



# TACC – TRIPLE-A COUNCIL OF CALIFORNIA

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## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

March 3- 4, 2010

Vagabond Inn, Sacramento, CA 95814

### Wednesday, March 3, 2010

#### I. Call to Order

Large called to order at 10:05

#### II. Pledge of Allegiance

Tucker led the pledge

#### III. Roll Call – Establish a Quorum

Present:

Evan Levang, PSA 3

Albert Blum, PSA 4

Mary Jane Large, PSA 4

Allan Bortel, PSA 5

Cathy Russo, PSA 6

Mim Carlson, PSA 7

Denis O'Sullivan, PSA 8

Marge Depew, PSA 12

Sandra Williams, PSA 13

Martin Tucker, PSA 17

June Glasmeier, PSA 18

Erwin Fromm, PSA 21

Antonio Rodella, PSA 22

Diane Andre, PSA 23

Patricia Wilson, PSA 25

Rabia Hunter, PSA 27

Pat Paris, PSA 28

Vicki Ludwig, PSA 29

Rick Dahlgren, PSA 31

Marti Overfield, PSA 33

Guest: Bill Mackey, Clare Smith, Joe Xavier, Teresa Favuzzi

Staff: Sandra Fitzpatrick, Marcella Lopez, Carol Sewell

A quorum was present.

#### IV. Introductions

Members introduced themselves.

#### V. Approve Agenda

Agenda reviewed. Adopted as distributed.

#### VI. Approve Minutes of November 16-17, 2009 Meeting

Minutes from November 2009 were reviewed and adopted as distributed.

#### VII. Public Comment

None.

### **VIII. Treasurer's Report/Fiscal Update**

Secretary/Treasurer Tucker reported on TACC's financial condition. The state's pro rata increase was significant; tax check-off contributions have increased despite drop in donors.

### **IX. Remarks from Mary Jane Large, TACC President**

Large asked if expanded introductions should be continued on an ongoing basis. Suggestion that new members give a full introduction and thereafter at the president's discretion. Beginning with May, abbreviated introductions will be welcome from all continuing members.

### **X. California Commission on Aging Update**

Fitzpatrick reviewed TACC agenda and provided update on CCoA activities.

### **XI. New Business**

#### **A. TACC Meeting Time; Request to Move Start Time to 10:00 a.m.**

Proposal to adopt a later starting time was reviewed. Based on agreement, May meeting to begin at 10:00 a.m.

#### **B. Nominating Committee Selection**

Large announced that Ludwig, Hunter and Russo have agreed to serve on Nominating Committee and opened the floor to additional nominations. Dahlgren moved and Overfield seconded the motion to accept the nominations for Nominating Committee.

TACC members interested in serving as an officer were directed to speak with staff prior to the slate of officers being released.

### **XII. PSA Report Updates**

Pat Wilson, PSA 25 – LA City proposes to place the Department of Aging under the Recreation Department as a budget-reducing move. Advisory Council requires all its members to serve on and attend one of three committees to focus each member's efforts. Also dropped from 65 to 35 members by requiring all re-apply and geographic distribution of membership.

Vicki Ludwig, PSA 29 – Advisory Council has a county-sponsored website. Commission on Aging agenda posted online. PSA runs a senior computer center. Planning Boomer 101 classes in local libraries on HICAP, Social Security pairing with fitness, volunteerism, grandparenting, and successful aging programs. Also re-structured committee make-up. Conducting a county survey on senior daycare needs.

### **12:00 p.m. - 1:15 p.m. Lunch Recess**

### **XIII. PSA Report Updates**

Mary Jane Large reconvened meeting at 1:20 p.m.

Pat Paris, PSA 28 – reported on the PSA's financial abuse specialist team (FAST Team) that has recovered \$20,000 in assets over past three years. Recently held fundraiser and variety show. Advisory Council is focused on monitoring, chart review process and fall prevention.

Dennis O'Sullivan, PSA 8 – Reported on recruiting problems at Local Aging Commission.

Last year a group was formed to work on strategic plan (transitory; only for one year). Formed work groups to develop objectives. Economic work group formed. The result has made group enthused and energized about projects. Two commissioners working on implementing 211 information and assistance line in the county. Area plan from last year was reviewed – Aging and Adult Services' Area Plan has energized many of the commissioners.

Mim Carlson, PSA 7, has served as president for only two months. Recent bylaws revisions have gone to the Board of Supervisors for approval. Advisory Council consists of 40 positions, but is down by 10-11 members. Getting a quorum has been a challenge. Has put together an outreach team to find new members. Asked each of the committees to come up with three or four goals to accomplish this year.

Evan Levang, PSA 3 Advisory Council has concerns about CSL wants them to take bold action to protect aging programs. Advisory Committee working on resolution for CSL to demand no further cuts to aging programs. Also have concerns about differential funding for rural counties causing increasing difficulty in providing services. Opening up interstate funding formula is under discussion – not popular but of great concern.

Alan Bortel, PSA 5 – Beacon Hill project coming to Marin – also working on a taxi program. Advisory Council issues with Brown Act and parliamentary order are redirecting its approach to meetings. Recent website update. \$100,000 MTC grant and New Freedom Grant for evaluating transportation needs. Taking report to Board of Supervisors. Marin's Advisory Council is hoping to use new legislation allowing local governments to impose additional \$10 on Vehicle Licensing Fees to fund local issues on senior programs. Looking also to private funding sources. Partnering with other senior organizations helps to publicize AAA events.

Al Blum, PSA 4 – Twenty five percent of Area 4's program contractors are falling behind on their scope of service goals due to changes in economic conditions during 3-year cycle. Advisory Council is working on better evaluation of proposals to keep scope of service within reason for upcoming contracts. RFPs are going out; new contracts to be in place by July. The Council is concerned about prioritizing OAA programs and maintaining them through federal funding cuts.

