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NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETING GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Vagabond Inn, 909^{3rd} Street, Sacramento, CA
January 23-24, 2008

Wednesday, January 23, 2008

1. Call to Order

President Wilder called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Depew led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call – Establish a Quorum

Present:

PSA 2 – Alan Masden

PSA 4 – Mary Jane Large

PSA 5 – Patricia Lewis

PSA 6 – Connie Little

PSA 7 – Joanna Kim-Selby

PSA 8 – May Nichols

PSA 10 – Anne Mack

PSA 11 – Gerald Rothman

PSA 12 – Marge Depew

PSA 17 – Martin Tucker

PSA 18 – Tony Bellasalma

PSA 19 – Zelda Hutcherson

PSA 20 – David Wilder

PSA 21 – Erwin Fromm

PSA 25 – Patricia Wilson

PSA 28 – Pat Paris

PSA 31 – Rick Dahlgren

PSA 33 – Marti Overfield

Guests: Janet Tedesco, California Department of Aging
Liz Pazdral, State Independent Living Council

Staff: Sandi Fitzpatrick, Carol Sewell, Lynn Nielsen

A quorum was present.

4. Introductions, Announcements

Attendees were introduced.

5. Approve Agenda

The January 23-24, 2008 agenda was reviewed. Wilder proposed a schedule change for the afternoon portion of the meeting. Little moved; Nichols seconded the motion to approve the agenda with suggested change. Motion carries.

6. Approve Minutes of November 13-14, 2007

The November 13-14, 2007 minutes were reviewed. Depew requested a correction to the PSA 12 report to state that the AAA office is relocating, and not other senior programs. Nichols moved as amended; Dahlgren seconded the motion to approve the November 13-14, 2007 minutes. Motion carries.

7. Confirm Dates of May 28-29, 2008 Meeting

The dates for the May 28-29, 2008 meeting were discussed. Depew moved; Nichols seconded the motion to approve the May 28-29, 2008 meeting dates. Motion carries. (This item was subsequently changed: see item #12 in these minutes.)

8. Discussion of TACC Legislative Committee Process

Large led the discussion of TACC's legislative committee structure and operations. The group discussed amending TACC's bylaws to define the Legislative Committee structure and any Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act restrictions on meeting via teleconference and e-mail. Large moved to make the Legislative Committee a committee of the whole; Bellasalma seconded. Motion carries with one abstention.

There was discussion whether the group should limit legislative review topics or to identify special projects or conduct full legislative review, with agreement to discuss the matter further at March TACC meeting. Members were urged to monitor other advocacy sites and bring suggested bills to TACC's attention.

Large called for volunteers to organize an effort to free up federal AAA money in years that the state budget is late and proposed bringing the topic to the Silver Haired Congress. Tucker offered to serve as the point person to Assembly Member Patty Berg. Kim-Selby agreed to contact Senator Alquist and OWL. Mack to contact Congress of California Seniors and CSL. Large to discuss issue with PSA 4 Executive Director Deanna Lea. She suggested that members meet with county legislative staff, and identify other states' processes.

9. Continuation of project "Understanding and Leveraging Current PSA Priorities and Programs"

Wilder reintroduced TACC's ongoing discussion of PSA priorities and programs. Members were asked to send their PSAs' top priorities as identified in the Area Plan, successes identified by CDA monitoring, and to include in future PSA reports information on presentations given to Advisory Councils. Members were asked to present information on new programs developed within AAAs and strategic planning activities (facilitated or otherwise). Members discussed the committee structures within each advisory council and their various activities. Wilder suggested bringing the CDA nutritionist in to an upcoming meeting to brief members on local Advisory Council health committee responsibilities.

10. Aging and Disability Resource Centers – Janet Tedesco, CDA

Janet Tedesco, Department of Aging (CDA), gave a presentation on five “discretionary” federal grants that CDA disburses to local agencies to implement various programs with the primarily goal of assisting underserved populations.

She reported that two programs include self-management for chronic diseases and “A Matter of Balance,” aimed at reducing falls in older adults. Tedesco noted the program’s effectiveness is substantiated by data from Stanford University. Funding for the programs comes from the Older Americans Act. CDA has received two smaller grants to link independent living center websites and provide assistance with nursing home transitions and partnerships.

11. Treasurer’s Report/Fiscal Update

Tucker distributed the November CDA budget report, showing no changes other than a mileage reimbursement rate increase to 50.5 cents per mile on January 1, 2008. The tax check-off (California Seniors Special Fund) line 50 report showed a decrease for November. Tucker noted there are insufficient funds to continue with planned future TACC meetings without a shortfall. He suggested that TACC cut one meeting per year to cover this deficit.

12. California Commission on Aging Report – Sandra Fitzpatrick, Executive Director

Fitzpatrick reported on recent CCoA activities and distributed the 2006-07 CCoA Annual Report. The TACC budget was reviewed. Fitzpatrick noted that TACC’s projected expenses exceed available funds and suggested a reduced meeting schedule could provide a solution. Alternate revenue-saving suggestions included seeking reimbursement from AAAs for ongoing meeting expenses and a later meeting start time to eliminate a second night’s hotel stay.

Fitzpatrick noted that the bylaws require TACC have at least two meetings a year. Wilder surveyed the group for elimination of the March meeting. Bellasalma moved to cancel the March meeting; Hutcherson seconded. Motion carried.

Depew moved that the TACC’s March meeting dates be changed to April 30 and May 1. Large seconded. Motion carries.

