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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Vagabond Inn, Sacramento

March 9-10, 2011

Wednesday, March 9, 2011

I. Call to Order

President Marge Depew called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner Hav Staggs led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Introductions and Establish a Quorum

Present:

PSA 33 Marti Overfield

PSA 23 Luis Monge

PSA 12 Marge Depew

PSA 7 Robert Leasure

PSA 13 Sandra Williams

PSA 30 Jenny Kenoyer

PSA 31 Rick Dahlgren

PSA 19 Bernie Weintraub

PSA 6 Cathy Russo

PSA 21 Erwin Fromm

PSA 26 Pat Grabham

PSA 5 Allan Bortel

PSA 27 Rabia Hunter

PSA 4 Al Blum

PSA 8 David Gilson

PSA 25 Patricia Wilson

PSA 22 Antonio Rodela

PSA 29 Vicki Ludwig

PSA 18 June Glasmeier

Guests: Hav Staggs, Chair, California Commission on Aging; David Morikawa, Meals on Wheels, by Asian Community Center; Joe Rodrigues, State Long-Term Care Ombudsman; Michelle Nevins, Del Oro Caregiver Resource Center; Karen Jones, President, California Long Term Care Ombudsman Association (CLTCOA)

Staff: Sandi Fitzpatrick, Marcella Lopez, Carol Sewell

A quorum was present.

IV. California Commission on Aging Chair Hav Staggs

President Depew introduced former TACC president, and Chair of the California Commission on Aging (CCoA), Hav Staggs. Mr. Staggs reviewed the advocacy, policy guidance and advisory roles of the California Commission on Aging. Mr. Staggs encouraged TACC members to attend CCoA meetings when possible.

For more information regarding the Commission and its role in serving older adults please review the CCoA handout and visit the CCoA website at www.ccoa.ca.gov . The next CCoA meeting will be held in Santa Cruz County (Aptos) on April 5-6 and then in San Diego on June 28-29.

V. Approve Agenda

The March 9-10, 2011 Agenda was reviewed and adopted as distributed.

M/S/C (Bortel/Overfield)

Approved

VI. Approve Minutes of November 15-16, 2010 Meeting

Minutes from the November 15-16, 2010 meeting were reviewed and adopted as distributed.

M/S/C (Rodella/Overfield)

Approved

VII. Public Comment

None

VIII. Remarks from Marge Depew, TACC President

President Depew reported on this morning's leadership meeting with Chair of the CCoA, Hav Staggs and President of CSL, Rick Dahlgren. Each discussed how their organization can mutually support one another while maintaining their individuality and independence.

IX. Treasurer's Report – Antonio Rodella

Rodella provided a fiscal update. As of February \$4,910 has been contributed to TACC through the tax check off. TACC has about a \$600 increase as compared to this time last year. It was suggested that TACC members post TACCs tax check off information at their local senior centers.

X. Meals on Wheels in Action

David Morikawa, of Meals on Wheels by Asian Community Center (ACC), in Sacramento, reported on the program's eight months in operation as a new non-profit program. ACC took on the Area 4 Agency on Aging contract in July 2010 and now delivers approximately 2000 meals. The program operates with a central kitchen, and through contracts with county and city.

XI. Executive Committee Report – Marge Depew

Depew provided the Executive Committee report.

M/S/C (Bortel/Williams)

To accept the executive committee meeting report.

XII. Nominating Committee Appointments - Marge Depew

Depew announced the following Nominating Committee Appointments: Vicki Ludwig as Chair of the Nominating Committee, and Sandra Williams and Patricia Wilson as Nominating Committee members.

M/S/C (Dahlgren/Bortel)

To accept Depew's appointment of Vicki Ludwig as Chair of the Nominating Committee, and Sandra Williams and Patricia Wilson as Nominating Committee members.

Meeting recessed for lunch at 11:40 a.m.

Meeting reconvened at 1:17 p.m.

XIII California Commission on Aging Report – Sandi Fitzpatrick

A. CCoA Update

Fitzpatrick provided and reviewed the California Commission on Aging (CCoA) Activity Report and the AOA Profile of Older Americans Act handout. The next CCoA meeting will be held in Aptos (Santa Cruz County) on April 5-6.

B. State Budget Update

Fitzpatrick reviewed the Budget Conference Committee decisions on program funding.

C. Federal Budget Update

Fitzpatrick discussed the funding of several aging programs under consideration by congress. The "Administration on Aging Release of the FY 2012 Budget Request to Congress" handout and the "All Purpose Table Administration on Aging" handout were provided.

XIV. Long-Term Care Ombudsman Innovations at the Federal Level

Joe Rodrigues, State Long-Term Care Ombudsman reported on national efforts by aging associations to coordinate efforts toward OAA reauthorization and to restore maintenance of effort match requirements for the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program (LTCOP). Additional changes proposed with reauthorization would clarify the relationship between the LTCOP and the state unit on aging and establishment of OAA training standards for LTCOP volunteers. AoA is working with CMS to discuss reducing the number of denied activities and asking for approved process for allocating costs in order to increase reimbursements to LTCOP.

