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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

May 5 - 6, 2010

Vagabond Inn, Sacramento, CA

Wednesday, May 5, 2010

I. Call to Order

President Large called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

Large announced today's agenda will be adjusted; Dr. Hinton will be speaking earlier than anticipated.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Marge Depew led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Roll Call and Establish a Quorum

Present:

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| PSA 32 – Marilyn Bloom | PSA 29 – Vicki Ludwig |
| PSA 31 – Rick Dahlgren | PSA 33 – Marti Overfield |
| PSA 12 – Marge Depew | PSA 22 – Antonio Rodella |
| PSA 21 – Erwin Fromm | PSA 28 – Lauren Rolfe |
| PSA 27 – Rabia Hunter | PSA 6 – Cathy Russo |
| PSA 7 – Shirley Krohn | PSA 17 – Martin Tucker |
| PSA 4 – Mary Jane Large | |

Guests: Ladson Hinton, M.D., Brian Augusta, Ed Long

Staff: Carol Sewell, Marcella Lopez

A quorum was present.

IV. Approve Agenda

Agenda was reviewed and adopted as distributed.

V. Approve Minutes of March 3-4, 2010 Meeting

Minutes from March 3-4, 2010 were reviewed and adopted as distributed.

VI. Public Comment

None

VII. Introductions

TACC members introduced themselves.

VIII. Remarks from Mary Jane Large, TACC President

President Large commented that it was nice to see everyone. She announced this would be her last TACC meeting.

Martin Tucker announced this will be his last meeting as Secretary/Treasurer.

IX. Alzheimer's in California: Diversity, Challenges and Opportunities

President Large introduced Dr. Ladson Hinton, from UC Davis, who discussed his work with Asian Pacific Islander dementia care and geriatric depression.

X. PSA Report Updates

PSA 27 - Rabia Hunter reported her PSA was chosen to receive a \$75,000 federal stimulus grant. The grant will help older people manage chronic diseases. Sonoma will be working with Stanford on the program. Fall Prevention program is developing relationships with the hospitals and medical facilities. Advisory board has established a new substance abuse prevention coalition to promote physician screening of older adults for drug and alcohol abuse. She reported approximately 20% of Sonoma County residents over the age of 65 have an alcohol or substance abuse problem. The mandated Advisory Council training for 2010 will be on older adult substance abuse. Hunter provided handouts and brochures about the AAA's volunteer driver program.

PSA 32 - Marilyn Bloom reported that her Advisory Council has been functioning more as a board of directors rather than an advisory council. A new staff member began looking at the way funds were being allocated in Monterey County and was very concerned that many seniors in need were not aware of the services offered. Certain programs in larger parts of the county are used to getting a set allocation and were not pleased to have their funds reduced once other needs were identified in other parts of the county. Still in the process of identifying those in need. In the Southern part of Monterey there are the very wealthy or the low income Hispanic farm workers. PSA 32 received \$90,000 in stimulus money. Currently going through Request for Proposal (RFPs). The RFP process has changed. Many AAA contract with outside providers to provide services.

PSA 22 - Antonio Rodella reported that the PSA's California Senior Legislature (CSL) elections will be held the next Friday. The 3rd annual senior summit was very successful, with over 800 in attendance. Presentation on the topic of "How to speak to your doctor." Cholesterol and blood pressure testing was done at the event. Currently preparing for the central county senior summit in August. Rodella will be receiving an award from Senator Correa however will not be able to attend the award ceremony because it will be at the same time as the advisory council chair meeting. The AAA is fortunate to have a director who is great at grant writing and has had a 100 percent success rate.

PSA 31 - Rick Dahlgren reported on CSL elections: Joe Cox is Senior Senator and Dahlgren is the Senior Assembly Person. He thanked everyone for tax check-off contributions to CSL and TACC. Reported on forwarding all TACC PSA reports to the AAA staff. Discussed local AAA recognition lunch which will be next week. 20 Volunteers will be recognized for their volunteer services.

PSA 7 - Shirley Krohn said she had put together a brochure for the successful Senior Expo promoting county services for elders. CSL elections coming up: PSA developed job descriptions for candidates. During Older Americans Act reauthorization sessions, spoke to the issue of needing victim consent before Ombudsman can get involved. Presentations can be viewed on the AOA

website (video). She reported on a project to assist older women who are spending time in prison for protecting themselves from abuse, which is turning in to a legislative project for CSL.

PSA 33 - Marti Overfield reported on PSA's receipt of a grant from the Kern County Community Development Department to use for disability access and safety improvements in the county's senior center. Held elections for CSL: Overfield elected as new Senior Senator, Norma Jackson elected to Senior Assembly person. Will be having annual elder abuse conference the middle of this month. Commission on Aging Foundation will secure vendors. Annual Senior Volunteer Lunch awarded certificates of appreciation. Area Plan has been approved and will go to the board of supervisors. Local Department of Aging received an air quality grant for purchase of a green car for service delivery.

