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## **GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

Vagabond Inn, Sacramento  
December 3-4, 2013

### **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2013**

- **Call to Order – Antonio Rodella, TACC President**

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

- **Pledge of Allegiance**

Warner led the Pledge of Allegiance.

- **Welcome to new TACC members**

President Rodella welcomed new TACC member Gloria Sanchez (PSA 21) and returning member Loren Rolfe (PSA 28)

- **Brief Self-Introductions**

TACC members introduced themselves.

- **Establish a Quorum**

**TACC Members Present:**

PSA 5	Allan Bortel	PSA 7	Gerald Richards
PSA 27	Judith Eisen	PSA 22	Antonio Rodella
PSA 25	Amos Fried	PSA 28	Loren Rolfe
PSA 14	Minerva Garcia	PSA 6	Cathy Russo
PSA 26	Pat Grabham	PSA 21	Gloria Sanchez
PSA 30	Jeri Johnson	PSA 11	Terry Sonnefeld
PSA 29	Vicki Ludwig	PSA 17	Martin Tucker
PSA 2	Alan Masden	PSA 19	Aida Villalobos
PSA 33	Marti Overfield	PSA 12	Marge Warner
PSA 23	Kathy Randall	PSA 20	David Wilder

A quorum was established

**Staff:** Sandi Fitzpatrick, Marcella Lopez

**Guests:** Jack Hailey, Terri Restelli-Deits, Ross Kaplan, Marilyn Fried, Hav Staggs

- **Approve Agenda**

The December 3-4, 2013 TACC General meeting agenda was approved as circulated.

M/S/C (Wilder/Overfield)

**APPROVED**

- **Approve Minutes of August 14-15, 2013 TACC Meeting**

The August 14-15, 2013 TACC General Meeting minutes were approved as circulated.

M/S/C (Depew/Overfield)

**APPROVED**

- **Public Comment**

Overfield thanked members for sympathy emails and cards.

- ***Presentation # 1 Exploring the Relationship Between Caregiving and Elder Justice.***

**Presenter: Terri Restelli-Deits, MSW**

Ms. Restelli-Deits, Executive Committee Member, California Elder Justice Coalition presented information and handouts on the connection between caregiving and elder abuse and the need to address the caregiver's needs in addition to the care recipient's needs.

- **PSA Reports – TACC Members**

Kathy Randall – PSA 23 reported the Area Agency's application to become an ADRC was accepted by the State. A new Veterans Directive Home and Community Based service program was implemented.

Vicki Ludwig – PSA 29 reported the Boomers Ed 101 in September brought in many people interested in speakers from HICAP, Social Security, and Veterans; discussed future problems of aging.

Gerald Richards – PSA 7 reported the AAA's "Aging Well" event in Roosmoor was well attended and included a presentation on "Narrative Gerontology," a communication between seniors and their family members to discuss end of life issues.

Meeting recessed for lunch at 11:55 a.m.

Meeting reconvened at 1:31 pm

- **Presentation # 2 The Affordable Care Act and Medicare**

**Presenter: Ross Kaplan, HICAP Team, California Department of Aging**

Mr. Kaplan described the work of the Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP), which is financed by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) to provide assistance with Medicare and other senior insurance issues.

### **PSA Reports – TACC Members**

David Wilder -PSA 20 provided an update on nutrition contracts. New director is cross-training in both adult services and aging services hoping future cuts can be absorbed by those individuals cross-trained.

Alan Masden – PSA 2 reported the new senior center is about half built.

Judith Eisen – PSA 27 reported a surge of interest in the AAA with the scarcity of food in community. A work group is being developed to discuss hunger issues and consideration to replace Transportation committee with a committee on hunger and housing.

Minerva Garcia – PSA 14 reported the AAA continues to promote abuse awareness by providing information throughout the community. Civic engagements are taking place; getting seniors involved with the church, neighborhood and community.

Gloria Sanchez – PSA 21 reported the Area Agency is looking to interface with more faith based organizations; the CalFresh informational video was well received; only 10% of eligible seniors have been utilizing the CalFresh program. Going to senior centers, into the homes and senior communities to get them signed up.

Martin Tucker – PSA 17 reported the AAA is working on updating the 2014-2015 Area Plan.

Amos Fried – PSA 25 reported the council continues to address food insecurity. Council's total reduction for FY13-14 will be 10%. Public hearing for Area Plan update in January 2014. L.A. County and City are working together to increase the number of public hearings in the county.

