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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

1600 K Street, Sacramento CA (Older Americans Room 4th Floor)

January 26-27, 2005

I. Call to Order: The general meeting of the Triple A Council of California (TACC) was called to order by Vice-President Havard Staggs at 8:37 am, January 26, 2005
President William Hollabaugh arrived as quorum was being established.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call: – A quorum was established. Those present were:

✓	PSA 1	Victoria Onstine	✓	PSA 18	Donald Hunt
	PSA 2	Ron Steves	✓	PSA 19	Patricia Wilson
✓	PSA 3	Sharon Thrall	✓	PSA 20	David Wilder
✓	PSA 4	Don Mabon	✓	PSA 21	Barbara Affolter
	PSA 5	Joanne Weber	✓	PSA 22	Dee Erman
✓	PSA 6	Bill Hollabaugh, Alt.	✓	PSA 23	Jack Duff, Alt.
	PSA 7	Gerald Sharrock		PSA 24	Pat Dorsey
✓	PSA 8	Arlene Elliott	✓	PSA 25	Ed Woods
	PSA 9	Charles McLain		PSA 26	Marilyn Johnson
✓	PSA 10	Anne Mack	✓	PSA 26	Past President Roberta King
	PSA 11	Dean Morris		PSA 27	Bob Marshall
✓	PSA 12	Havard Staggs, V.P.	✓	PSA 28	Richard Lundin
✓	PSA 12	Joan Bowen, Alt	✓	PSA 29	Dr. Daniel Vandt, Alt
✓	PSA 13	Bud Winslow	✓	PSA 30	Mary Van Loon
	PSA 14	Marlo June	✓	PSA 31	Joe Cox
	PSA 15	Lonnie Tealer	✓	PSA 32	Nancy Dolton
✓	PSA 16	Kathryn Williams		PSA 33	Margaret Mooney- excused
✓	PSA 17	Colleen McLean			

IV. Introductions, Announcements:

Also present were two guests: Bob McLean, husband of Colleen McLean, PSA 17; and joining us on Wednesday was Claudine Duff, wife of Jack Duff, PSA 23.

Name tent cards were distributed to all present prepared by President Bill Hollabaugh.

All members reminded that changes to the TACC roster must be submitted by the PSA.

The change of information form is available from the CCoA office and will also be on the TACC website soon. Forms for updating member's driver's license and auto insurance information were distributed. These forms must be submitted annually and when the license or insurance expires. This form will also be available on the TACC website. There were no further announcements.

- V. Motion to approve the Agenda: Dolton/King Unanimous.
- VI. Motion to Approve Minutes of November 17, 2004: Approved with one correction: Mary Van Loon is now the primary PSA representative. Hunt/Winslow Unanimous
- VII. Correspondence: None presented at this time.
- VIII. Financial Report and 2004-2005 Budget Review– Joe Cox Treasurer
A brief overview of the 2004-2005 budget was given following the CCoA Executive Director's report. Final budget was received today. More detailed analysis will be presented at next meeting after budget has been reviewed.
Motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Wilder/Winslow Unanimous.

Discussion held on status of Line 52 Senior Special Fund contributions, which were down slightly from 2003, and the need to get information posters to tax preparers if the PSA has not already done so. Flyer/posters were developed and mailed to TACC members. Additional posters in 8 1/2x11 and 11x14 sizes distributed. More are available and will be mailed upon request.

Discussion of barriers to utilizing the line-item check-off: Electronic filing software is not user friendly in accessing the state check-off lists. Instructions to tax preparers is on the back of the posters. AARP tax preparer assistants primarily target low-income seniors who may not have a tax refund coming, and so are not eligible to utilize the line-item. Members reminded to also contact private tax preparers. Need to be clear that what is contributed this year is a tax deduction for next year.

Discussion of line-item viability. TACC must generate an average of at least \$50,000 per year to keep the line designation. Costs to the State to maintain a line-item is actually in excess of \$50,000, which makes it even more important to increase the contributions.

- IX. Line Item Subcommittee Interim Report- Joe Cox, Nancy Dolton, David Wilder
Subcommittee's charge is to find an alternative source of income if the line-item check-off is eliminated. Committee Recommendations include:
- TACC President to write a letter to H&R Block and Turbo-Tax asking them to advise consumers of this line-item.
 - All TACC member go to local groups to make presentations and distribute posters.
 - Develop a poster similar to the Line 52 poster asking for donations to the California Foundation. Nancy Dolton to develop a list of Foundation accomplishments. Campaign can be ongoing. TACC to specifically promote the fund 2 times/year.
 - Suggest to AAA Councils that contribution "in memory of" is a good way to recognize past members or others.

