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TACC – TRIPLE-A COUNCIL OF CALIFORNIA
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
Vagabond Inn, 909 3rd Street, Sacramento, CA
May 23-24, 2007
10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, May 23, 2007

1. Call to Order

President Wilder called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Hunt led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call – Establish a Quorum

A quorum was present. Those in attendance were:

PSA 4 – Don Mabon	PSA 17 – Martin Tucker
PSA 5 – Roberto Romeo	PSA 18 – Don Hunt
PSA 6 – George Schofield	PSA 19 - Peter McGrath
PSA 7 – Reva Clark	PSA 20 – David Wilder
PSA 8 – May Nichols	PSA 21 – Venetta Maiden
PSA 11 – Terry Sonnefeld	PSA 22 – Dee Erman
PSA 12 – Hav Staggs	PSA 23 – Jonann Siders
PSA 12 –Marge Depew	PSA 25 – Ed Woods
PSA 13 – Bud Winslow	PSA 31 – Joe Cox
PSA 15 – Sharon Lamagno	PSA 33 – Marti Overfield

Guest: Pat Trotter, PSA 22; Ray Mastalish; Dixon Arnett; Sharon Monck

Staff: Carol Sewell; Lynn Nielsen

4. Introductions, Announcements

Wilder announced this was Hunt's, Romeo's and McGrath's last TACC meeting. Overfield announced that Kris Grasty, Interim Director for PSA 33, is now the permanent Director.

5. Approve Agenda

Wilder proposed a few modifications to the agenda:

- Director Fitzpatrick's presentation has been moved to Thursday, 10:15-10:30.
- At 2:00-3:30 today Mastalish and tentatively Robin Hastings will be the presenters.
- President Wilder was attempting to schedule PSA 4 Director Deanna Lea to make a presentation this afternoon on activities in her area, but her attendance was still unconfirmed. As mentioned in previous TACC meetings, President Wilder would like to have Area Agencies report on their activities in their PSAs throughout the year.

The May 23-24, 2007 agenda was reviewed. Mabon moved to approve the amended agenda. Seconded by Romeo. Motion carries.

6. Approve Minutes of March 28-29, 2007

The TACC meeting minutes of March 28-29, 2007 were reviewed. Hunt moved to approve. Seconded by Nichols. Motion carries.

7. Confirm Dates of July Meeting

President Wilder announced the next TACC meeting will be July 25-26, 2007 at Vagabond Inn, Sacramento. This is the Annual Meeting for election of TACC officers. President Wilder stated he will try to get a speaker on SB 840 for the July TACC meeting if members approved. Depew moved to approve. Maiden seconded. Motion carries.

8. The "New" Older Californians Act (OCA) – Dixon Arnett, Ray Mastalish

President Wilder introduced speakers Arnett, who served as Director of California Department of Aging, and Mastalish, past chair and Executive Director of the California Commission on Aging. Both speakers gave a brief biography on themselves.

Mastalish discussed the impact baby boomers and older Americans will have on services in the near future and ways to improve delivery of needed services. The Older Californians Act is the basis for the California Integrated Senior Advocacy Network. Since the inception of the OCA, Mastalish mentioned there haven't been any significant changes made. He and Arnett have developed legislation to re-ignite the premise of the OCA and have proposed a new advocacy network to be called the California Integrated Senior Advocacy Network.

The proposal included development of a statewide senior advocacy network involving C4A, and Area Agencies on Aging as well as the Advisory Councils. Other components included a Care Navigator to help seniors get the services they need, and a customer-focused computer database to assist seniors in acquiring needed services and advocacy. Mastalish discussed plans to visit each of the 33 Area Agencies Advisory Councils to promote and explain the California Integrated Senior Advocacy Network.

Arnett talked about the role TACC can play in helping to provide input for this project. He asked that TACC members discuss with constituents in their areas about this campaign.

A question was raised as to whether TACC could take a position on the advocacy proposal at this meeting. After reviewing Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act regulations, it was determined that action could not occur due to the 48-hour notification requirement.

Discussion regarding TACC's support of the California Integrated Advocacy Senior Network concept will be agenzized for the July meeting.

