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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
Vagabond Inn, 909 3rd Street, Sacramento, CA
September 10-11, 2008

Wednesday, September 10, 2008

1. Call to Order

President Schofield called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Marti Overfield led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call – Establish a Quorum

Present:

PSA 1 – Nancy Wilson	PSA 17 – Martin Tucker
PSA 3 – Shirley Boracci	PSA 18 – June Glasmeier
PSA 4 – Mary Jane Large	PSA 21 – Erwin Fromm
PSA 4 – Jacque Brown	PSA 22 – Dee Erman
PSA 5 – Pat Lewis	PSA 23 – Jack Duff
PSA 6 – George Schofield	PSA 26 – Patricia Jauruegi-Darland
PSA 7 – Gerald Richards	PSA 28 – Pat Paris
PSA 10– Anne Mack	PSA 30 – Billie Taylor
PSA 12 – Marge Depew	PSA 31 – Rick Dahlgren
PSA 13 – Bud Winslow	PSA 33 – Marti Overfield

Guests: Jane Kibbey, Audrey Caulder, Claudine Duff, Allison Ruff, and Will Tift
Staff: Sandi Fitzpatrick, Marcella Lopez, Carol Sewell.

A quorum was established.

4. Introductions, Announcements

Welcome and introductions for new TACC members, June Glasmeier and Shirley Boracci.

5. Approve Agenda

The TACC Agenda for September 10-11, 2008 was reviewed. Erman moved; Tucker seconded the motion to approve the September 10-11, 2008 agenda.

6. Approve Minutes of April 30-May 1, 2008 Meeting

The TACC Minutes from April 30-May 1, 2008 were reviewed. Large moved; Tucker seconded the motion to approve April 30-May 1, 2008 minutes.

7. Public Comment

None.

8. Treasurer's Report

There are no new updates to the treasurer's report due to not having a state budget. Tucker provided a Franchise Tax Board monthly report on the California Seniors Special Fund showing the latest contributions of the tax check-off. TACC's contributions are down on average about \$10,000 in the last two years. Fitzpatrick reminded TACC members that the tax check-off is TACC's only source of income.

9. Jane Kibbey, President, California Association of Senior Service Centers (CASSC) & Audrey Caulder, McBride Senior Center Coordinator

Ms. Kibbey is also the Senior Center Coordinator of the Fairfield Senior Center and Ms. Caulder is the past president of CASSC. Ms. Kibbey announced her full support for the Senior Center Stakeholders Forum in February 2009.

Ms. Kibbey described the CASSC organization and announced their annual conference scheduled for October 19-22 at Asilomar in Pacific Grove. She referred the group to the CASSC website at www.cassc.org for more information.

10. CCoA Senior Center Stakeholder Forum – Sandi Fitzpatrick

Fitzpatrick discussed the CCoA's plan for a Senior Center Forum in February. Fitzpatrick invited TACC to co-host the Senior Center Forum with CCoA and announced CCS has also agreed to co-host. The event will be held in conjunction with TACC's February meeting so that TACC members would not have extra costs to attend the event. Money received for the event on behalf of TACC would be retained for TACC. A Senior Center Bond Act is one possible outcome.

Depew moved that TACC co-host with CCoA and CCoA; Mack seconded. Motion carries with one abstention

The Senior Center Stakeholder Forum will be held February 4, 2009. More information is available at www.ccoa.ca.gov/senior-cntr.

11. C4A November Conference Planning Committee Report – Marge Depew

Depew announced the C4A Annual Conference will be held at the Marriott Hotel in downtown Los Angeles. The conference will provide a workshop for TACC directors called Engaging Seniors on Advisory Committees and Boards to address the need for Advisory Councils to recruit and train future members.

TACC will meet for a full day on Monday, November 17, and part of the day on Tuesday, November 18. She urged directors to contact their Area Agency director for more information or visit the C4A website at www.c4a.info.

12. California Commission on Aging Report - Sandra Fitzpatrick

Fitzpatrick noted that due to the late State Budget, CCoA and TACC have expenditure restrictions and are not able to spend. She stressed the importance of TACC members

not putting themselves at financial risk, noting that once the budget is passed there may be a backlog in reimbursement.