PSA 29 - Vicki Ludwig said El Dorado County was experiencing problems keeping nutrition sites open and providing transportation. Much of the county is rural, but Senior Day Care is located in Placerville and not able to serve everyone. Survey underway to assess how people feel about having a senior day care and if it is needed. Will be having an Alzheimer's presentation. Stimulus funds are being used for case management and some for dislocated workers. Nutrition sites have been cut by one day a month; only have enough money to keep two sites open. New ombudsman person in the area. Local Commission on Aging has become greater advocate for transportation services. Have rewritten bylaws and new commission members received more training on how money is allocated within the county. Had CSL election. Reviewing El Dorado County's housing element, which only has one reference to older adults.

Meeting recessed for lunch at 12:05pm.

12:00-1:15pm Lunch Recess

XI. Treasurer's Report

President Large reconvened meeting at 1:15 p.m.

Tucker reported that CDA budget documents were not available. Tax check-off donations through March had gone up. \$43,898 is the current donation level for 2009-10.

XII. Unfinished Business

A. Nominating Committee Report

Ludwig presented slate of officers. Nominations included Marge Depew as President; Marti Overfield as Vice President; and Anthony Rodella as Secretary/Treasurer.

No nominations came from the floor. Tucker moved to close nominations/seconded by Hunter.

XIII. New Business

A. Election of 2010-2011 Officers

Tucker motioned for election of slate as stated by acclamation. Dahlgren seconded. Unanimous support.

Depew presented President Large with a gift for her work as TACC president for past two years.

XIV. PSA Report Updates

PSA 6 – Cathy Russo reported on big budget cuts in city funding. Layoffs at AAA; now partnering with Alzheimer's Assn. on educational program and looking for other sources of money. Program reporting to CDA is now more detailed in order to provide information to meet Medicare requirements. She offered to share with other PSAs the new reporting process to help others do same. Units within the department are working more collaboratively than before. CSL elections coming next month –

now hope to have more CSL members serve on Advisory Council. Following last meeting's ADA Anniversary presentation, Russo learned that an all Bay Area ADA celebration was being planned and is now on the planning committee.

PSA 28 – Lauren Rolfe said Solano just received funding from a portion of Mental Health Services to educate “gatekeepers” on signs of mental illness and working with the geriatric care workforce. Within a month of the launch, had 21 participants. Working with a county coalition to educate elders about services and health issues. Also, training “navigators” to help people access appropriate services and to help them work through the system. Holding CSL elections tomorrow; only Lundin and Rolfe are running. In conjunction with the regional listening session for the OAA reauthorization, collaborated with United Way and Insight Center on unveiling Elder Economic Security. Napa County just received funds for FAST team. Napa has an effective Fall Prevention group; Solano recently developed a Fall Prevention partnership and received private foundation funding.

PSA 21 – Erwin Fromm reported the Riverside County Office on Aging just released report on Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual/Transgender elders in county. “Out and Gray” is being circulated throughout community, sent to medical offices and is posted on SAGE (SAGEusa.org) website. He noted the recent appointment of Riverside’s mental health director of aging programs Barbara Mitchell to CCoA. CCoA also just held hearing on Mental Health Services Act with Riverside County Office on Aging and the Advisory Council.

PSA 12 – Marge Depew said the Tuolumne County Vietnam Veterans just held the first in the nation “Welcome Back Vietnam Veterans Day” parade. Big event - very emotional. Catholic Charities is working on homeless program with grant funds by matching homeless persons with older adults who have rooms to spare. Advisory Council held a luncheon recognizing volunteers for their service. She noted that in PSA 12, CSL members are asked to resign from advisory council because have broader representation than just their county of appointment.

PSA 4 – Mary Jane Large noted no report was submitted by Blum. She reported that the 7-county joint-powers-authority AAA has substantial difficulty retaining providers, with two nutrition programs being served by providers from outside the PSA. Sacramento programs are run by the county with partial A4AA funding; the county funding may now be withdrawn. PSA is still seeking ways to shift funding to cover the region.

XV. Older Americans Act – Ed Long, Deputy Director, CDA

Long gave an historical overview of aging program development under the Older Americans Act and reviewed the upcoming process for OAA reauthorization. He noted that issues of funding flexibility, cost-sharing, and pass-through funding are likely to be part of reauthorization discussion.

XVI. PSA Report Updates

PSA 17 – Martin Tucker reported his Advisory Council just reviewed contract proposals; noting that one home repair RFP had no applications due to the small amount of funds made available. Repeat bidders have to submit same volume of paperwork every time. Council members are meeting individually with county supervisors in order to pool resources for services to elders.

Recess until tomorrow at 8:15 a.m.

Meeting recessed at 3:32 p.m.

Thursday, May 6, 2010

XVII. Reconvene

President Depew reconvened meeting at 8:20 a.m.

Depew reported the Executive Committee had identified August 4 and 5, 2010 for the next TACC meeting in Sacramento. No decision has been made about meeting with C4A in November. Depew requested that TACC members discuss with their AAA if they will be paying for their attendance the November meeting.

Depew suggested that TACC might consider meeting occasionally for dinner on meeting nights in order to get acquainted with one another.

XVIII. Mobile Home Park Conversions

Brian Augusta, of the California Rural Legal Assistance Foundation, presented background and status of efforts to prevent mobile home park conversions that force low-income owners to purchase their rental lots at inflated prices.

XIX. PSA Reports

None. PSA Reports have been completed.

XX. Adjourn to Eskaton National Demonstration Home Tour

The meeting adjourned 9:19 a.m. for members to take the Eskaton Demonstration Home tour.