





AGENDA

Orange County Older Adults Advisory Commission EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Friday, May 23, 2025 9:30 A.M.

Location:

Office on Aging 1300 S. Grand Ave., Bldg. B, (entrance level conference room) Santa Ana, CA 92705

www.officeonaging.ocgov.com

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The Orange County Older Adults Advisory Commission shall not hold a meeting unless the number of members participating constitutes a quorum of the Commission.

This agenda contains a brief description of each item to be considered. Except as provided by law, no action shall be taken on any item not appearing in the agenda. Members of the public who wish to speak on an item(s) may complete a Speaker Request Form(s) identifying the items prior to the beginning of the meeting. To speak on a matter not appearing on the agenda, but under the jurisdiction of this Commission, you may do so during Public Comments. Commission members may not discuss or take action on issues raised during public comment unless the issue is listed in this agenda. Speaker request forms must be completed prior to the beginning of the meeting, the reading of the individual agenda items and/or the beginning of Public Comments. When addressing the Commission, please state your name and place of residence for the record prior to providing your comments. Address the Commission as a whole, through the Chair. Comments to individual Members or staff are not permitted. Speakers are limited to three (3) minutes.

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- 1. <u>CALL TO ORDER:</u> Chair, Crystal Miles
- 2. <u>PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE</u>: Meredith Chillemi
- 3. ROLL CALL: Secretary, Ken Higman

4. PUBLIC COMMENT:

At this time, members of the public may address the Board regarding any item(s) within the subject jurisdiction, provided that no action is taken on off-agenda items unless authorized by law. (Comments shall be limited to three (3) minutes unless the Chair sets different time limits).

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- A. Data Plan Options for iPad Connectivity
- B. Website Review Ad Hoc Committee Update
- C. Letter to Board of Supervisors: Opposition to Federal Medicaid Funding Cuts
- D. Non-Profit vs. For Profit Presenters
- 6. <u>PRESENTATION:</u>

Southern California Edison

Cynthia Quimby, Government Relations Manager

- 7. ACTION ITEMS:
 - A. OAAC Appointment

Recommendation: Review and approve membership appointment of Mariann Klinger to OAAC for term ending on December 31, 2026.

8. CHAIR REPORT: Chair, Crystal Miles

9. COMMISSION MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

10. <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

NEXT MEETING

Friday, June 13, 2025 9:30 A.M. DISCLAIMER: No member of OAAC shall sign a letter or make a statement purported to represent the position of OAAC as a body. Letters or verbal statements of support or opposition on any issue shall only be made or signed by the Chair of OAAC and shall be submitted to the Commission for pre-approval. The policy of the Board of Supervisors does not allow OAAC or its Chair to sign a letter of position on any matters pertaining to legislation. OAAC members may write personal letters or speak as individuals stating personal positions but may not do so as representing the position or opinion of OAAC or the County of Orange.

Orange County Older Adults Advisory Commission 1300 S. Grand Ave. "B" Santa Ana, Ca 92705 May 13, 2025

Subject: Opposition to Federal Medicaid Funding Cuts

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the **Orange County Older Adults Advisory Commission**, we write to express our strong opposition to proposed reductions in federal **Medicaid funding**, which would have serious and disproportionate impacts on older adults and vulnerable populations in **Orange County**. As an advisory body committed to advocating for the health and well-being of older adults, we strongly urge you to oppose any measures that threaten access to critical healthcare services.

Medicaid provides essential coverage for more than **1 million residents** in Orange County, including seniors who rely on it for home healthcare, long-term care, and prescription drug assistance. These proposed funding cuts would disproportionately affect our aging population, placing additional strain on **hospitals, community clinics, and long-term care providers** that serve individuals facing financial and healthcare access challenges.

Local healthcare organizations, including UCI Health, CHOC Children's Hospital, and numerous federally qualified health centers, depend on Medicaid funding to continue providing life-saving care. Further reductions would significantly impact mental health programs, affecting older adults struggling with dementia, depression, and other age-related conditions.

We urge Congress to **maintain or increase Medicaid funding** to ensure continued access to quality healthcare for all eligible individuals in Orange County. Protecting Medicaid ensures economic security for seniors, prevents unnecessary hospitalizations, and supports caregivers who provide essential services to older adults in need.

We respectfully request that you take a strong stance in defense of Medicaid and oppose any actions that would undermine this vital program. Thank you for your time and consideration of this urgent matter. We look forward to your leadership in protecting the health and well-being of our community.

Sincerely,

Crystal Miles

Crystal Miles Chair Orange County Older Adults Advisory Commission