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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

November 15-16, 2010

Marriott Downtown, Los Angeles, CA

Wednesday, November 15, 2010

I. Call to Order

President Marge Depew called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

President Depew led the pledge of allegiance.

III. Introductions and Establish a Quorum

Present:

PSA 12 Marge Depew	PSA 21 Erwin Fromm
PSA 33 Marti Overfield	PSA 27 Rabia Hunter
PSA 22 Antonio Rodella	PSA 30 Jenny Kenoyer
PSA 32 Marilyn Bloom	PSA 16 Marilyn Mann
PSA 4 Albert Blum	PSA 8 Dennis O'Sullivan
PSA 5 Allan Bortel	PSA 6 Cathy Russo
PSA 20 Terry Conaway	PSA 19 Aida Villalobos
PSA 31 Rick Dahlgren	PSA 25 Patricia Wilson
PSA 26 Dennis Fay	

Guests: Quincy Campbell, Lisa Shugarman, Ph.D., Director of Policy, The SCAN Foundation; Chisorum Okwuosa, Senior Staff Counsel California Department of Aging; Salena Copeland, Program Attorney, Legal Aid Association of California; David Mandel, Supervising Attorney, Senior Legal Hotline; Bob Blancato, President, Matz, Blancato, and Associates, Inc.

Staff: Sandi Fitzpatrick and Marcella Lopez

A quorum was present.

IV. Approve Agenda

The agenda was reviewed and adopted as distributed.

M/S/C (Rodella/Overfield)

Approved

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

Minutes from the August 3-4, 2010 TACC meeting were reviewed and adopted as distributed.

M/S/C (Rodella /Overfield)

Approved

VI. Public Comment

ADVISORY COUNCIL REPRESENTING CALIFORNIA'S 33 AREA AGENCIES ON AGING
ADVOCATING FOR SERVICES TO OVER 4 MILLION SENIORS IN CALIFORNIA

None

VII. Remarks from Marge Depew, TACC President

Depew suggested she or Sandi be contacted when there are particular programs or topics of interest that TACC members would like to see presented or discussed at future TACC meetings.

VIII. Treasurer's Report – Antonio Rodella

Rodella provided a fiscal update for 2010. The funds that support TACC come from tax-check off contributions to the Seniors Special fund. Thus far, 7,162 people have made contributions to TACC through the tax check-off. The biggest expense items are staff salaries, travel reimbursement, and pro rata.

IX. Executive Committee Report – Marge Depew

Depew provided the Executive Committee report and discussed the 2011 meeting schedule recommended by the Executive Committee. The tentative meeting dates for 2011 are as follows:

- March 9-10, 2011 in Sacramento
- May 18-19, 2011 in Sacramento
- August 24-25, 2011 in Sacramento
- November 14, 2011 in Los Angeles

M/S/C (Bortel/Rodella)

To accept the Executive Committee Meeting report and tentative 2011 meeting schedule.

Approved

All meetings will be held at the Vagabond Inn in Sacramento with the exception of the November 14 meeting which will be held in Los Angeles in conjunction with the C4A Conference. The CCoA will hold a second Senior Center Forum with the C4A Conference in Los Angeles on November 14. TACC was a co-sponsor for the first Senior Center Forum in 2008 and may want to consider co-sponsorship of the event again.

It was suggested that TACC members check the Vagabond Inn website; online reservations can be scheduled at a cheaper rate and may save hotel costs.

X. California Commission on Aging Report – Sandi Fitzpatrick

The CCoA is a policy and advocacy group; 19 Commissioners are appointed by the governor (10 must be suggested by the AAA); 3 appointed by the Senate Rules Committee and 3 appointed by the Assembly Speaker. It's important for the CCoA to introduce and support legislation as well as be visible in the Capitol. The next CCoA meeting will be December 7-8 at the Double Tree Hotel in Burlingame. TACC members were invited to attend Commission meetings when possible.

XI. Health Care Reform – Lisa Shugarman, Ph.D., Director of Policy, The SCAN Foundation

Ms. Shugarman's discussion focused on the new federal Community Living Assistance, Services and Support Act or CLASS Act. The CLASS Act is a voluntary, federally administered long-term care insurance program focused on purchase of community based services and supports. Once a person becomes eligible they receive the \$50/day for purchasing long-term care services. The SCAN Foundation's purpose is to create a quality continuum of long-term care and a better system for seniors to receive access to care. Ms. Shugarman discussed the three funding priorities; public engagement, advance realistic policy options and promising programs. Information on The SCAN Foundation is available at www.TheSCANFoundation.org.

XII. Model Approaches Workshop, Chisorum Okwuosa, Senior Staff Counsel California Department of Aging, Salena Copeland, Program Attorney, Legal Aid Association of California and David Mandel, Supervising Attorney, Senior Legal Hotline.

TACC members attended the Model Approaches workshop.

XIII. Recess until November 16 at 9:00 a.m.

Depew recessed meeting until tomorrow, November 16, at 8:30 a.m.

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

President Depew reconvened meeting at 8:33 a.m. Marcella reviewed the TACC PSA Report Template and Update Reports. Richard Dahlgren presented President Depew and TACC with a recognition award from the California Senior Legislature.

XIV. PSA Reports

Erwin Fromm - PSA 21

The Riverside County Office on Aging sponsored two emergency preparedness seminars. One seminar was focused on grandparents raising grandchildren and family caregivers. The second seminar focused on life care planning and an overview of the Five Wishes advanced directive. The AAA has a new partnership with Kaiser Riverside to provide an older adult service rotation to medical residents in hopes of providing medical interns practice and training in geriatrics. The AAA provided a presentation to the Grand Jury of the programs and services provided to seniors with limited funding.