9. Treasurer's Report – Martin Tucker

Tucker reported that \$7,784 has been received through the FTB Line 50 as of March 31, 2007. This is a decrease of approximately 1,000. Tucker requested TACC members ask their PSAs to pick up meeting costs for May to help with this deficit. Carryover for the budget is approximately \$139,244 due to the addition of last year's carryover. The April YTD expenses were \$44,522, YTD expenditures were \$7,590 (encumbrances) for a balance is \$7,110.

Erman distributed and read a letter from Bob Sessler, C4A President. This letter was addressed to President Wilder regarding the desire to have more TACC members attend C4A conference and Coordinated Leadership Conference. The letter requested that TACC members ask Area Agencies to assist with meeting costs. President Wilder said discussion on meeting expenses will be on the agenda for tomorrow. He announced that the November TACC Meeting is scheduled in Los Angeles at The Wilshire Grand Hotel. President Wilder also encouraged TACC members to request financial help from their PSAs.

10. California Senior Legislature Report

Erman reported the California Senior Legislature will meet October 15, 16, and 17, 2007 in Sacramento. President Wilder noted that Paratransit can be contacted for transportation needs at the conference.

Cox mentioned that there has been success getting bills introduced this year. Tucker reported that CSL donations have already been coming in prior to solicitations.

11. California Senior Legislature Report – Sharon Monck

Monck, Chair, CSL Joint Rules Committee, distributed an overview of CSL's legislative proposals for this year and next year. Monck reported that CSL had a good year and many proposals were picked up by the Legislature.

12. Death Certificate Fees – Ray Mastalish

Mastalish gave a Powerpoint presentation on a proposed amendment of the California Health and Safety Code to increase funding for senior centers. Mastalish explained this proposal was developed because there are limited public sector resources in the state, including funds for counties and services for older Californians. Mastalish noted that creative financing has been done in some areas including taxes on telephone and utility bills, and increased fees for disabled parking violations. He also said that communities and programs need to be creative about raising resources.

The Senior Augmentation Fee is an option which would increase the current Death Certificate fee by \$3 to \$15. Funds collected would go into a private, non-profit fund to support senior services in the specific county where the fees were collected. This fee would generate approximately \$126,000 per year and would help eliminate the waiting list for senior programs. Individual counties can opt not to collect this additional \$3 fee. The trust or foundation in the local counties would decide which programs would receive all or a portion of this money. Some administrative costs may be a part of this fee increase. This additional fee is designed to help preserve senior independence through various programs such as senior nutrition, fitness programs, home visitation, transportation, and home modifications which will allow seniors to remain independent in their homes or communities.

13. PSA Reports

PSA 18 – Hunt reported the PSA 18 is looking at changing its bylaws and is considering reducing meetings to six times a year. There has been much discussion in getting baby boomers involved in the advisory council process; the advisory council will hold a wine and cheese social to build interest in baby boomer participation.

PSA 25 – Woods reported he moderated public hearings held for the updated area plans in conjunction with PSA 19. PSA 25 received a letter from CDA commending the governing board and advisory council for their work. The annual Art Exhibit will be held May 23 - June 15 and on June 28 there will be a volunteer luncheon. There is a new emergency service motorists can activate by dialing 399 on a cell phone. This service is accessible to disabled persons. Trainings will be held for the health committee on senior health topics.

PSA 17 - Tucker reported volunteer luncheons were held in San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara Counties. The discussion topic was Elder Abuse.

PSA 19 – McGrath reported on the remainder of the public hearing report held in conjunction with PSA 25. In April, McGrath was part of a new Senior Center Outreach Committee started by the PSA Director, Cynthia Banks. This committee will meet again in late summer. There was an audit done in PSA 19 with good results. Elections for a new PSA 19 representative are May 29. This is McGrath’s last TACC meeting. He said he enjoyed meeting and serving with the TACC members.

PSA 33 – In May, PSA 33 held a senior abuse forum on gambling. Overfield said this is a real problem; seniors are losing their savings, homes, and other assets due to gambling addictions. The Bakersfield Police Department and Department of Aging conducted a forum on financial scams targeted at seniors. Elder abuse has risen 25% since last year; this increase is due to more incidents of elder abuse being reported.