Discussion of ideas for poster, including color, content, etc.

TACC member suggestion: Art contest with winner's art being featured on the poster.

X. Sandi Fitzpatrick, Executive Director, CCoA Report

California Performance Review – CCoA is one of the State commissions taken off the list slated for dissolution.

Financial Report – Written reports and finalized 2004-2005 budget reviewed. Budget reveals that TACC under spent in 2003-2004, leaving sufficient funds for this year.

CCoA Activities and upcoming dates –

- Last meeting of CCoA held in Chico, allowing the Commission to see an academic AAA model. Next meeting will be held in April with the C4A Coordinated Leadership Conf.
- March 7, 8, and 9 – “Three Days to Shape California’s Future.”

Mon 3/7 – Mobility Summit facilitated by the Ca Dept. Transportation. Will focus on state and local coordination of mobility services.

Tues 3/8 - CCoA Invitational Forum – A follow up to SB910. Focus is on activities that took place between the '03-'04 report and now. Three major topic areas: Housing, Economic Security, Long Term Care. There will be brief reports on the other 8 areas of focus.

Speakers – Lynn Daucher, Care Navigation; Fernando Torres Gill, Need to plan for an aging California; Assemblyperson Patty Berg, SB910 can lead to Legislative action (part III of her Master Plan.)

Wed 3/9 – WHCoA Summit Meeting – Dorcas R Hardy selected as Policy Committee Chair. Fact sheet with details known to date passed out. Delegate selection not finalized. CCoA's roll historically has been the receiving and handling of delegate applications. National Aging Representatives will probably be selected by the Bush Administration. Nancy Dolton and Bud Winslow, past WCHoA delegates, shared highlights from their experience, stressing importance of everyone feeding ideas and contributions through the delegates.

- Wed 3/9 PM – Thurs AM 3/10 – TACC meeting.
- April 26 – 28 – C4A Coordinated Leadership Conference in Ontario, TACC April 25. Discussion re: funding for TACC expenses. Priority- 1. PSA 2. C4A Scholarship 3. Jack Horak Scholarship 4. TACC Travel Expense
Discussion re: Meeting on Monday incurs an extra day for some members. TACC Executive Committee to determine how much can be funded.

CSL Transition – CSL has space in the Senate Building as of Feb 1. Business operations will continue through CCoA until transition to another state administrative entity. Deadline for identifying that entity is May 1. Ed Woods CSL expressed his appreciation for the support and cooperative relationship between CSL and CCoA.

XI. Discussion on Proposed Change to Statute Regarding TACC – Guest Allison Ruff

Review of issue, i.e. state statute and TACC bylaws conflict regarding appointment of TACC membership, and suggestions for amendment to TACC's current proposal.

A spot bill has been filed due to legislative session deadline.

Motion to adopt the following text. Winslow/Wilder Unanimous

9403 To the extent provided for in paragraph (2) of subdivision (a) of Section 18773 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, the Legislature hereby recognizes the Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council of California, [Triple-A Council of California, Inc. (TACC)] comprised of the chair of each local advisory council or an alternate member as determined by that council.

Allison Ruff handed out summaries of budget effects on aging and long term care and a background sheet on P. Berg's Compassionate Choices act.