Rodrigues discussed a CSL legislative proposal requiring CDA to contract the state LTCOP to a non-profit organization. He commented that in 2010 AoA clarified that the state LTCOPs must have autonomy to advocate on behalf of residents and residents' rights, as well as advocate freely on policy and program changes. Rodrigues thought the new organization would have less ability to work with state entities on issues of concern.

XV. PSA Reports

Al Blum - PSA 4

The A4AA has established a Diversity Committee responsible for taking public input and identifying service needs of minority issues in order to improve access to programs. A4AA is conducting board member orientation on the Older American Act program.

Allan Bortel - PSA 5

The Area Agency on Aging is waiting on the new transportation funding that will be received from the Marin vehicle registration fee, effective May of 2011. The AAA is moving forward with transportation program that offer technical assistance to other PSAs developing similar program. Through the use of new Freedom Grant Funding, there is a new volunteer driver program that will reimburse gas expenses. Library programming includes senior week "Jumping the Generation Gap," with senior fair, seminars, tai chi, travel, and technology information. There is also a program on communicating with grandchildren/children.

Vicky Ludwig - PSA 29

El Dorado is a rural county with a large older adult population. The AAA began a reorganization of aging commission; new bylaws; reporting regularly to the Board of Supervisors. Currently working on a website for Aging Commission. Last year had to justify to Sups. \$1 mil appropriation to Aging Services. a county-run AAA – provide legal services and other OAA programming.

Bernie Weintraub - PSA 19

A consolidation of the Los Angeles County Commission on with the LA County Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council had reduced the maximum number of members from 150 to 50. New procedures are under development for one year requiring staff to facilitate the development of bylaws and an organizational administration. Committee formation has also reduced the Executive Board membership. Seniors on the Move is a successful program sponsored by the Metropolitan Transit Authority (MTA), which provides information about public transportation offered monthly. New federal grant to hire transportation companies to assist seniors from home to destination. Currently working on Older Americans Recognition Day Luncheon.

Patricia Wilson - PSA 25

Door to door program coordinated between PSA 19 and 25. Title V volunteer training sometimes requires seniors to go out of their neighborhoods; working on transportation to help facilitate. No senior recognition event due to \$\$\$. Senior art fair in planning stages. Beginning evidence-based programming at a senior center in Los Angeles with Partners in Care. Also developing Wellness Center to measure senior abilities before and after program participation. Family caregiver workshops offered monthly.

Jenny Kenoyer - PSA 30

AAA funded for four programs PEA (prop 63) PEARLS – to fight depression. Also Senior Center w/out Walls & senior peer counseling. Consolidated transportation Service Agency offers door-to-door transport. Fragments COG funding programs, but

were able to establish after 3 years. Doing travel training; working on a call-in center where volunteers can transport people to appts., etc. Senior recognition coming up too.

Meeting recessed at 4:20 p.m.

XVI. Legislative and Budget Update

Robert MacLaughlin, Consultant, Assembly Aging & Long-Term Care Committee

Carol Sewell provided an overview of legislation affecting senior programs due to Mr. MacLaughlin's scheduling change.

XVII. Recess until March 10, 2010 at 8:30 a.m.

Depew recessed the meeting until tomorrow March 10, 2011 at 8:30 a.m.

Thursday, March 10, 2011

Meeting reconvened at 8:30 a.m.

XVIII. PSA Reports

Cathy Russo – PSA 6

No written report. San Francisco Mayor has to present to the board of supervisors a balanced budget. This year will be discussing senior and disability issues. There was a march through City Hall to every supervisor's office asking for more definite information. Grant will be coming from the federal government.

XIX. Year of the Family Caregiver

Michelle Nevins, Del Oro Caregiver Resource Center (CRC), reported on work with the CRC for 11 years and her work with caregivers for the last 20 years. Family caregivers are the backbone of caregiver system. Del Oro is part of a statewide system founded to help support caregivers that includes 11 caregiver resource centers in California. California was on the forefront of caregiver issues, being one of four states that received initial National Family Caregiver Support Program awards.

Year of the Caregiver came about to recognize the 10th anniversary of the Family Caregiver Support. A lot of progress needs to be made to address dramatic growth in the 65-plus age group and the increase need for caregivers. Average age of a caregiver can be from 46 to 50; most caregiving for a parent are also working full-time. Older caregivers (75- plus) are usually caring for a spouse. CRCs are trying to meet needs of both.

XX. Proposed Changes to Office of the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman

Karen Jones, President, California Long Term Care Ombudsman Association (CLTCOA) introduced CLTCOA's new executive director, Diane Segura. Jones said CLTCOA was sponsoring SB 345 (Senator Wolk) to move LTCOP out of state office in order to guarantee freedom for state ombudsman. She mentioned cuts to program funding in the past when the state ombudsman was unable to advocate for the program.

