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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Holiday Inn Capitol Plaza Sacramento, CA

Vagabond Inn Sacramento, CA

Monday, August 17, 2009 - Holiday Inn Capitol Plaza

10:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. CONGRESS OF CALIFORNIA SENIORS Convention

Tuesday, August 18, 2009 - Vagabond Inn

I. Call to Order

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

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Depew led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Roll Call – Establish a Quorum

Present:

PSA 4 – Mary Jane Large	PSA 21 – Erwin Fromm
PSA 4 – Albert Blum	PSA 22 – Antonio Rodella
PSA 5 – Allan Bortel	PSA 23 – Howard Nichols
PSA 6 – Cathy Russo	PSA 25 – Patricia Wilson
PSA 7 – Gerald Richards	PSA 26 – Pat Grabham
PSA 8 – May Nichols	PSA 27 – Rabia Hunter
PSA 12 – Marge Depew	PSA 28 – Pat Paris
PSA 12 – Sarah Johnson	PSA 29 – Vicki Ludwig
PSA 13 – Sandy Williams	PSA 31 – Rick Dahlgren
PSA 13 – Bud Winslow	PSA 32 – Kathleen Adamson
PSA 17 – Martin Tucker	PSA 33 – Marti Overfield
PSA 18 – June Glasmeier	

Guests: Rosemary Wilson

Staff: Sandi Fitzpatrick, Carol Sewell

A quorum was present.

IV. Introductions

TACC members introduced themselves.

V. Approve Agenda

The TACC agenda for August 17, 2009 was reviewed.

Glasmeier motioned to approve; seconded by Tucker. The agenda was approved unanimously.

VI. Approve Minutes of May 5-6, 2009 Meeting

The minutes of the May 5-6, 2009 TACC meeting were approved as presented.

VII. Public Comment

PSA 12 Advisory Council member Rosemary Wilson introduced herself.

VIII. CCS Convention Follow Up

Large requested input on the August 17 activities. Bortel appreciated the exposure to political leaders and said the seminars were valuable. Russo was interested in learning about the Congress of California Seniors. Elder Nichols thought the conference was a good fit, addressing the same issues that TACC is focused on. He commended Large on her summary of TACC. Rodella had just joined the Congress of California Seniors and said their newsletter is valuable.

IX. Commission on Aging Update – Sandra Fitzpatrick

Fitzpatrick referenced her written CCoA report, reviewing the Senior Center Infrastructure survey response, CCoA's June meeting in Sonoma County, and the upcoming September meeting with National Advisory Committee on Rural Health & Human Services. Also referenced CCoA's partnership on the Fall Prevention Awareness Week activity planning and state employee issues. She reviewed TACC's November meeting plans with C4A in Los Angeles.

X. Treasurer's Report/Fiscal Update – Martin Tucker

No budget report was available; Tucker said tax check-off monthly revenues had increased.

XI. Executive Committee Report

Large reported on the Executive Committee's discussion of transitioning new members into TACC and plans to streamline the TACC manual.

XII. PSA Report Updates

PSA 17 – Martin Tucker reported on integration of senior friendly communities into the PSA's Area Plan; recent public hearings to review vendor proposals; and the investigation of video conferencing for Advisory Council meetings.

PSA 13 – Sandy Williams reported on her PSA's effort to train family caregivers through junior college courses, and work with local farmer's markets through the Seniors Farmer's Market Program. She noted the director's support for AB 566 regarding mobile home park conversions.

PSA 25 – Pat Wilson reported on TV coverage of the annual senior talent show and subsequent performances at senior centers. She reported on problems getting Advisory Council members to do outreach.

PSA 28 – Pat Paris said her council's fundraising activities include a variety show, sale of a 2010 calendar; seeking other ideas. Advisory Council is trying to track referrals to adult protective services, etc. and hopes to find out if other PSAs are seeing a rise in homeless seniors.

PSA 22 – Antonio Rodella noted that Orange County’s AAA had laid off staff due to budget shortages. Meals on Wheels and senior non-medical transportation grants had been received and the AAA is sponsoring youth employment program to work with seniors. He was recently invited to join committee on Hispanic elder law at Chapman University.