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- XII. Presentation on Financial Elder Abuse – Mary Counihan, Dir. of APS San Francisco Unit SB2199 – 1988 legislation that expanded APS.
Scams such as telemarketing schemes, ID Theft, lottery scams, and fraudulent investment are not specifically targeted at seniors and the disabled, however these populations are the most vulnerable. Scam artists are expert at picking up subtle cues, and developing a “relationship” to manipulate their victims.
Reviewed two films: AARP “No Profit No Return” and CAPPFA “Preventing Elder Financial Abuse – Training Bank Officials to Spot Financial Abuse.”
Discussion of Power of Attorney vs. Conservator ship, and Declaration of Capacity.
It was noted that despite the onset of “Do Not Call” registries, the totality of telemarketing abuse is going up in California, not down.
Mary Counihan states a growing trend is trust and Annuity mills which often include a dinner and offer a “discounted” fee of \$399 for a simple trust. She states the fee of \$399 is by design, as fraud \$400 and over is a felony.
Handout “A Day in the Life of APS”, a booklet put together to illustrate the various forms of abuse and the heavy caseloads APS is carrying, was distributed.
- XIII. Report from Special Executive Committee Meeting on funding TACC participation in March events and April C4A Conference – Up to 2 nights lodging for the March events and up to 3 nights for the C4A conference. Also applicable per diems, and travel costs for those events.
- XIV. Older Adult Traffic & Safety Task Force Report by Roberta King PSA 26
The CHP is airing “The Golden Road” on KQED Public Television featuring tips for seniors and family. The AAA (auto club) has a “diagnostic tool” available on CD. It features the eight factors significant in assessing ability to drive safely.
Discussion held re reports of:
1. If the DMV cancels an older driver’s license they do not take responsibility for assisting the driver with transportation home or assistance in removing his vehicle from the parking lot. PSA 19 is working on alternatives.
2. It is noted the DMV officials have no training on assessing whether a senior is able to drive. They are making judgments by “looking” at the senior. PLAN: Roberta King to email Patty Yanako, as the DMV assessment was not to be implemented yet.
3. Instances of Prop A funds, which are restricted to transportation, being “sold” to another community if not needed in their home community. Once sold, the funds are no longer restricted. Potential for transportation funds to be “lost”.
- XV. California Senior Legislature Report – Ed Woods
CSL’s new office space will be on N St. in the legislative building at the Capital.
It is anticipated the full separation from CCoA will be accomplished by next January. Staffing is still to be determined. Membership is being kept informed with memos after each JRC (Joint Rules Committee) meeting.
This year will be CSL’s 25th anniversary CSL session the week of October 16.
- XVI. California Commission on Aging Report – Nancy Dolton
CCoA is currently understaffed, which is creating a hardship due to having three major projects underway at the same time.
LRSPA Task Team reports are currently being compiled.
Each AAA has been requested to submit names for potential CCoA members. A copy of the letter will be made available for TACC members.

XVII. Reports from the following Planning and Service Areas (PSAs)

PSA 20 (Access issues); PSA 25 (File of Life, Staying at Home brochure); PSA 22; PSA 26 (May Elder Abuse Conference); PSA 21 (Took a new approach to the planning process, used 3 all-day retreats for brainstorming, multi-voting, and formation of goals); PSA 19 (Reorganizing Advisory Council with new bylaws and establishing practices and procedures for council); PSA 22 (participating in a homeless project of counting all individuals in shelters and in public [under the bridges]. Will sort by age groups); PSA 16 (establishing an ombudsman/AARP money management program); PSA 17; PSA 13 (working on issue of federal funds being held up d/t lack of state budget) PSA 28 (held a workshop on Elder Financial Abuse sponsored by a local credit union); PSA 29 (focusing on Transportation issues, had a firehouse donated for a new senior center/lunch site); PSA 31 (focusing on multiple recent setbacks in programs and structure. Is ironing them out); PSA 18 (Transitioning the senior nutrition program back to AAA from the county after 30 years. County unable to afford costs. Planning a public information program on universal design.); PSA 6 (Dept of Aging and Dept Human Services merged. Established an "elderly case finder" program – training paramedics to notice if a 911 call could have been handled in another way and making a report and/or referral. Now extending this training to Police Dept, and soon to Water Department.)

XVIII. C4A Conference Planning - TACC members in favor of a joint meeting with AAA directors. Bill Hollabaugh met with Ron Errea this am. Ron Errea is in favor of this idea and will talk with Daryl Kelch.

Subcommittee to plan agenda for this meeting: Pat Wilson, David Wilder, Havard Staggs

XIX. Committee Reports

Legislation Committee – Chair: Havard Staggs

Considered 13 bills. Committee recommends 6 support, 5 watch, 2 no action:

Support:

AB 10 – Daucher Health facilities; beginning of state implementation of Olmstead Decision establishing alternatives to SNF and structure for discharge to community.

Staggs/Wilder Unanimous

AB 47 – Cohn Pneumonia Vaccine; would require the state to provide vaccine to public health entities Staggs/Wilder Unanimous

AB 63 – Strickland Housing elderly and disabled; establish revolving no interest home improvement loan program. Maximum \$5000 per low & moderate income individuals.

Staggs/Mack Unanimous

SB 19 – Ortiz Pharmacy Assistance Bill; establish database to allow any pharmacist or MD to search for applicable discounts for individuals at 300% or less of poverty level.

Staggs/Winslow Unanimous

SB 40 – Dunn Mobile Home Parks; prohibit owners from allowing infractions in building codes to pile up, then abandon or sell property putting mobile home residents at risk of eviction Staggs/Mack Unanimous

SB 106 – Dunn Mobile Home Parks; remove the sunset scheduled for Jan 1, 2007 from a 7 year inspection clause. Staggs/Mack Unanimous

Legislation Committee cont.

