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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
Marriott Los Angeles Downtown
333 South Figueroa Street, Los Angeles, CA 90071
November 17-18, 2008

Monday, November 17, 2008

I. Call to Order

President Large called the meeting to order at 10:33 a.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

President Large led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Roll Call – Establish a Quorum

Martin Tucker called roll.

Present:

PSA 3 – Shirley Boracci

PSA 4 – Mary Jane Large

PSA 5 – Patricia Lewis

PSA 7 – Gerald Richards

PSA 8 – May Nichol

PSA 12 – Marge Depew

PSA 17 – Martin Tucker

PSA 19 – Zelda Hutcherson

PSA 21 – Erwin Fromm

PSA 25 – Patricia Wilson

PSA 26 – Patricia Jauregui-Darland

PSA 31 – Rick Dahlgren

PSA 32 – Robert Petty

PSA 33 – Marti Overfield

Guests: Lin Benjamin, Clay Kempf, Mattye Fegan-Perry

Staff: Sandra Fitzpatrick, Marcella Lopez

A quorum was established.

IV. Introductions

Attendees introduced themselves by name, PSA and counties.

V. Approve Agenda

The TACC Agenda for November 17-18, 2008 was reviewed. Large moved; Patricia Lewis seconded the motion to approve the November 17-18, 2008 agenda. Motion carried.

VI. Approve Minutes of September 10-11, 2008 Meeting

The TACC minutes from September 10-11, 2008 meeting were reviewed and approved.

VII. Public Comment

None.

VIII. Overview of C4A Conference agenda and Tuesday TACC workshops

Fitzpatrick reviewed TACC's scheduled activities during the C4A Conference and previewed the two TACC workshops offered Tuesday.

IX. Treasurer's Report/Fiscal Update -- Martin Tucker

Tucker provided a fiscal update, noting that donations received through the Seniors Special Fund tax check-off had fallen in 2008. Tucker stressed the importance of TACC members promoting TACC's tax check-off line. Fitzpatrick announced that TACC will receive advertising in relation to the Senior Center Forum event in January. TACC members discussed various fundraising ideas.

X. President's Remarks – Mary Jane Large

None offered.

XI. Executive Committee Report

The Executive Committee reviewed the condensed TACC meeting schedule for '08-'09; proposed May 6-7 at the Vagabond Hotel in Sacramento for the final meeting of the year. Further budget discussions to take place in February.

a. 2008-09 TACC Meeting Schedule

Fitzpatrick provided an overview of the February TACC Meeting and Senior Center Forum.

b. TACC Bylaws Change

Large presented a proposed Bylaws amendment to delete language establishing the Legislative Committee as a TACC Standing Committee (as decided at the September 2008 TACC meeting). Gerald Richards moved to accept the Bylaws change; May Nichols seconded. Motion approved.

c. TAX Check-off Campaign Participation

President Large led a discussion as to whether or not TACC should continue its annual \$1,000 contribution to the TAX Check-off Campaign, which promotes all tax check-off funds through radio and limited television advertising. Large pointed out that TACC does not have the required \$1,000 to participate. Shirley Boracci moved to suspend the \$1,000 payment this year and revisit next year; May Nichols seconded. Motion approved.

d. PSA Report Template

Large presented a draft template for use in preparing future PSA reports and requested that the membership begin using the template by February. Individual written reports would be electronically submitted to TACC office.

Meeting recessed at 11:58 a.m.

Large reconvened meeting at 1:32 pm.

XII. PSA Reports

Held for later in the meeting.

XIII. Local Implementation of the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) – Lin Benjamin, MSW, MHA. Geriatric Mental Health Specialist, California Department of Aging

Lin Benjamin surveyed TACC members for their involvement in the local Proposition 63 Mental Health Task Force. She described the state process for establishing funding policies and stressed the importance that the mental health needs of older adults are included in the pre-established funding formula. Benjamin reviewed the components of MHSA funding, including client and family involvement, voluntary and outpatient services, strong older adult advocacy, and full-service intervention and support partnerships. The program's emphasis on serving children and youth makes it crucial for involvement from older adult advocates. Additional information on the MHSA is available at http://www.dmh.ca.gov/Prop_63/MHSA/default.asp.

XIV. PSA Reports

PSA 19 Zelda Hutcherson reported on Advisory Council's eight committees. Considering reducing committees and meeting in conjunction with Advisory Council meetings to increase attendance. Legislative Committee is working with the City of LA on proposals.

PSA 26 Patti Jauregui-Darland highlighted area agency accomplishments, including elderly nutrition program, completion of comprehensive needs assessment, training of new ombudsmen, receipt of a New Freedom Grant and donation of a van. Advisory Council election slated for January.

PSA 4 Mary Jane Large described Area 4's seven-county joint powers authority structure, which is a non-governmental agency. Many of the council's 35 members are very active in their local commission on aging board. Meet once a month (cover 6600 square miles). Subcommittee meetings in morning, brown bag lunch and run full meeting from 12-2pm. Many committees are run via telephone conference. The Area Plan Committee works with staff to process needs assessment and survey, which is underway. Needs vary from county to county; transportation is the main problem in all counties. Boomer report is posted on the website. Budget cuts have caused discontinuation of the Info Van program and loss of numerous service providers.