Marti Overfield, PSA 33 – Reported her PSA is also having vendor problems; county has taken over meals. Working collaboratively with the county medical facility to keep adult day program open and with Catholic Healthcare West to develop fall prevention program. Elder abuse conference planned for May if funds can be found.

#### **XIV. Aging Well in Communities; A Toolkit for Planning, Engagement, and Action**

Clare Smith, Center for Civic Partnerships, reported on the Aging Well in Communities Project sponsored by the Public Health Institute, which focuses on community factors that contribute to health. AAAs, advisory councils and aging commissions are essential to project. Goal is to work with aging services and local governments to plan for accessible housing, transportation, complete streets and civic engagement. Very rare for Area Agency planning to include city government or for city planning to include the Area Agency. Looking at local climate change mandates as an opportunity for complimentary changes to make communities more aging-friendly? A planning toolkit will be available by end of March.

## **XV. California Senior Legislature Priorities**

Rick Dahlgren, Chair, CSL Joint Rules Committee reported on receiving inquiries about CSL membership and election dates. All new members to be elected by May. Reviewed tax check-off process of funding CSL and CSL procedures and distributed the 2010 listing of top ten legislative proposals. Dahlgren will e-mail list of authored legislation for staff to distribute.

## **XVI. PSA Report Updates**

Antonio Rodella, PSA 22 – reported that the Advisory Council's three committees met all 2009 goals. Grants to AAA now fund the congregate meal program. Council surveys congregate diners quarterly for quality of meal experience. A two-year non-emergency medical transportation grant was recently received. South Orange County supervisorial representative is sponsoring senior summit scheduled for later this month; now other supervisors want to hold similar events. Developing informational materials for Advisory Council members.

Sandy Williams, PSA 13 – The Area Agency's grant-funded caregiver course at Cabrillo Junior College had a great response. A new advocacy committee project is underway to protect elder mobile home owners from legal action forcing them to purchase their mobile home park lots. Many downsize at retirement; have limited resources. State law being used to require local governments to subdivide parks which ends up forcing residents to purchase their space at inflated rates for purchase and eliminating rent control protections.

Rick Dahlgren, PSA 31 -- Merced Community Action Agency got grant funding for congregate meals; AAA contracts with them. AAA website is run by county under the Merced County Human Services Department. PG&E installation of new meters controversial has been controversial in the county so the company is funding a "go green" sr. breakfast to educate senior about meters. AAA and Fire Department will also present at the breakfast.

Rabia Hunter – PSA 22, announced C4A awards given to Sandi Fitzpatrick and to PSA 28 Director Diane Kaljian at the November conference. Mobility Action Plan committee is working on various approaches to transportation, including volunteer drivers. Advisory Board members attend contractor audits and learn about procedures.

June Glassmeier – PSA 18, said the agency's December roundtable raised good ideas. Advisory Council members each serve on two committees. Have supplemented congregate meal program through a garden at the youth detention center. She personally attends congregate program occasionally. Focus on volunteerism, fall prevention. Executive Director Victoria Jump just elected president of C4A.

Erwin Fromm – PSA 21, Office on Aging working to develop Program of All Inclusive Care for the Elderly program. Working with Oasis Healthcare to participate in program that will serve Medi/Medi clients. Fit After 50 held at 26 sites; 190 classes; more than 540 attendees.

Martin Tucker – PSA 17, still working on website; striving to meet accessibility requirements. Taking Car-Fit into CCRCs. Advisory Council recruitment is an ongoing issue. Had presentation on Census – distributing flyers. Working to distribute POLST information.

Marge Depew – PSA 12, AAA website and calendar is operative.

Large announced postponement of tomorrow's start time to 9:00 a.m. and Executive Committee to begin at 8:30 a.m. The meeting recessed at 4:45 p.m.

### **Thursday, March 4, 2010**

#### **XVIII. Reconvene**

Large reconvened the meeting at 9:02 a.m.

#### **XIX. PSA Report Updates**

Held until later.

#### **XX. The ADA at 20 years**

Joseph Xavier, Deputy Director, California Department of Rehabilitation, and Teresa Favuzzi, Executive Director, California Foundation for Independent Living Centers spoke on ADA anniversary planning activities. Favuzzi reviewed disability rights movement and focus on consumer-driven services. Xavier credited the Department of Rehabilitation with reaching out and providing opportunities for him to become independent. Independent living movement and ADA brought great progress; still much more to do. Invites audience to partner with local Independent Living Centers to break down barriers through ADA anniversary activities. Capitol activities include presentations, performers, and other activities in July. Proposes reaching out to local organizations to mark the celebration in TACC members' communities.

#### **XXI. State Budget Update**

Allison Ruff, Principal Consultant, Assembly Committee on Aging and Long-Term Care, reviewed budget cuts over past two fiscal cycles and current cuts under consideration for aging programs. She outlined issues involved in program maintenance and political issues behind the state's inability to increase revenues.

#### **XXII. PSA Report Updates**

Cathy Russo – PSA 6, reported on OAA reauthorization listening forums held by Administration on Aging covering elder rights/elder justice, prevention and wellness and preserving aging infrastructure. Heard from 50 people in the San Francisco session. Big interest in moving Title VII to Title III; funding and flexibility; consumer driven activities; Project 2020 and health promotion; chronic care management; Alzheimer's and mental illness; combining congregate and home delivered meal programs. More focus on Caregiver services including respite and supports for grandparents; LGBT issues.

#### **XXIII. Adjourn**

Meeting was adjourned at 10:53 a.m.