Fitzpatrick provided an update on CCoA activities. Resolutions SCR 112, which calls for greater Cultural Competency in aging services, and SCR 77, Fall Prevention, were approved by the Legislature. The State of California has declared the first week of fall as "Fall Prevention Awareness Week." CCoA is currently working with SILC on a white paper on accessible housing. A MOU between CCoA and CFoA has been finalized. CFoA made a small donation to the Senior Center Forum. Carol Sewell has testified at the Capitol in support of several bills.

The next CCoA meeting will be held in PSA 2 in Redding. The public hearing will be at the Shasta Senior Nutrition Services in Redding and will be CCoA's second of three hearings on Older Adult Health Access.

13. PSA Reports

PSA 4 – Mary Jane Large announced that PSA 4 staff Will Tift investigated demographic and cultural issues among the area's older adults and would describe the findings of his report during his presentation tomorrow. Nutrition providers in two counties have discontinued services. The area plan update is now being in process; all public hearings are completed. All AAA funds are being held along with state funding until a budget is passed.

PSA 7 – Gerald Richards reported that PSA 7 is co-sponsoring community forums on mental health, elder abuse and topics such as Adult Protective Services, transportation services, Medi-Cal, IHSS, and nutrition services. The next forum will be on gambling and addictions. The downside of the budget is that volunteer drivers for meals on wheels have decreased due to the increased cost of gas. A stroke campaign has been underway for the past couple of years; "Strokes, Time Lost is Brain Lost." The local television station will have a follow up on stroke prevention and a DVD will be made as an educational tool.

Legislative Advocates have been focusing on older adult protection, elder abuse and insurance fraud. Working to increase support for the Federal Elder Justice Act which funds local Elder Justice Programs that work to reduce elder abuse, neglect and exploitation.

PSA 18 – June Glasmeier said she meets each month with Victoria Jump, the Executive Director of PSA 18. Glasmeier reported that she is on the nutrition committee and that PSA 18 will be having a forum on late bloomers.

PSA 31 – Rick Dahlgren said his Advisory Council has been monitoring nutrition programs. The September meeting will be at the county library where many senior services are provided. Virtually none of area's seniors use internet. September 26th there will be a Salute to Seniors Fair in Los Banos with information booths, lunch and bingo. On July 28, Dahlgren will replace Les Papazian as Advisory Council chair. The council has had a huge discussion about Wii games and their place in senior centers. The Board of Supervisors will revise their budget once the State Budget is passed.

PSA 4 – Jacque Brown announced that PSA 4's baby boomer surveys done were based on town hall meetings and were unique to each county. The surveys will have a broad look at seniors.

PSA 3 – Shirley Boracci reported that PSA 3 is administered under Chico State College and will not have problems with funds like many other PSA's. Chico State pays rent for PSA 3's building and will continue to provide funds until a budget is passed.

PSA 10 – Anne Mack reported the election of new officers took place on August 25th. The new officers are as follows: Connie Langford - Chair, Vice Chair - Vernon Medicine Cloud, and Secretary - Millie Willey. The council has been discussing Fair Housing Law.

PSA 12 – Marge Depew said her PSA was a joint powers authority governed by a board representing each county, with the exception of Alpine County. Money will be loaned to agencies until a budget is passed. A non-profit senior center in Calaveras County is getting frozen meals delivered once a week. Sonora's Meals on Wheels has begun delivering frozen meals once a week to remote seniors.

An advisory council member who runs a small non-profit did a one-page needs assessment survey in Tuolumne County. Seven thousand surveys were mailed out and two thousand were returned. The nutrition program did a survey of all nutrition sites and made surprise site visits to evaluate hospitality and food preparation practices. With the help of corporate sponsors, a Sonora provider raised \$73,000. Sonora will provide \$5000 grant for the region's senior center summit.

PSA 33 – Marti Overfield reported that flu shots will be available at the health fair in October. The Aging Department will receive a 10 percent budget cut. The nutrition program had to combine food preparation for two senior centers due to the loss of a meal program at an area senior center. The Department of Aging held a seminar called "When Injuries Speak." The agency has received several calls from rural seniors concerned about bark beetles. The cost is about \$80 per tree to treat and there is no guarantee the treatment will work.

PSA 5 – Pat Lewis said the Buck Institute for Aging has been a primary source of funding for non-profits in Marin but will now be cutting back and instead providing grants to the county. A three month survey will be done through focus groups and the report will be used to develop with a disaster preparedness plan. A senior-focused local television program is shown every Tuesday on Channel 78. Federal Elder Abuse grant is funding a pilot program that will be used to create national programs. A grant has provided funding for a public health nurse to visit 8-9 senior's homes every other week.