PSA 5 - Romeo reported that Meals on Wheels is going very well; this is a new endeavor for PSA 5. Cat food for seniors with pets has been added to the Meals on Wheels program. In May, the Department of Aging came to PSA 5. Romero said that a Stroke Resource Directory has been developed. The Department of Health and Human Services is looking at the overall community in regards to senior housing. The Elder Abuse Task Force chaired by Romeo is going well, thanks in part to good finances. In May Romeo attended a task force on senior hoarding; a support group, “Hoarders Anonymous” will be started. This is Romeo’s last meeting; she thanked TACC for their dedication to senior issues.

14. Committee Reports

Legislative Committee – Hunt reported there were 18 TACC members present for the Legislative Committee this morning. The Legislative Committee recommended that TACC support: AB 374 (Berg), AB 927 (Saldaña), AB 1444 (Emerson) and SB 977 (Correa). The committee recommended all other bills (25) be given “watch” status. TACC voted to support Legislative Committee recommendations.

Hunt mentioned there are eight additional bills on the CSL list from Monck that were not on Hunt’s list at the Legislative meeting this morning. He advised TACC members to review the list Monck distributed.

This is Hunt’s last TACC meeting. He thanked the TACC team for the opportunity to serve. President Wilder requested a volunteer to chair the Legislative committee. Member Havard Staggs Volunteered.

SB 910 Long Range Strategic Plan Monitoring Liaison Update - President Wilder stated that the transportation task team is active. There was a grant received for a mobility action plan and a Mobility Action Council will be developed to coordinate transportation services for seniors/disabled and low income members of the community. The Council will study Paratransit availability to seniors and work to identify alternatives.

Meeting was recessed at 4:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 24, 2007

President Wilder reconvened the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. A quorum was present.

15. Public Comment

None.

16. Discussion of Workshops for November Meeting – Action

Wilder said TACC can influence workshops at the C4A Annual Meeting and Allied Conference to meet their needs. The conference is scheduled for November 12, 13, 14, and 15 at the Wilshire Grand in Los Angeles. Tuesday and half of Wednesday are set for the TACC meeting. Wilder asked for suggestions for workshops.

Discussion of workshop topics included:

- How to deal with toxic staff/volunteer management;
- Writing great Local Area Plans;
- Leading volunteers
- Recruiting the right volunteers
- Negotiation, Influence and Advising in the Public Setting
- History of the aging services system
- Network building
- Municipal politics
- Funding Streams (federal on down)
- Smart activism & advocacy strategies
- My life in CSL. (What CSL is all about.)
- Legislative review basics for Advisory Councils
- Working with community organizations.
- Parity formula – how funds are distributed. (Dept. of Finance)
- Variance of PSAs – how PSAs are made up and how they work.
- Roundtable discussion of Advisory Council problem solving
- The many faces of advocacy
- The future of C4A

Wilder said TACC has been scheduled for two 1.5 hour workshops, but three would be possible.

Staggs suggested that many of the ideas would make good topics for the regular TACC meetings, but may have questionable appeal to the broader conference attendees. The problems of planning workshops was addressed, given that subjects such as “Local

Area Plan Writing” would be best if AAA planners could attend, but would conflict with their own mandatory workshops. Wilder noted that C4A Executive Director Derrell Kelch planned to include the Department of Mental Health and Department of Social Services in this year’s conference.

TACC members discussed the cost implications of attendance at the conference. Depew noted that her Area Agency has financed her attendance for seven years, which she believed was a great help with her work on the Advisory Council. Nichols said her county discouraged attendance due to budgetary concerns.

Wilder asked which workshop would be the highest priority, noting that some PSAs have asked their advisory councils to focus only on parts of the area plan that addresses their activities. Others asked for review of the entire plan or active participation in the drafting. He said it would be nice to know what CDA’s expectations of advisory councils are.

Wilder asked for a show of hands of those planning to attend the conference and 14 indicated they were. It was agreed that the Executive Committee would select two workshop ideas from the list.

17. PSA Reports

PSA 6 – Schoefield reported that PSA 6 is in a period of change due to members leaving. The Advisory Council has asked the Mayor to appoint members with appropriate backgrounds, including experience with disability issues. The Council has 22 members who are very involved in the local area plan outcomes. Schoefield announced his new book, “After 50 It’s Up to Us” which looks at development of new capabilities as one ages. He said that he’s nearing the end of his two-year term and that perhaps a three-year term would be better for TACC members.

