduled Meeting:** January 28, 2026 at 1:00PM.