Because the position is appointed, a new governor could replace the ombudsman due to a political shift. Jones said the benefits of a non-profit operating the LTCOP were in the ability to receive grant funding and to speak freely on behalf of the program. She said the effect on local programs would be generally unchanged.

XXI. PSA Reports

Robert Leasure – PSA 7

Leasure is attending the TACC meeting in place of Shirley Krohn. The council is focusing on elder financial abuse prevention and education. AAA is concerned about the ombudsman program and where it is going. Currently focusing on legislation opposing cuts to programs in the Health and Human Services.

Erwin Fromm - PSA 21

Office on aging, Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC) in partnership with the California Health and Human Services agency launched an implementation guide for the ADRC. The guide is a description of the ADRC core principles and suggestions for activities and ideas that can contribute to an ADRC initiative. The Fit After Fifty Program was featured in the “Desert Health News.” Over 160 holiday gifts were provided to frail seniors. Coachella Valley Healthcare Initiative Healthcare Summit was held on Dec. 17th. Keynote speaker, Dr. Raul Ruiz gave an overview of a report identifies healthcare access barriers and potential solutions.

Rabia Hunter - PSA 27

The County Department of Adult Services has proposed that the AAA be eliminated. The Board of Supervisors is requesting that the AAA cut their budget by 25% over the next two years. If the cut happens the AAA may be reassigned to the CDA. Programs in Solano County may not be able to function at all. Budget hearings will be in June. The AAA will be lobbying board of supervisors. The recently held Senior Mobility Summit discussed ways to meet the transportation needs of seniors. The AAA continues to educate and raise awareness on LGBT issues and will be showing the movie “Gen Silent”.

Antonio Rodella - PSA 22

Rodella completed his term as chair of the advisory council. The new chair is Don MacAllister. The spoof “What Women Want” will be performed on Sunday, March 20, at the Norman P. Murray Community and Senior Center in Mission Viejo. Community SeniorServ’s non-profit meals on wheels program reported 26,000 plus meals over 27 sites across the county had been delivered the month of January. They had 430 new participants attend their lunch program last month. The upcoming Annual County Senior Summit will feature Dr. Laura Mosqueda as a guest speaker. The theme is “Everything You Ever Wanted to Know about Aging, but Were Afraid to Ask”.

Rick Dahlgren - PSA 31

Even though the AAA has been told to cut the nutrition program they are looking at other options. The upcoming Senior Recognition Day will cost \$8 for lunch. A regional meeting hosting all the various AAA in their region was held in Los Banos at the new

community center. Please visit the California Senior Legislature (CSL) website at www.csl.org to view a commercial to fund CSL on code 402.

Luis Monge - PSA 23

Monge represents one of the largest counties in the state- third largest county in California and the sixth largest county in the country. The council has 30 members; 10 are appointed by the Board of Supervisors. There are nutrition, housing, and transportation committees that meet the first and second Monday of each month. Everyone is invited to attend the Executive Committee meetings. San Diego had a successful Aging Fair attended by over 10,000 people. There were over 100 exhibits; Cool Centers were set up in specific buildings.

Dave Gilson - PSA 8

Gilson is reporting for Denis O'sullivan. Every couple of months the AAA will meet at a different senior center in the county. A special committee was formed to study the Health Care Reform bill to better understand and convey in simple terms the meaning

June Glasmeier – PSA 18

The new Court Ad Hoc committee has developed a legal guide for seniors. The Outreach committee held an open house to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the agency. The Legislative Committee is reviewing and will be making recommendations on new bills to support seniors.

Pat Grabham – PSA 26

No written report. The AAA has taken on a pilot bus transportation program from the Both Lake and Mendocino counties are doing well. They will be participating in the March for Meals national campaign to raise awareness on senior hunger. Visit www.mealsonwheels.org for more information.

Sandra Williams - PSA 13

No written report. Santa Cruz is a small beach county- San Benito County is made up of mostly Hispanic farm workers. Funding for grandparent program – it was successful. The funding for meals on wheels program was 100,000 as a whole. There are currently 100 people on the waiting list. Due to the budget cuts Santa Clara County may be taking over the Senior Companion program.

The Seniors Council and Greybeards hired senior consultant to explore the idea of a merger. Greybeards are a spin-off of seniors who work on brown bag program.

Marti Overfield - PSA 33

Through the United Way, volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) site will be available February through April. One of the commissioners is overseeing the program. There are several people waiting to have their income tax done for free. The director will be retiring; March 26 will be her last day. In May there will be a one day conference on elder abuse. Last year was the largest with 250 participants not including vendors.

Through donations the conference is funded by hospitals such as Kaiser. The Department on Aging allowed the AAA to charge the vendors.

Marge Depew – PSA 12

At the November meeting Denis talked about San Bruno disaster - emergency preparedness. Marge experienced being snowed in for the first time in December Thursday the power was off for several days. Depew learned a lot about being vulnerable – a warming center was placed too far away. Awnings and tree limbs caused major disaster.

Meeting adjourned at 11:28 a.m.