PSA 23 – Jack Duff said that the Aging Summit was held at the San Diego convention center in July, featuring Astronaut Buzz Aldrin was a guest speaker. Several booths provided information and health screenings. San Diego has a unique advisory council made up of 30 members, 10 of whom are supervisor's appointees. Each year the Chair

of the Advisory Board, vice chair and 2 county supervisor's appointees meet to discuss the annual report and annual plan.

PSA 13 – George “Bud” Winslow announced that PSA 13 will have their first ever Solution Summit designed to form development strategies for seniors with disabilities and covering senior needs, such as elder abuse assistance and information, nutrition, and transportation. Local TV and newspaper will be explaining what the Area Agency on Aging is. Winslow will be featured on a community TV station program called 750 to discuss Elder Hostel, CSL, TACC, and issues facing seniors. Federal funds have enabled the AAA to pass out \$20 worth of food vouchers for the Farmers Market. National Senior HealthCare Week will begin next week.

President Schofield reconvened the meeting at 1:30 p.m.

14. Allison Ruff, Principal Consultant, Assembly Aging and Long-Term Care Committee

Ms. Ruff provided an overview of the State Budget standoff and reviewed various versions of the budget, including a first-time Governor's August Revision, which included elimination of SSI/SSP cost-of-living increase for 2009. No alternate budget proposal had won legislative approval. She explained how some program cuts result in higher costs later, such as Medi-Cal-covered nursing home care if less-costly programs are lost and said that adult day health programs, regional centers, developmental centers and physicians were not being paid by the State.

Mary Jane Large provided a brief status update on bills tracked by TACC.

15. Required Training – Carol Sewell

Staff reviewed AB 1234 ethics training requirement and asked all members who had not taken yet or completed the training within the last two years to complete within 1-2 months.

16. TACC Bylaws Amendments – Jacque Brown

Brown presented a proposed amendment to Article IV, Section 1 of the TACC Bylaws to eliminate the member at large position and combine the secretary/treasurer position. Brown so moved; Winslow seconded. Motion carried on a vote of 17 to 2.

Brown made a second motion to amend Article IV, Section 2 to delete a redundant sentence regarding nominations. Winslow seconded. Unanimous approval.

A motion to amend Article IV, Section 7a to amend the secretary/treasurer duty statement was made by Brown; Martin Tucker seconded. Unanimous approval.

A motion to amend Article IV, Section 7f deleting redundant language was made by Brown; Martin Tucker seconded. Unanimous approval.

Brown moved to amend Article IV, Section 9 to incorporate the treasurer's duties into the secretary/treasurer section and to renumber; Tucker seconded. Unanimous approval.

Brown moved to amend Article V Section 1a to correct the secretary/treasurer title and to strike “member at large”; Winslow seconded. Unanimous approval.

Brown moved to amend Article VIII Section 1 by striking “at least” from the section’s last sentence; Tucker seconded. Approved unanimously.

17. Nominating Committee Report – Jacque Brown, Sharon Lamagno and Anne Mack

Brown announced the nomination of Mary Jane Large for president, Marge Depew as vice president and Martin Tucker as secretary/treasurer.

18. Election of Officers and Nominating Committee for 2008-09.

No nominations were made from the floor. The nominees made brief statements on their credentials. Schofield called for vote on the slate; the 2008-2009 officers were approved unanimously.

Brown announced the nomination of Anne Mack, May Nichols and Kathryn Williams for 2008-09 Nominating Committee. No nominations were made from the floor. Schofield called for a vote. Unanimous approval.

19. PSA Reports

PSA 21 – Erwin Fromm reported on the first maturity work job fair which included job counseling to get people back into work. The Riverside Board of Supervisors hosted a lunch seminar on identity theft. Additional events included an outdoor senior information fair and free lunch; a health and wellness specialized education forum in Moreno Valley with a “train the trainer” DVD to be made available to the public; and a hospital liaison project demonstrated unique care management. Local Gay pride event will host AAA booth. AAA is working on needs assessment for the gay community.

PSA 17 – Martin Tucker reported that a 2007 needs assessment was done on home caregivers. For 2008 studied LGBT citizens’ needs via a questionnaire. Local events include a senior fair planned for November; a carfit program in October will train volunteers to better fit people with physical limitations into their cars. Local Parks and Recreation Department held a 90+ birthday luncheon; huge turnout. A recent Aging Symposium brought together stakeholders including 180 service providers and seniors, state and local officials and foundation representatives. The day included eight breakout sessions on improving work with philanthropic and service organizations.