18. California Commission on Aging Report – Sandi Fitzpatrick, Executive Director

Fitzpatrick mentioned there is an updated reimbursement process that members should pick up before leaving. The Fiscal Year ends June 30, 2007; all outstanding Travel Expense Claims should be in before that day. CCoA is in the process of updating the contract with the TravelStore for FY 2007-08. She said that there have been no new Commissioner appointments for four months and there are still vacancies. Fitzpatrick discussed CCoA meeting focus and planned locations for the next several meetings.

There is a new standing committee beginning the review of the State Plan on Aging. Fitzpatrick’s hope is that CCoA can be involved in the creation of the next State Plan. She stated that she met with C4A leadership regarding the responsibility for supporting members’ attendance and helping with expenses at TACC meetings. The average TACC meeting cost for each meeting is \$3,700.

Fitzpatrick said that she attended a Women, Health & Aging Conference in May put on by The California Endowment. The endowment is working on a statewide advocacy movement on older women and health disparities.

Fitzpatrick reported on the status of AB 927. She said CCoA continues to review legislation for positions and had testified on behalf of several budget items. Fitzpatrick stated CCoA has no position on AB 491, but that CCoA is committed to working toward development of language and a statewide advocacy effort. Also, there was no position taken on SB 434.

CCoA has been requested to participate in a review of the Transportation Department's Mobility Action Plan RFP.

19. PSA Reports

PSA 12 – Depew reported that the PSA will host a Stride to Breakfast with Jack LaLanne as the guest. This is a large event with 400 people registered. There is a new appointee to the Advisory Council representing the disabled community. An Elder Abuse workshop has just been completed and the PSA is reviewing contract extensions.

PSA 8 – Nichols reported there is an annual report to the Board of Supervisors on health. There is a hard copy of the report, Health and Home Book, available for non-computer users. The PSA is presenting workshops on depression and aging. The Minority Elders Committee has a focused mission and is staying informed on current issues.

PSA 21 – Maiden reported the Leadership Day with "passport" went well. There was an AARP-sponsored volunteer recognition in April. The Veteran's Day Parade featured an information van and telehealth roundtable which brought together medicine and technology to help seniors get better control of their health. There was a forum on senior and disabled transportation with experts from around the state. This forum was sponsored by Riverside County Board of Supervisors. They are involved in outreach activities.

PSA 15 – Lamagno reported that the Advisory Council is in the process of rewriting the bylaws. They are examining how to provide nutritional sites with less money in Kings and Tulare Counties. Since some of the sites are far apart, the council is studying how to get seniors to the locations. Over 1,000 people and vendors attended the Seniors Day Annual Picnic.

PSA 7 – Clark reported that the PSA will host a senior information day where providers/other vendors will have information available. There is a senior night scheduled, with the theme of "Take a Frail Senior to Dinner". The Housing Committee is dealing with the issue of homeless seniors; thirteen percent of seniors in PSA 7 are

homeless. The Mobility Council is working with the intergenerational committee and focusing on the boomer population.

PSA 4 – Mabon reported on 16 focal points in PSA 4's seven counties. They are working to qualify three other sites. The PSA is striving to make service information for seniors more available. Mabon reported that Dial 211.com is a Nevada County site that has all case management information. Grass Valley Senior Center is now a Community Center.

PSA 31 – Cox reported on the updated Area Plan. The senior recognition event served over 400 meals on April 8. Many exhibitors were present. Recent CDA monitoring had positive results. The PSA is partnering with the Chamber of Commerce to disseminate information. The Meals on Wheels program is growing and the area transportation provider meets regularly with the advisory council.

PSA 23 – Siders provided an update on a partnership between the nutrition center and local libraries. The program distributes monthly newsletters to over 4,000 people and includes a library card application. There will be a vital aging conference with Edward J. Olmos as the keynote speaker. Diabetes education will be the focus of the conference. Volunteer recognition is planned for October.

PSA 20 – Wilder distributed a copy of their LGBT questionnaire developed to share information and gather data. Information collected from this questionnaire is anonymous.

PSA 17 – Tucker reported on production of a veterans television show to feature stories and memorabilia of vets in his area.

ADJOURN TO NEXT MEETING:

Romeo moved to adjourn the meeting. Woods seconded. The meeting was adjourned until July 25-26, 2007 at Vagabond Inn, Sacramento.