Rick Dahlgren PSA 31

The Meals on Wheels program has been a success. Community restaurants were asked to contribute 10% of a patron's bill to the meals on wheels program. A successful 26th annual "Salute to Seniors" Fair was held in the new \$12 million Los Banos Community Center. Next month Merced County AAA will host a holiday lunch inviting various AAA's. CSL is hiring a new consulting executive director and office technician.

Allan Bortel PSA 5

Measure B, Marin's \$10 vehicle registration fee passed, making a percentage of Measure B funds will be used toward senior transportation and transportation activities in the county. A Request for Proposals to set up a volunteer driver program is in place. Paratransit will be utilized for senior transportation; funding will be distributed by the beginning of May. The Financial Wellness Task Force has held five meetings. The task force developed a presentation on reverse mortgages and financial literacy. The task force will merge with LITA (Love Is the Answer), a private organization comprised of many volunteers who for the past 30 years have taken gifts and provided service to seniors in nursing homes and long-term care facilities.

Cathy Russo PSA 6

No written report. Many seniors and senior center directors took advantage of the election and came together to discuss important senior issues.

Denis O'Sullivan PSA 8

Most significant occurrence was the San Bruno fire. Although a major catastrophe; food, supplies, clothing, and medical care were in abundance. Information on a man who saved several seniors and will be acknowledged by San Mateo County as a hero is provided in the written PSA report.

Al Blum PSA 4

A4AA awards and monitors over 60 senior supportive programs which are provided by over 30 contractors. Earlier this year A4AA issued a Request for Proposal in which contractors responded providing proposals for the Older Americans Act supported services. It was found that congregate meals are falling behind with only 50% of needs being met; there is simply not enough money.

Terry Conaway PSA 20

No written report. The AAA's biggest concern is the budget and trying to provide services with little or no money. The AAA has updated its bylaws and managed to keep in home support services.

Patricia Wilson PSA 25

No written report. The City Council loaned the AAA \$4 million to run services. The advocacy committee participated in a festival in the valley to promote the awareness of senior centers. The festival was well attended and managed by the department's volunteer organizations.

Rabia Hunter PSA 27

The AAA has finished reframing transportation. A main concern for the AAA is transportation for underserved seniors with a focus on the area's LGBT population. The Advisory Board traveled around the state to speak on this issue. The volunteer driving program which gives rides to seniors is popular. The AAA plan was reprinted. The Legislative Committee is working hard to lobby for services to continue.

Marilyn Bloom PSA 32

No written report. Ms. Bloom discussed the difficulties Monterey County Advisory Board has had establishing a quorum when a conflict of interest exists. An appropriate needs assessment was done resulting in funding cuts for the meals on wheels program.

Aida Villalobos PSA 19

No written report. This is Ms. Villalobos' first TACC meeting. The LA County board of supervisors merged the Los Angeles AAA Advisory Board with the Los Angeles Commission on Aging, reducing the combined membership to 50. A transition team worked with both groups to assist in the merger. Of the 50 total Commissioners, 25 are board elects and 25 are chosen by the group. Bernie Weintraub is president and Aida Villalobos is vice president.

Dennis Fay PSA 26

No written report. Lake and Mendocino counties have a significant unemployment problem. There is a disproportionate amount of funding between the two counties. Transportation continues to be the biggest challenge because of large geographic area. Two years ago there was a forest fire which resulted in the discovery that the AAA did not have an integrated emergency response plan. Mr. Fay has since developed an emergency response plan for the AAA. Public Service Announcements are provided by the local radio station; the basic concept is for seniors to shelter in place or goes to senior centers in the community. There is a centralized command center that communicates with all of the senior centers. The American Red Cross is the official shelter.

Jenny Kenoyer PSA 30

No written report. The Transportation Service Agency has been consolidated. Door to door transportation for seniors will be provided by a coordinator set up through volunteer services.

Antonio Rodella PSA 22

Sylvia Mann, Area Agency Director received a grant for the AAA's meals on wheels program and a \$1 million transportation grant. The AAA is currently in the middle of RFP's. This month's meeting was held at Fullerton Senior Center, where construction will start on the new \$20 million senior center building and will be paid off by its completion. A \$15.7 million senior center in Huntington Beach is being constructed after a two to three year delay. It too, will be paid off by time construction is complete. According to the Bylaws each advisory council member participate in council work 8 hours a month – currently meetings two times a month only add up to 5 hours.

Marti Overfield PSA 33

The Healthy Harvest Fair was held last month; offering free flu shots, DPT whooping cough, diphtheria, tetanus, and pneumonia shots. Kern County's program travels to different senior centers each month and has someone talk about particular senior issues or concerns. When offering a lunch there can be a good turnout of seniors.

Marge Depew 12

The Advisory Council visits all senior centers at least twice a year. Her written report stands as submitted. The AAA is participating in a project called Christmas in a Shoe Box. A shoe box is filled with socks, mittens, shaving lotions, etc. and wrapped, labeled male or female and sent by the AAA to homebound seniors.

XV. Elder Justice Act Update – Bob Blancato, President, Matz, Blancato, and Associates, Inc.

Fitzpatrick introduced Bob Blancato, President of Matz, Blancato & Associates, Inc. and national coordinator of the Elder Justice Coalition. Mr. Blancato discussed provisions of the Elder Justice Act and how they would be carried out. He also referenced the upcoming reauthorization of the Older Americans Act, and stressed the importance of advocacy on both bills.

XVI. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 11:38a.m.