



# TACC – TRIPLE-A COUNCIL OF CALIFORNIA

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## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

August 3-4, 2010

Vagabond Inn, Sacramento, CA

Tuesday, August 3, 2010

### I. Call to Order

President Depew called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

### II. Pledge of Allegiance

Lynn Daucher led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### III. Introductions and Establish a Quorum

#### Present:

PSA 23 – Diane Andre	PSA 18 – June Glasmeier
PSA 4 – Albert Blum	PSA 8 – Denis O’Sullivan
PSA 5 – Allan Bortel	PSA 33 – Marti Overfield
PSA 7 – Mim Carlson	PSA 22 – Antonio Rodella
PSA 30 – Craig Chamberlin	PSA 6 Cathy Russo
PSA 31 – Terry Connaway	PSA 17 Martin Tucker
PSA 12 – Marge Depew	PSA – 13 Sandra Williams
PSA 21 – Erwiin Fromm	PSA – 25 Patricia Wilson

**Guests:** Lynn Daucher, Director of California Department of Aging (CDA); Joe Rodriguez, State Long-Term Care Ombudsman, CDA; Gary Passmore and Nancy Murrish, Congress of California Seniors (CCS); Susanne Rockwell, Senior Public Information Representative, UC Davis News Service.

**Staff:** Carol Sewell and Marcella Lopez

A quorum was present.

President Depew suggested that agenda items V and VI, allowing Director Daucher to speak at an earlier time.

### IV. Approve Agenda

The agenda was reviewed and adopted as amended.

M/S/C (Tucker/Glasmeier)

### V. California Department of Aging Update, Lynn Daucher, Director, California Department of Aging

Ms. Daucher discussed how AAA’s may be affected by the budget impasse, the proposal to eliminate the Department of Aging (CDA) and the possible impact for particular programs and the department

as a whole. Ms. Daucher announced that CDA will be receiving the “New Freedom Grant” which will be used to provide mobility management training to a designated person from each of the AAA’s. The idea is for AAA’s to use resources they already have in a more efficient way. President Depew presented Ms. Daucher with a certificate in honor of her commitment and service to older adults in California.

**VI. Approve Minutes of May 5-6, 2010 Meeting**

Minutes from the May 5-6, 2010 TACC meeting were reviewed and adopted as distributed.

M/S/C (Rodella /Tucker)  
Approved

**VII. Public Comment**

None

**VIII. Remarks from Marge Depew, TACC President**

President Depew suggested that if there are speakers or programs that TACC members would like to hear, to please bring to her attention for TACC consideration. Depew announced that Director Fitzpatrick was away on bereavement leave.

**IX. Treasurer’s Report – Antonio Rodella**

Rodella reported that being the first month of the new fiscal year, no financial reports are available. Rodella provided the Franchise Tax Board’s status update on the California Seniors Special Fund. Tax check-off contributions are \$53,989; and below receipts from 2009. He reminded the members that TACC is tax check-off code 400 on the California State Income Tax return.

**X. Executive Committee Report**

Depew reported the Executive Committee’s recommendation that the next TACC meeting be held on November 15-16 in conjunction with C4A.

M/S/C (Rodella/ Glasmeier)  
Approved

**XI. Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act Refresher – Carol Sewell, TACC Staff**

Sewell reviewed the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act and provided a key points handout. The law establishes procedures for meeting announcements ensuring that meetings are open to the public. Sewell advised members to avoid serial emails and serial meetings and directed them to the “Handy Guide to the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act,” which is published by the Attorney General and can be found in each PSA’s TACC binder.

**XII. PSA Reports**

**Allan Bortel – PSA 5**

Bortel reported that transportation has become the number one issue for Marin County. A special county Vehicle Registration fee will go on the November ballot; the funds will be used for transportation improvements. The AAA has recently formed a Financial Wellness Committee.

**Diane Andre – PSA 22**

A program called the “3-4-50” from the Health Strategy Plan was presented to the board of supervisors. Three behaviors lead to four types of chronic diseases that contribute to fifty percent of

deaths in San Diego each year. The Healthy Strategy Agenda serves as a blueprint for improving quality of life.

**Albert Blum – PSA 4**

No report submitted. The AAA has been severely impacted by the economy and has affected ability to provide nutrition and transportation services. Sacramento County is utilizing a nonprofit agency to provide nutrition services to the county.

**Denis O’Sullivan – PSA 8**

AAA recently swore in six new commissioners. The Commission’s strategic plan established a working group, whose mission is to assess the budget and find out where money can be moved around or reoriented. O’Sullivan would like to talk with other TACC members who are willing to share information or ideas.

**Mim Carlson – PSA 7**

A highlight of this year is the advocacy work going on in Contra Costa County. Each of the 44 Advisory Council members have been asked to commit to at least one activity having to do with advocacy to increase visibility of senior issues. Carlson is proud of the new AAA’s brochure and provided to TACC members.

**Erwin Fromm – PSA 21**

Weatherization Outreach Program will make assistance available to over 10,000 seniors and provide for in-home visits. A Family Caregiver Transition Conference in May, which targeted family caregivers of older adults, was attended by over 100 people. Valuable professional relationships have been developed at the Regional Medical Center. Community Action Commission received a federal grant for a new program to assist blind individuals 55 and older in reading their mail.

