



# TACC Triple-A Council of California

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## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES - PENDING APPROVAL

July 23-24, 2003

1600 K Street, Sacramento CA (Conference Rooms A&B)

- I. Call to Order. The general meeting of the Triple A Council of California (TACC) was called to order by President Roberta King at 8:30 a.m., July 23, 2003.
  
- II. Roll Call. A quorum was established. Those present:

PSA 1	Victoria Onstine	PSA 2	Jerry Smith
PSA 3	Gail Locke	PSA 5	Jo Anne Weber
PSA 6	Bill Hollabaugh	PSA 7	Gerald Sharrock
PSA 8	Helen Karr	PSA 9	Charles McLain
PSA 12	Dick Southern	PSA 13	Bud Winslow
PSA 15	Leonard Smith	PSA 17	Bruce Witkins
PSA 18	Don Hunt	PSA 19	Mattye Fegan-Perry
PSA 20	David Wilder	PSA 21	Barbara Affolter
PSA 23	Doris Payne	PSA 25	Edward Woods
PSA 26	Bev Bergstrom	PSA 28	Richard Lundin
PSA 30	Billie Taylor (1 day)	PSA 31	Joe Cox
PSA 32	Nancy Dolton	PSA 33	Margaret Mooney

President Roberta King (PSA 26)  
(Nominating Committee members Joanna Selby PSA 9 and John Wotherspoon PSA 20 also attended)

Absent: PSA 4, PSA 10, PSA 11, PSA 14, PSA 22, PSA 24, PSA 27, PSA 29
  
- III. Motion to approve Minutes of April 23 & 24, 2003 as corrected by David Wilder, majority approved with 10 abstentions.
  
- IV. Motion to approve corrected agenda made by Bud Winslow. Majority approved.
  
- V. Reports from Planning and Service Areas: PSA 2, PSA 3, PSA 5, PSA 7, PSA 9 (attached), PSA 12, PSA 13, PSA 17, PSA 19, PSA 20 (attached), PSA 23 (attached), PSA 25, PSA 28, PSA 32, PSA 33

11:30 a.m. Recessed for lunch

12.30 p.m. Meeting called to order by President King

- VI. Nominations for 2003-2004 Officers:  
Nominating Committee choice for President: Helen Karr  
Floor Nomination by V. Onstine: Jerry Smith  
Nominating Committee choice for Vice-president: Edwards Wood.  
Floor Nomination by N. Dolton: Bill Hollabaugh  
Nominating Committee choice for Secretary: Billie Taylor  
Floor Nomination by J. Smith: Victoria Onstine  
Nominating Committee choice for Treasurer: Joe Cox  
Floor Nomination by B. Hollabaugh: David Wilder  
Nominating Committee choice for Member-at-large: none  
Floor Nomination by N. Dolton: Jo Anne Weber  
Nominating Committee choice for nominating committee: Bud Winslow, Victoria Onstine, and Richard Lundin.
- VII. Reports from Planning and Service Areas continued. PSA 6, PSA 15, PSA 18, PSA 20
- VIII. Heidi Cartan, Santa Clara County Public Authority for In Home Supportive Services (IHSS). IHSS is an entitlement program and serves primarily older individuals, younger adults with disabilities and children with disabilities, and is part of the Long-Term Care system. Approximately 200,000 people in the state receive IHSS. Public Authority is the employer of record (AB 1682), the consumer is the employer. 54 out of 58 counties have Public Authority. The state has set wages for IHSS workers at \$9.50 per hour plus .60 for benefits. Federal (Medicaid) wages based on 200% of minimum wage. Public Authorities are responsible for Registry (matching consumer with provider) and must screen anyone on the registry. Most counties require a written application, a face-to-face interview and require three references (1 must be a prior employment record). Consumers can have provider finger printed. Mendocino County automatically finger prints every provider; the Board of Supervisors agreed to this. About 55% of consumers hire their own family member(s). Federal government pays 51% cost of Medical, the remaining 49% is shared by 65% state - 35% county. Consumers can request a DMV report of provider's driving record. There is no oversight of these workers unless it is APS. There is a need for a group like the Ombudsman.
- IX. Reports from Planning and Service Areas continued. PSA 26.
- X. Joe Rodriques, State Ombudsman, California Department of Aging (CDA)  
Gave an outstanding presentation regarding the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program that originated in the 1978 Amendment to the Older Americans Act. The program was expanded from Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNF) to cover Residential Care Facilities (RCFE), Board and Care and Assisted Living facilities. There are 35 local Ombudsman in the state with 1,400 volunteers contributing 299,280 hours of service (\$10 million). The Ombudsman receives, investigates and resolves residential issues and allegations of abuse. There are 8000 patients in Long Term Care Facilities on a regular basis (6300 in RCFEs and 1700 in SNFs). Adult Day Health Care is covered by Ombudsman.

