

Advisory Council and other Relationships

The Area Agency plays a pivotal and fundamental role in the provision of services as the “link” between the older adults, and adults with functional impairments, and the funding streams. To accomplish the forging of this link, the voice of the people must be heard at the Area Agency level through the Advisory Council, as well as contracted service providers. Concerns are then addressed through the direct provision of services or the collaboration with a network of social services and is translated to the California Department of Aging through the implementation of the mandates as set forth by the OAA & OCA.

The PSA 2 AAA Executive Director’s role with the Advisory Council is to serve as a leader and to offer direction in their mission to be the “grassroots voice” of our older adults and adults with functional impairment in the PSA 2 AAA. The Advisory Council is composed of four representatives from each of the five counties served. The majority of Advisory Council members are aged 60+, have leadership experience, and represent the populations in which we serve. The members bring a voice, from their own experience, from our “targeted populations” which include minorities, low-income, caregivers, aged 75+, and functionally impaired. This relationship provides a grounding “link” which connects the needs of our populations to the Area Agency.

The PSA2AAA Executive Director sits on the Older Adult Policy Council (OAPC), which links the Shasta County department heads and community leaders to a team that is empowered to produce change on an as-needed basis. This provides yet another effort which can implement change based upon the needs of our populations.

The PSA 2 AAA Executive Director sits on the Siskiyou Alliance Against the Abuse of Aging and At-Risk Adults (SA6) in Siskiyou County, which was formed to take a multi-disciplinary approach to elder abuse. The organizations involved are committed to establishing and maintaining an effective coalition which identifies goals and develops strategies to increase awareness of and effectiveness in battling elder abuse in Siskiyou County.

It should also be noted if other such organizations were to develop in the other four counties, it is the intent of PSA 2 AAA to become likewise involved.