**Martin Tucker – PSA 17**

The AAA is in the process of finalizing arrangements for the first advisory council teleconference meeting to be held in September and connecting members in Santa Maria, Santa Barbara and hopefully San Luis Obispo. The AAA is trying to keep the meetings local and limit the advisory council member’s travel distance by teleconferencing.

Depew asked Tucker to provide a paragraph in his next PSA report for the November TACC meeting with an update on the success or challenges of holding a teleconference.

**Sandra Williams – PSA 13**

No written report was submitted. The Advocacy Committee Task Force plans to hold a seminar inviting local commissions and advisory councils to participate in discussions regarding proposed legislation. One goal of the seminar is to come up with new laws that may help seniors and the disabled.

**Terry Conaway – PSA 20**

No written report was submitted. The AAA did a survey on homelessness in San Bernardino County. The fastest growing age group of homeless persons is age 85 or older. Shelters for the homeless reported that as many as 75% have mental health problems.

**Cathy Russo – PSA 6**

No written report was submitted. The Mayor’s budget went to the board of supervisors. Russo will be at the meeting tomorrow to find out exactly where they are in terms of the budget.

**Pat Wilson – PSA 25**

No written report was submitted. The Advisory Council has not been able to meet as the agency has been furloughed on the day the meeting is normally held. The Advisory Council is currently off for the summer. San Diego AAA received \$1,000 and Los Angeles Department of Aging received \$2,500 in award money from the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging.

A motion was made to change the start time of tomorrow’s meeting from 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.  
M/S/C (Tucker/Williams)

Approved.

Meeting recessed for lunch at 11:40am.

**2:00 p.m.**

**Assembly Aging and Long-Term Care Committee Oversight Hearing on the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program, State Capitol**

TACC attended the Assembly Aging and Long-Term Care Committee oversight hearing on the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program.

**XIII. Recess until August 4 at 8:30 a.m.**

**Wednesday, August 4, 2010**

President Depew reconvened meeting at 8:30 a.m.

**XIV. PSA Reports**

**June Glasmeier – PSA 18**

No written report was submitted. There are five committees that meet every other month. Each advisory member must be on at least two committees. Glasmeier is on the Nutrition and the Legislative committees. Behind the juvenile hall in Ventura County are five vacant acres that were used by the facility to plant a garden. Vegetables cultivated and harvested by the juveniles were served in a salad bar for seniors.

**Craig Chamberlin – PSA 30**

No written report submitted. Chamberlin is a new TACC member and excited to be participating. Advisory Council is not able to meet monthly; there are currently two members and recruitment is ongoing. Chamberlin also serves on the Modesto Disabled Access Appeals Board.

**Marti Overfield – PSA 33**

The agency’s ethics training is coming up. Isabella Senior Center was recently used as an evacuation center to assist residents affected by two severe fires in the county. The AAA along with the Parks and Recreation department established cooling centers throughout Kern County.

**Marge Depew – PSA 12**

Depew referred members to her written PSA Report.

**Antonio Rodella – PSA 22**

Rodella reported that the Central County Senior Summit would be held that Saturday. The AAA is redesigning their online Advisory Council application and the welcoming letter has already been redone. The council has done Ethics training and has created a fall prevention checklist.

**XV. Long-Term Care Ombudsman Hearing Review, Joe Rodrigues, State Long-Term Care Ombudsman**

Mr. Rodrigues thanked TACC members for attending the previous day's Assembly Aging and Long-Term Care Committee Oversight Hearing and for all the work they do with their advisory councils. He announced his recent election as president of the National Association of State Long-Term Care Ombudsman Programs. The Older Americans Act requires that the State Ombudsman be able to have a strong, independent voice and announced his support for the Ombudsman funding bill, AB 2555 (Feuer).

**XVI. Expanding the Senior Advocacy Network, Gary Passmore, Congress of California Seniors**

Gary Passmore announced that the Budget Conference Committee had adopted a budget that rejects the proposal to eliminate CDA and agreed to restore funding for community based programs, including Linkages and Alzheimer's Daycare Resource Ctrs. The committee approved creation of provider fee that would generate \$190 million in new fed matching funds. In 2012-13, the Legislature has asked advocates to come back with IHSS restructuring proposals as federal HealthCare Reform is enacted. Mr. Passmore noted the committee had rejected all the Governor's Medi-cal budget cuts and proposed a sales tax cut to be balanced by state income tax increase.

Mr. Passmore asked for TACC's help in identifying senior commissions throughout state and to obtain each commission's contact information, chairs, staff, appointing authority. CCS's goal is creation of a searchable directory to increase communication between commissions and connect them to advocacy opportunities in Sacramento.

Depew asked for a consensus from TACC to support CCS' project.

**XVII. Facebook Use for Older Adult Service Providers, Susanne Rockwell, M.S., Senior Public Information Representative for the UC Davis News Services**

Ms. Rockwell provided an overview of Facebook use and gave an instructional presentation on setting up a Facebook group.

**XVIII. Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.