PSA 5 – Allan Bortel suggested that staff create a single document with all PSA updates and offered to assist. The loss of the Brown Bag program is big loss to Marin. The PSA recently surveyed seniors’ needs: creation of a taxi voucher program resulted. Further study of mobility needs and transportation implementation is being done through a Caltrans grant.

PSA 12 – Sarah Johnson said Area 12 had expanded Fall Prevention activities, purchased additional exercise equipment and recently held chronic disease and senior safety workshops. A pilot course for caregivers was well attended. Advisory Council plans to develop an interactive calendar; working with the local Community Action Agency to address senior homelessness.

PSA 4 – Al Blum reported on Area 4’s “Dual Challenge” report on the region’s senior population. The Advisory Council is considering formation of an ethnic/cultural concerns subcommittee to identify needs and attract membership. Recently opened Senior Safe House in Sacramento for abused seniors.

PSA 26 – Pat Grabham said Sutter-Lakeside Hospital has recently implemented a mobile senior clinic to reach remote residents. Her senior center had just received a transportation grant. She expressed an interest in finding board training materials; she would like to distribute to senior center boards.

PSA 33 – Marti Overfield reported on the volunteer appreciation lunch for advisory council members. A seminar on elder abuse held in May was partially funded by their local Aging Foundation. She had attended CDA’s State Plan on Aging hearings. AAA received \$15,000 from PG&E for cooling centers. A new senior health directory was just published.

PSA 8 – May Nichols reported on San Mateo County’s Older Americans Month presentation. The Emergency Preparedness Committee for elderly and disabled recently provided 600 emergency supply kits to homebound seniors and held a “Train the Trainers” session through American Red Cross. Three LGBT trainings for non-profits were conducted in May; also held an Asian American Conference to address high suicide rates.

PSA 31 – Rick Dahlgren summarized the Merced Area Agency on Aging’s August newsletter which included information on the 25th Annual Salute to Seniors Fair in Los Banos, the previous TACC, the CSL, and Elder Crime Prevention information. He will provide an update on the AAA’s Boomer survey in his next report.

PSA 21 – Erwin Fromm reported that the Advisory Council was looking at long-term system effectiveness improvement involving over 30 organizations & stakeholders that

serve older adults. Recently held a day-long caregiver conference which was attended by more than 250 individuals. Office of Aging distributes medication management cards and medication bags to help elders manage medication in emergencies or during travel.

PSA 18 – June Glasmeier reported on the work of the Baby Boomer Committee to develop retirement planning seminars for Boomers. The AAA is planning a November chronic disease symposium and is developing billing manuals for doctors and patient education.

PSA 23 – Howard Nichols said San Diego’s Area Plan has been made available online or as a DVD. He reported on a recent Aging Summit, RSVP Luncheon, a Vital Aging conference and senior center forum.

PSA 27 – Rabia Hunter reported that her Advisory Council’s required training would take place the following day. The Council is looking for alternative ways to fund Linkages. Recently published a senior resource guide; held a joint workshop with the DA’s office and a senior community on financial elder abuse.

PSA 6 – Cathy Russo said the Advisory Council’s current focus is budget: how to fill in gaps and ways to fund senior centers. The council has begun monitoring what’s happening to seniors and the disabled with program losses; already identified isolation as a major issue when home and community-based services are cut. Developing teams to work with each supervisor to provide information and outreach to community groups.

PSA 7 – Gerald Richards’ PSA 7 has just instituted a provider survey which has had a 60% response rate. The purpose is to locate senior mental health services, which are not offered by the County Mental Health program.

PSA 32 – Kathy Adamson described Monterey County’s diversity. Her council is trying to better educate seniors on available services. The AAA recently implemented a “211” information line.

PSA 29 – Vicky Ludwig reported on El Dorado County’s cancellation of office contracts and takeover of space at the senior center. AAA projects include a monthly Senior Times newsletter; possible creation of senior foundation to fund programming. The Advisory Council is working on Boomer outreach through a call for computer instructors to work with seniors; the response has been positive. Training includes i-pod and cell-phone training for seniors. The County is resisting development of website due to cost and maintenance concerns.

Large asked for reports in November to focus on each PSA’s Boomer outreach, response, and the response of older clientele to those efforts. She also asked members to provide information on their AAA website, including who funds and maintains the site, and the type of information provided.

XIII. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.