Aida Villalobos – PSA 19 reported there are 1.7 million seniors in L.A. county and 150 senior centers in 88 cities; AAA has many challenges. Will go to as many senior centers possible providing information of AAA programs and educating seniors about the local Walk Initiative and the CalFood programs.

- **Presentation # 3 Federal Issue Update**

**Presenter: Sandi Fitzpatrick, Executive Director, California Commission on Aging**

Ms. Fitzpatrick provided an update on the Older Americans Act (OAA) Reauthorization bill and reviewed the Area Agency Interstate Funding Formula (IFF). Fitzpatrick reviewed federal legislative issues and cuts to senior programs.

### **PSA Reports – TACC Members**

Cathy Russo – PSA 6 has no report at this time.

Loren Rolfe – PSA 28 reported the Falls Prevention Coalition received funding from the local wineries foundation.

Terry Sonnefeld – PSA 11 provided no written report. Sonnefeld complimented his AAA's administration, which over-compensated for sequestration and as a result does not need to make changes to current programs or services.

Alan Bortel – PSA 5 reported that under the California Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) those with incomes of 1 million or over pay 1% to the State which goes to the county to be distributed. Trying to use MHSA funds to delay early onset of Alzheimer's and dementia even though Alzheimer's and Dementia are not considered mental health. Held the 28<sup>th</sup> annual Marin Senior Fair in October; 4-5000 people attended; largest senior fair in the county; 135 information booths; taxi services for seniors.

Marti Overfield – PSA 33 provided an oral report. The independent living center of Kern County and the American Red Cross hosted emergency preparedness training; providing tips for disaster and development of an evacuation plan. The Department of Aging and Adult Services held their Healthy Harvest Fair on October 19. Main draw at the fair were flu shots provided at low or no cost.

Marge Warner – PSA 12 reported the advisory council completed a self assessment and found that of the 75% members who completed and returned the assessment, 50% were unclear of their role as advisory council members. This resulted in a mandatory training and orientation to be held in January, to be attended by the executive director and joint powers.

Antonio Rodella – PSA 22 reported the loss of the AAA's Executive Director, Sylvia Mann, who was a very successful grant writer.

- **Recess**

Meeting recessed at 4:19 p.m.

## **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2013**

Meeting reconvened at 8:50 a.m.

- **CCoA Report**

Fitzpatrick provided the CCoA report. Next year will be CCoA's 40th anniversary. The CCoA new chair is Virgie Walker. In March CCoA will hold its meeting in conjunction with an event in Los Angeles in which Congresswoman Karen Bass will be a speaker. The CCoA will continue to track the Older American's Act reauthorization.

- **Presentation # 4 Helping AAAs to connect with their Regional Coalitions**

**Presenter: Jack Hailey**, Senior Project Director, Government Action and Communication Institute (GACI). Mr. Hailey discussed regional coalition efforts. Mr. Hailey also discussed the California Collaborative which consists of 35-40 statewide organizations that serve seniors and persons with disabilities. The purpose of the Collaborative is to share information and ultimately come up with a system of long-term services and support in California.

- **Executive Committee Report**

President Rodella provided the Executive Committee meeting report.

- 1. Revised state reimbursement rates**

Fitzpatrick reviewed handout on the new State per diem reimbursement rates.

## **2. Meeting Schedule for 2014**

Executive Committee recommended the following meeting schedule for 2014:

- February 25-26, 2014
- May 6-7, 2014
- August 5-6, 2014
- December 2-3, 2014

The approved 2014 meeting schedule will be emailed to TACC members. TACC will not be meeting with C4A in 2014.

## **3. Future Topics for Consideration**

- Roundtable topics
- Food insecurity and hunger
- Dental
- Bridging between seniors and persons with a disability
- Medicare Fraud; how to educate seniors
- Alternative techniques (terminology) instead of disabled equipment  
(Important to recognize cultural differences between seniors and persons with disabilities)

## **4. Meeting Location/Room format**

TACC Members requested a roundtable to discuss room set up and meeting location options. Members had difficulty hearing and seeing one another with the classroom set-up. The current room is inadequate for speakers (there is no screen for PowerPoint presentations). Members agreed to stay at the Vagabond for now but would like staff to continue looking for alternate location.

### **• Next Meeting: TBD**

The next TACC meeting will be February 25-26, 2014

### **• Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 11:01 a.m.