XI. Health Committee and Legislation Committee meetings from 3:30 p.m.- 5:00 p.m.

Thursday July 24, 2003

President King called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

XII. Election: Motion made by Ed Woods to have a secret ballot. Unanimously approved.  
President: Helen Karr declined nomination. Jerry Smith approved by acclamation, two abstentions.  
Vice-President: Ed Woods approved (19), Bill Hollabaugh (5).  
Secretary: Victoria Onstine approved (13), Billie Taylor (11).  
Treasurer: Joe Cox approved (13), David Wilder (11)  
Member-at-Large: Jo Anne Weber, unanimous.  
Nominating Committee: Richard Lundin, Bud Winslow, Helen Karr approved unanimously.

XIII. Ray Mastalish, Executive Director Report

Nancy Dolton thanked Roberta King for her dedicated service during this past very challenging year and presented her with a very nice plaque. On behalf of TACC and the Commission Office, Director Mastalish added his appreciation for all of her work, and presented Roberta with a beautiful Nambe' crystal vase.

Director Mastalish gave the Treasurer's Report, including the budget preliminary report for FY 02/03. The line item numbers on the income tax form for TACC and CSL will change next year. TACC's line item can only receive donations from individuals age 65 or older that is receiving a tax refund. Anyone can donate to the CSL line check-off. Our TACC budget will increase next year.

Carla Hett-Smith is on maternity leave until September. Her son, Owen (8#, 10oz.) was born June 20<sup>th</sup>. Dorothy is on sick leave through July. The Governor's hiring freeze extends to 2005. The Governor's directive that Commissions, task forces, advisory bodies, etc., cannot meet more than once a year was reviewed by Legislative Counsel at the request of the California Senior Legislature (CSL), with the response basically being they could meet more often, however, that would be counter to the wishes of the Governor's Office in view of the state's budget crisis. Ellie Peck, who was working on the CSL session, resigned July 1, 2003. "Golden Bear" pharmaceutical discount program not getting off as expected so a group of pharmacists are promoting a discount program for qualified seniors "Together Rx".

Director Mastalish, CCOA President Nancy Dolton, and TACC President Roberta King are on the Long Range Strategic Plan on Aging (SB 910) development work group. Two public hearings will be convened by Secretary Grantland Johnson's office in August. One will occur in Sacramento and one in Southern California. Thirty-six CSL proposals have been received for this upcoming October Session and Legislative Council is reviewing.

- XIV. Legislative Committee Report, Chair Jerry Smith, and Health Committee Report, and Chair, Victoria Onstine were asked to submit written reports.
- XV. Reports from Planning and Service Area continued. PSA 16.
- XVI. Lynda Terry, Director, California Department on Aging.  
Director Terry presented information about the Department on Aging (CDA) programs in the Budget. The Legislature did not want to cut Nutrition or Brown Bag. Adult Day Care and MSSP programs are being cut. Director Terry thanked us for our advocacy re the Department of Aging. She gave an overview of the Olmstead decision that the disabled have a 'right' to live in the community. The Secretary has appointed a group to study strategic plan on aging. The Department of Aging has developed an advisory council.
- XVII. Michelle Marks, Chief Officer HIPPA, California Department of Health Services and Russ Hart, Information Technician Office, presented information on the Health Insurance Portability Affordability and Accountability Act (HIPAA). It was mandated in 1996, and the federal medical privacy rule was implemented in April, 2003, to carry out the law that provides individual's privacy rights regarding personal health information. The Department of Health Services is responsible to implement HIPAA. Individuals have the right to look at their medical records and to know who sees their medical file. An individual can see, copy and request corrections of his/her medical records. Employers and marketing companies cannot obtain your medical records without written authorization. Individuals also have the right to tell hospitals not to release your medical information without his/her authorization. All providers must provide their patients with the privacy notice.
- XVIII. Reports from Planning and Service Areas continued: PSA 21, PSA 1
- XIX. New Officers Sworn In  
Assembly Member Patty Berg, gave the Oath of Office to new Officers and new TACC members.