13. California Senior Legislature Report - Rick Dahlgren

Dahlgren reported on recent CSL activities and shared the minutes of the last Joint Rules Committee meeting. He reported that 19 CSL proposals are anticipated to be picked up in this Legislative session; no numbers have been assigned as of yet. Mack presented a certificate of recognition to TACC President Wilder on behalf of TACC’s service to the objectives of CSL.

14. PSA Reports

PSA 4 – Large reported PSA 4 is to work on the Area Plan, including a needs

assessment. PSA 4 has published a working caregiver study, available on the Area 4 Agency on Aging website.

PSA 17 - Tucker reported public hearings are being conducted on the area plan. The Department of Motor Vehicles Senior Ombudsman attended a recent meeting and relayed information to attendees.

PSA 21 – Fromm said Ed Walsh is the new AAA Executive Director. Work is being done on a video promoting the Office on Aging. Riverside County has been selected for a survey of persons living in the United States needing hospital to home transition services.

PSA 2 – Masden said PSA 2 is working toward its objectives for the year. Senior advocacy and information on falls, influenza and local resources will be published in a tri-fold brochure for the five county area.

PSA 5 – Lewis distributed the most recent newsletter. Further information can be located on the Area 5 Agency on Aging website.

PSA 8 – Nichols reported on her PSA's recommendations on two bills, AB 399 and AB 1422. Both bills were vetoed. A demographic study is being done with hopes of facilitating long-range planning.

PSA 12 – Depew reported the Area 12 has secured a new office and will be moving. Elections were held in December and Depew was re-elected. Hav Staggs was recognized in December with an AAA award; CCoA staff came to honor Staggs. A 93-year old volunteer was also honored at the lunch. A needs assessment is in process and a video is being developed on local aging programs.

PSA 19 – Hutcherson reported the AAA has submitted a written statement about the consequences of impending State budget cuts. Public hearings are being planned and the housing committee has been reactivated. Advisory council members are being trained through various workshops. She said she appreciated the TACC meetings and ideas/learning opportunities that can be brought back to the local AAA.

PSA 31 – Dahlgren said Les Papazian was re-elected as Advisory Council chair. Dahlgren will continue to attend TACC meetings for Papazian. Kathy Hassett recently returned as the AAA Director. Advisory council training will be held January 28, 2008 and will include a refresher on bylaws. There will be a Senior Recognition Day in May.

PSA 18 – Bellasalma reported the area plan and the AAA's new bylaws were completed and accepted by the Board of Supervisors. A change includes

decreasing meetings from 10 to 7 per year. Committees have been organized and a new logo developed for the AAA.

PSA 7 – Kim-Selby reported on PSA 7's new executive director John Cottrell. The newly elected advisory council chair is Gerald Richards. Stroke education remains a priority for the AAA. The housing committee is distributing defibrillators and educating on use of equipment. An Elder Abuse forum will be held this year.

PSA 33 – AAA bylaws have been completed and approval is pending. Overfield said many flu vaccines are remaining from allotment; volunteers are taking these shots to senior centers to be administered.

PSA 28 – New to TACC - no report.

PSA 25 – Wilson has replaced Ed Woods as chair. The health committee is getting HIV and aids information out to seniors. Senior Art Show will be April 16. Older Americans month will be celebrated in May. Various committees are getting information to seniors regarding housing and other topics.

PSA 10 – Mack reported the her council's committee activities, including Planning Committee visits to service provider sites, Health Committee presentations on topics such as diabetes and Alzheimer's. PSA 10 is looking at legislation on diabetic supplies. A grant has been extended for one year to study transportation of non-disabled seniors to doctor appointments, shopping, and other locations. There are 100 participants in the study which covers a 10-mile radius. Mack said a recent speaker from Parks and Recreation said a new county park with disabled access has been opened.

PSA 20 – Wilder said he has been termed out as Senior Affairs Commission chair, but will continue as chair of TACC. Terry Conaway is the new chair and vice chair is Walter Johnson, Jr. Conaway's costs are anticipated to be covered by AAA for TACC meetings.

Meeting was recessed at 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, January 24, 2008

15. Liz Pazdral, Executive Director, State Independent Living Council

Liz Pazdral explained that SILC is an advisory council that advises the 29 state independent living centers, and the Governor's office. Pazdral gave a brief history of the council, explaining that she was hired as executive director in September 2007. She noted that SILC advocates for community based services, housing, transportation, healthcare access, and employment of people with disabilities.

Pazdral said the challenge in improving service delivery is overcoming the stigma

of the word “disability” and noted that many seniors don’t consider themselves as having disabilities so aren’t aware of services that are available. The SILC has four standing committees: State Plan, Policy and Issue Development Committee, Monitoring and Evaluation Committee and the Executive Committee. SILC also sponsors several conferences a year including C4A and the Respectability Conference. The Council is responsible for allocation of funds for the State Plan for Independent Living and advocating for services that are provided in the least restrictive environment as required by the Olmstead Decision. She urged TACC members to contribute to the plan by providing information on needs in their communities so that funds can be assigned to the concern, and invited anyone interested to apply to serve on the SILC.

16. PSA Reports

None.

Other Business

President Wilder said that Jacque Brown was the only person remaining on the Nominating Committee and requested that Mack and Little be added to the committee. Dahlgren moved to approve the recommendation; Overfield seconded. Motion carries.

Large requested that TACC members submit legislation to her prior to the February deadline for placement on the next meeting agenda.

Depew mentioned that Dee Erman is ill. Wilder requested that CCoA generate a get well card from TACC and send to Erman.

17. Adjourn

President Wilder adjourned the meeting at 10:35 a.m. The next meeting will be April 30 and May 1, 2008 at the Vagabond Inn, Sacramento.