PSA 28 – Pat Paris reported that the area’s senior legislator, Sharon Monck, had resigned from CSL. Lauren Rolfe will replace her. Financial abuse intervention efforts successful in Solano; working to establish a Napa FAST Team. Solano’s FAST team has saved \$2 million in the past 2 years. The budget is affecting congregate meal program; AAA may have to cut back.

PSA 1 – Nancy Wilson reported on the AAA’s non-profit status. The Advisory Council has a county supervisor from each county. The AAA has moved to a new building, combining all services at a convenient downtown location. The agency received a Cal-Endowment grant. A local news program is working to inform the community on AAA’s

work: this week on long-distance caregiving. Recently obtained information on area's LGBT population and grandparents with grandchildren. The University of South Dakota is surveying a local lunch site and studying Yurok tribal elders. The area's seniors face significant problems with hunger.

PSA 26 – Patricia Jauregui-Darland said her Advisory Council's transition remained difficult. Members travel long distances to meetings; big age range on group. The local Health Planning Council, which works on many area plan issues, is dissolving and it is hoped that its functions will be absorbed into the Advisory Council's. Council tries to meet at the far reaches of the county annually; recent meeting pointed out the many differences between senior centers throughout the PSA, from affluent to decrepit. The AAA helps to assist centers under its purview. Area plan forums are being advertised for October. Concerns continue about critical access hospitals (CAH) in the region, which limit access due to their 25-bed limit. Emergency room patients must be transported out of the area if local beds aren't available, at a cost of \$22,000. Few insurance policies cover the expense: HICAP is helping to educate the community about where to get the coverage they need.

PSA 30 – Billie Taylor said she is the alternate director from her Advisory Council. PSA forming a 501(c)3 to build a new senior center. The agency has partnered with a healthy aging program that has 29 exercise locations. She reported on missing the last Advisory Council meeting due to an SB 840 advocacy effort.

PSA 22 – Dee Erman reported Orange County's Advisory Council has been prevented from lobbying on legislation, but she hopes for a change with the election of a new Board of Supervisors. There are 44 members on the Council with five over age 90. The AAA hosted a booth at the county fair.

PSA 6 – George Schofield thanked staff for providing help when he became president. San Francisco's Advisory Council works directly with the Aging Commission and participates in evaluation of the director. He recommended that TACC work to identify new and different issues, rather than perpetuate old and tired ones. He noted the importance of looking forward to better meet older adult needs. Incoming president Mary Jane Large presented him with an award recognizing his service to TACC.

Meeting Recessed at 3:55 until the following day.

Thursday, September 11, 2008

Immediate Past President Schofield reconvened meeting at 9:03 a.m.
A moment of silence was observed in remembrance of September 11, 2001.

20. Executive Committee Report

Schofield reported the committee reviewed officer roles and responsibilities, discussed TACC's purpose and roles given reduced schedule and high member turnover. Speakers and information exchange were identified as most important while legislative review was not seen as a feasible task. Discussed development of PSA report template

to provide detailed information on PSA program innovations and activities; to be considered on the November agenda.

Discussed discontinuation of Legislative Chair role; will place on November agenda. The Committee agreed to join with others in supporting legislation when requested to do so. Brown noted that legislation is listed as a standing committee in the Bylaws, so will need to place on November agenda as well.

Fiscal constraints were discussed; President Large designated Martin Tucker assisted by Marge Depew to participate in Senior Center Forum planning advisory panel.

21. TACC Meeting Schedule 2009

Schofield suggested planning for four meetings for 2009 calendar year, to be held with the other organizations or separately. Will schedule February meeting in conjunction with CCoA's Senior Center Forum.

22. Will Tift, A4AA Baby Boomer Study

Will Tift presented the results of the Area 4 Agency on Aging Baby Boomer Study, detailing the projected increase in older adults PSA 4 faces and the shortage of appropriate services.

23. California Senior Legislature Report – Rick Dahlgren

Mack reported on the upcoming CSL session and the outcome of CSL-sponsored legislation at the Capitol. She noted that the new Franchise Tax Board donation line for CSL is called 'Code 402.'

24. Adjourn

Dahlgren moved to adjourn; Jauregui-Darland seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.