PSA 12 Marge Depew said Area 12 has a four-member JPA that serves a fifth county. Recent summit held for aging service providers to discuss stretching funds. Recruiting for Commission on Aging and Advisory Council. Cuts to the Ombudsman program means Tuolumne and Stanislaus counties will share a program manager. Rural meal deliveries have been cut to once a week instead of daily.

PSA 17 - Martin Tucker reported on successful fundraising activities to support Area Agency programs, including silent auctions and Senior Prom. CarFit program was combined with senior transportation education program. AAA is using

carryover funds to temporarily support Ombudsman program. Newest Advisory Council Member has started a subcommittee on aging-friendly communities.

PSA 21 - Erwin Fromm said preliminary results from a focus group study identified transportation, service fragmentation, and recurring caregiver issues as top concerns. Using a community based program video to introduce Department of Aging (Riverside County) and educate community. Aging disability resource center will focus on development and implementation. Recently celebrated ten years of the Grandparents Raising Grandchildren program. Recent audit by California Department of Health Services found no deficiencies.

PSA 8 - May Nichols reported that several nonprofits attend Advisory Council meetings regularly. PSA serves 130,000 seniors; has 9 staff positions and no newsletter. Area's largest problems are housing, transportation, health with cultural and linguistic issues included. 2008 was third year of driver safety program, run by the CHP corporate sponsorship. Other activities include fall prevention, minority diversity conference, LGBT education, continuum of care. Budget cuts may curtail some offerings in future. Advisory Council membership down to 11 out of 20 members. Big recruitment effort resulted in five new members being sworn in last week.

PSA 33- Marti Overfield Commission on Aging (CoA) continues to strengthen relationship with Parks and Recreation, which run most of the area's senior centers. Representatives from VA, Mental Health and Department of Community Services are invited to all CoA meetings to consult on senior issues. Planning the Annual Senior Celebration; first annual Senior Healthcare Directory disbursed; PSA newsletter is posted on the newly revamped website. CoA has three new commissioners.

PSA 3 - Shirley Boracci described the non-profit structure of PSA 3's Area Agency on Aging, which operates out of CSU Chico. The five-county PSA Advisory Council includes four members from each county, including appointees from the Board of Supervisors, the Commission on Aging, and community representatives. The agency has a HICAP newsletter and website. Primary problems for the area's seniors are transportation and housing. Receipt of \$500,000 from Annie Bidwell Fund will help with service delivery.

The meeting recessed at 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 18, 2008

Large reconvened meeting at 8:31 am.

XV. Senior Center Initiative Report – Sandra Fitzpatrick

Fitzpatrick provided overview of February 4, 2009 Senior Center Forum and TACC meeting schedule. TACC is a co-host of the Forum, along with CCoA and the Congress of California Seniors.

XVI. California Senior Legislature Report - Rick Dahlgren

Dahlgren reported on CSL activities, including legislative proposals approved at the 2008 CSL session.

XVII. PSA Reports

PSA 32 - Robert Petty reported on his region's non-profit Area Agency on Aging and the 15-member Advisory Council, which is appointed by the Board of Supervisors. The most recent needs assessment identified healthcare, transportation, and long-term care. Loss of Medicare providers limits elders' choice of physician. Area Agency has started caregiver university at the Salinas Adult School, a quarterly senior services forum, Boomer Education, and 211 information and assistance services.

PSA 25 - Patricia Wilson reported on the City of Los Angeles' Area Agency Advisory Council, which has 30 members. The PSA conducted mock earthquake alert; needs assessment found transportation and housing of primary concern along with lack of low-income housing. Protesting state cuts to senior programs.

PSA 5 -- Pat Lewis - Aging Commission publishes newsletter; produces half-hour television program on senior issues. Full access website and handbook of senior home care services also available. Local concerns include dire funding issues for non-profit and social service providers, including nutrition programs. Recent programs include carfit, driver forums, DMV ombudsman, and senior fair. Using Metropolitan Transportation Association grant to assess traffic patterns around senior services.

PSA 31 - Rick Dahlgren described the Area Agency run by the County of Merced, which serves about 5000 older adults. Dahlgren prepares quarterly survey of senior events for publication, which includes information from Area Agency.

PSA 7 -- Gerald Richards said most of the Advisory Council's representatives are nominated by each city in the PSA, with representation from RSVP, nutrition programs, and the county health department. Area concerns are financial security, healthcare access, transportation and affordable housing. Recent events include alcohol, drug and gambling addition forum, Mobility Management system, and CarFit. Committees study health, housing, legislation, transportation; currently working with county to organize Prop. 63 Mental Health Task Force. AAA will use III-B (one-time only) money for the Ombudsman program.

9:52 am -- C4A president Clay Kempf welcomed the group to the conference.

ADJOURN – The meeting adjourned at 9:55 am.