Watch:

AB 14 – Harmon Common Interest Developments

AB 28 – Nakanishi Healthcare; providers who contract with state having insurance coverage while delivering care to indigent

AB 53 – Negrete Eliminate government waste, consolidate 5 departments (part of CPR)

SB 24 – Ortiz Hospital Charity Care; bill is very complicated, need to watch for details

ACR 8 – Dimally May is Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse Awareness Month ongoing.

Watch due to incomplete statistics included in bill. Elder population numbers are mentioned, but not adults.

No Action:

AB 20 & AB 73 Fromer and Chan Importation of prescription medications from Canada

David Wilder PSA 20 recommends CSL consider a future bill addressing enforcement of the current state regulation re: contracts to be awarded only to pharmacies fully in compliance with the state access law.

SB910 LRSPA Monitoring Update Committee - Chair: Don Hunt

SB910 Committee was originally intended to be short term, however with the ongoing implementation process, monitoring is needed long range. Various task teams have stated they wish to continue and follow issues through the legislative process. The committee recommends TACC stay involved. Eight task teams' charges are in varying stages of completeness. Don Hunt to get status information to the TACC task team members. CCoA is requested to keep the website updated with current time and information on scheduled meetings for maximum participation.

Older California Act Implementation Committee – Chair: Roberta King

The committee has not met due to CPR negotiations in process. Committee will wait until final CPR recommendations are published and formulate what response is needed to support the Older Californian's Act.

White House Conference on Aging Committee – Chair: Bill Hollabaugh

Please refer to CCoA Executive Director report.

XX. Presentation – Joe Rodrigues, California State Long-Term Care Ombudsman

State Ombudsman program is unique in that it serves both SNF's and RCF's.

In California the State office shares oversight of the program with the AAA's.

There are 35 Ombudsman programs. 1200 volunteers statewide, most do a minimum of 20 hours/month, and 130 paid staff cover 8000 facilities. There were 46,000 complaints last year. 82% were settled satisfactorily to the resident, which is above the national benchmark of 78%.

Last year the California Ombudsman Strategic Task Force determined and outlined 6 core elements for all programs. Additional tasks can vary from state to state.

6 Core Elements:

1. Receive, investigate, and resolve complaints.
2. Ensure a presence in Long Term Care facilities ongoing. Watch, meet with licensing every quarter, make reports.
3. Monitor both the poor and best practices in the facilities. Observe for system issues and work with the facilities to make system changes. Give in-services, strive to highlight the positive systems.

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4. Provide community awareness and involvement. Encourage the community to visit the facilities. Elder abuse prevention is about 25 years behind child abuse prevention.
5. Exercise the responsibility to influence public policy. Review legislation. Speak up when a policy from a "sister" state agency is noted to affect residents.
6. Ensure effective program administration. Update program manual. Each program to see themselves as one state-wide program, not 35 individual programs.

Discussion of Assisted Living vs. RCFE: In California "Assisted Living" facilities are licensed as RCFE's. Trend currently being monitored – Facilities offering services which are actually bordering on skilled nursing.

Ombudsman presence in mobile home parks – There is a Mobile Home Park ombudsman through the Housing and Community Development department.

XXI. Reports From Planning and Service Areas (PSA's)

PSA 10 (Dixon Arnett gave presentation on Baby Boomers, legislation, and CPR. Peter Zago spoke on Social Security);

PSA 8 (Purchase a mobile hearing device to take into senior centers. Found that difficulty hearing is a barrier to senior participation);

PSA 32 (experiencing turnover in membership)

XXII. Public Comments - (comments provided earlier in this meeting.)

Living Independently in Los Angeles is a nationally funded website network facilitated by UCLA. Anyone can link their website, all are encouraged to investigate.

Membership requests the Acting Director of CDA, Laura Connolly, be invited to report when TACC meets in Sacramento.

Discussion re: using email for majority of TACC mailings. General consensus is supportive, as only a few members do not have easy access to email.

Motion to send mailings by email, and if the email is not returned consider it mailed. If it is returned, follow up with postal mail. Those who do not have access to email to receive postal mailings. Wilder/Dolton Unanimous

Next Meeting - Harvard Staggs announced to the group that reservations for the Clarion Hotel must be made by February 24, 2005

11:45 Adjourn

Respectfully Submitted,

Victoria Onstine Recording Secretary

Next Meetings:	March 7, 2005	Mobility Summit
	March 8, 2005	CCoA Invitational Forum
	March 9, 2005	WHCoA meeting
	March 9-10, 2005	TACC meetings
		Sacramento, CA
	April 26-28, 2005	C4A Coordinated Leadership Conference
		Ontario, CA
	July 27-28, 2005	Sacramento, CA