



Texas Association of Area Agencies on Aging Training & Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 4, 2026

9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Cambria Austin Downtown| Moon Tower A

AGENDA

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| 9:00 am | Welcome and Introductions
<i>Paula Johnson welcomed attendees and opened the meeting with introductions.</i> | Paula Johnson
T4A President Harris
County AAA |
| 9:05 am | The CATCH Program in Partnership with Texas Health at Home
<i>Dr. Janice Sparks and Christina Bartha provided an overview of the CATCH Program and its partnership with Texas Health at Home. The presentation highlighted the program and opportunities for collaboration and support within the aging network.</i> | Dr. Janice Sparks
Executive Director
CATCH Community Care Hub
Christina Bartha
Texas Healthy at Home |
| 10:00 am | Updates on Federal Aging Policy
<i>Amy Gotwals provided updates on federal aging policy and discussed current issues affecting Area Agencies on Aging and the broader aging network. Attendees had an opportunity to ask questions and discuss the potential implications for aging services.</i> | Amy Gotwals
Chief, Policy & External Affairs
USAging |
| 11:30am | T4A Business Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Approval of Minutes
<i>The minutes from the September meeting were presented for review and approval.</i>○ Treasures Report
<i>The Treasurer's Report was presented, including an update on the association's financial position. No new line items.</i>○ Old Business
<i>TEA Time o Helpdesk It was requested that HHSC enhance their communication, and they have responded by expanding their Tea Time and Helpdesk services. These will also be promoted in T4A updates.</i>○ New Business
<i>Aging in Texas Conference 2026 in San Angelo, Tx Jiuly 29-31 2026</i> | Paula Johnson |
| 11:30 am | Lunch on your own | |

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1:00 pm	Strengthening Statewide Support for Veterans: Partnership Opportunities With the Texas Veterans Land Board <i>Jimmy Smaragdis provided an overview of the Texas Veterans Land Board and discussed partnership opportunities to strengthen statewide support and outreach for veterans. The presentation included information relevant to Area Agencies on Aging and potential opportunities for collaboration.</i>	Jimmy Smaragdis Director of Marketing and Outreach Texas Veterans Land Board (VLB)
2:00 pm	AARP Strategic Insights: Progress and Priority Focus Areas <i>Andrea Earl provided an update on AARP's strategic priorities and shared insights regarding current and upcoming focus areas. The presentation included information relevant to the aging population and opportunities for continued engagement and collaboration.</i>	Andrea Earl Associate State Director AARP
3:00 pm	Disability Community Coordinator Initiative <i>Alexandra Venegas and Olu Motoni provided an overview of the Disability Community Coordinator Initiative. The presentation highlighted the role of Disability Community Coordinators and opportunities to connect and collaborate with the aging network.</i>	Alexandra Venegas Central Region Disability Community Coordinator Olu Motoni East Region Disability Community Coordinator
4:00 pm	Adjourn	

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