Meeting adjourned; 12:30 p.m.

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Helen Karr, Secretary

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Planning and Service Area (PSA) Reports**

### PSA 9 (Alameda County) Report - Charles McLain, Chairperson

Alameda County AAA is co-sponsoring an annual Health and Welfare event to be held October 2, 2003, from 10:00 AM - 4 PM in Oakland, California. This event is co-sponsored to provide a collective method to educate the hard to reach and uninformed seniors of programs and benefits they are eligible for. This event is supported by some businesses and private donors.

### PSA 29 (San Diego) Report - Doris Payne, Alternate

Network of Care, modeled after Alameda County, is now up to 42,000 hits per month and we continue expanding the Web site and promoting its availability.

Healthy Aging Conference continues to grow - this year, Art Linkletter was the speaker at this fabulous conference; 1100 attended.

Intergenerational programs:

- Great kick-off for San Pasqual Academy - 120 residential foster kids, 20 houses rented to seniors with only requirement that they "grandparent" these kids.
- Just received a \$4 million grant from First Five Cinsa for neighborhood-based intergenerational programs, some with stipends for older persons.

Have been asked by the U.S. Administration on Aging to serve as one of 3 model programs in the U.S. A team will visit in August and will be followed by Director Pam Smith's presentation at the National Summit on Creating Caring Communities in September. She will discuss how we've successfully linked programs within the county - Call Center, Network of Care, Advisory Council and Action Networks, our Advocacy area.

### Report on PSA – 20 (San Bernardino County Senior Affairs Commission) – David Wilder

PSA –20 is a County model AAA, and is under the County Human Services System. The Advisory Council [Senior Affairs Commission (SAC)], and its committees meet monthly, in open public meetings. The current Chairman is David W. Wilder, and the Vice-Chairman is Walter Johnson Jr.

The SAC has established Bylaws, and as a result has requested the County Ordinance, that established the Commission, be restructured. The Board of Supervisors will have the first reading of the new Ordinance on 29 July 2003.

The Advisory Council for PSA- 20 (SAC) currently has 6 committees:

- Access (which includes transportation)
- Health (to be combined with Nutrition)
- Housing
- Intergenerational
- Legislative
- Nutrition

All Committee meetings are open public meetings under the State Brown Act, and each have members from the general public, and other organizations seated on the committee. Only the chair of the committee is required to be a member of SAC.

In addition we have an Ad-Hoc Bylaws Committee, an Orientation Handbook Committee, and under the Executive Committee (made up of the 6 committee chairs and the elected Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary of the SAC, with the Director of the Department as Advisor), we also have a budget committee.

The SAC has a member on the County Elder Death Review Team, as well as the County ADA Committee.

The San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors has encouraged, and is endorsing, the Department of Aging and Adult Services (Area Agency on Aging) to hold a SENIOR APPRECIATION DAY. This event is scheduled for 18 September 2003, at the San Bernardino Orange Show Fair Grounds, in San Bernardino. While the Department is the lead agency, numerous County Departments are contributing, and participating in, this day long activity. A number of vendors will be participating in providing information to County seniors. Transportation is being provided from across the county, including the most rural, and distant, areas of the county. This is an unprecedented opportunity for seniors from across San Bernardino County to learn about services, and programs. The non-profit organization, San Bernardino County Senior and Disabled Fund, has donated \$20,000 to sponsor the no cost meal for the participants, at the event.

PSA – 20 is implementing Frozen Meals delivery for Home Bound meal recipients, in an attempt to save money in this critical program. The Department of Aging and Adult Services has 9 Nutrition Contractors for Senior Nutrition in San Bernardino County. The County Board of Supervisors directed the establishment of a Nutrition Efficiency Committee, to meet regularly and work on efficiency and effectiveness improvements to the county senior meal program.