



# TACC – TRIPLE-A COUNCIL OF CALIFORNIA

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## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Vagabond Inn, Sacramento

February 25-26, 2014

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2014

- **Call to Order – Antonio Rodella, TACC President**  
President Rodella called the meeting to order at 9:59 am
- **Pledge of Allegiance**  
Warner led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- **Welcome to new TACC members**  
President Rodella welcomed new TACC members.
- **Brief Self-Introductions**  
TACC Members introduced themselves.

- **Establish a Quorum**

**Present:**

PSA 22 Antonio Rodella  
PSA 12 Marge Warner  
PSA 33 Marti Overfield  
PSA 20 David Wilder  
PSA 7 Gerald Richards  
PSA 29 Vicki Ludwig  
PSA 17 Martin Tucker  
PSA 18 June Glasmeier  
PSA 23 Kathy Randall  
PSA 5 Allan Bortel  
PSA 30 Jeri Johnson  
PSA 2 Alan Masden

PSA 26 Pat Grabham  
PSA 28 Steve Rozensky  
PSA 11 Terry Sonnefeld  
PSA 25 Amos Fried  
PSA 19 Aida Villalobos  
PSA 10 Connie Langford  
PSA 3 Evan LeVang  
PSA 21 Gloria Sanchez  
PSA 31 Rick Dahlgren  
PSA 4 Gloria Placenci  
PSA 6 Kathy Russo

**Staff:** Sandi Fitzpatrick, Carol Sewell, Marcella Lopez

**Guests:** Marilyn Fried, Rex Whisnand, PSA 12 vice chair

A quorum was established

- **Approve Agenda**

The February 25-26, 2014 TACC meeting agenda was approved as circulated.

M/S/C (Wilder/Overfield)  
APPROVED

- **Approve Minutes of December 3-4, 2013 TACC Meeting**

The December 3-4 2013 TACC meeting minutes were approved as circulated.

M/S/C (Warner/Wild)  
APPROVED

- **Public Comment**

Warner will meet at 6pm in the lobby to go to dinner.

Fitzpatrick reviewed the purpose of TACC. Primarily function is to exchange and provide information. TACC'S tax check off line is 400 which is the only source of TACC funding.

- **Presentation # 1 Senior Medicare Patrol Project**

**Presenter: Paula Holden, Outreach Specialist**

Ms. Holden discussed the Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP) and how the Affordable Care Act has come into play. Ms. Holden also, discussed several types of scams seniors are vulnerable to, such as medi-care fraud, identity theft, and how to help the senior population prevent such scams.

**PSA Reports – TACC Members**

PSA 19 - Aida Villalobos reported that the Advisory Council updated their bylaws. The Advisory Council is working to further develop community outreach according to Area Plan.

PSA 31- Rick Dahlgren reported Janice Raptor is leaving and Joe Cox has resigned; planning next Senior Recognition Day on May 14, 2014. Blue Skies peer group started in Los Banos.

PSA 4 - Gloria Plasencia reported a grants training and review committee will have a major review in March.

PSA 21- Gloria Sanchez reported the Care Pathways After Care Program held workshops for caregivers. The Advisory Council has continued to provide community outreach.

Meeting recessed for lunch at 11:57 a.m.

Meeting reconvened at 1:30 p.m.

- **Presentation # 2 The Future of IHSS in California**

**Presenter: Gary Passmore, Vice President, Congress of California Seniors**

Mr. Passmore reviewed federal funding issues and the Governor's proposed elimination of overtime hours for IHSS workers. Governor Brown proposes to eliminate OT for all workers. This would require additional care-providers at a time when already in a shortage. Nearly 70% of IHSS caregivers are family members; creates chaos in household by requiring introduction of a stranger into the home. Household will suffer a 30% income reduction. Mr. Passmore encouraged TACC members to send letters to both budget committees letting their local officials know the proposal will harm people. All Area Agencies on Aging need to be aware of the issue. Currently no state agency is on record in opposition.

- **Presentation # 3 Brief Overview of the Bagley Keene**

**Open Meeting Act**

**Presenter: Carol Sewell, Program Analyst on Aging, CCoA**

Ms. Sewell provided an overview, answered questions and held a brief discuss on the Bagley Keene Open Meeting Act.

- **CCoA Report**

Fitzpatrick provided the CCoA report.

- **PSA Reports – TACC Members**

PSA 3 - Evan LeVang reported on Advisory Council's work on ADRC application with ILC; will be losing a long-time nutrition contractor in Butte County; Passages has taken over and is doing well, tying into the local farm movement.

PSA 10 - Connie Langford reported on the Advisory Council's role as an advocacy group and the difficulty in getting Supervisors and city government to make appointments.

PSA 28 - Steve Rozensky reported the Advisory Council's difficulty in getting new members and is now starting a full-scale recruitment campaign. A fund-raising committee was recently formed to deal with the sequestration/budget cuts straining the agency. Napa County has new ordinance requiring home care providers to obtain permits.

PSA 11 - Terry Sonnefeld reported his term ends in July 2014. The Advisory Council is developing new bylaws and recently appointed a committee for long-term planning.

PSA 2 - Alan Masden reported the Advisory committee developed a brochure to identify local resources for each region; brochure will be updated to include information on Medi-Cal managed care.

PSA 25 - Amos Fried reported the Advisory Council is trying to combat senior hunger by providing information about CalFresh; currently SSI recipients aren't eligible to receive. They are also looking at how to include those with \$1 income more than the eligibility limit; flyer circulated to inform them of benefits. L.A. is considering application to participate in

Age-Friendly Cities Initiative to address environmental and social factors that make cities become more supportive of healthy aging.

PSA 5 - Allan Bortel reported Marin Advisory Council met with the county mental health department to improve communication with the aging community and increase Prop. 63-funded senior programs. The Advisory Council is working to increase visibility; with a new logo.

PSA 30 - Jeri Johnson reported the Stanislaus Senior Foundation raised \$20,000 in December with a wine and hors d'ouvres event.

PSA 26 - Pat Grabham reported that the Advisory Council is reviewing bylaws; recently participated in board training. Transportation funds will provide a bus to transport congregate meals and may possibly used for non-emergency medical transport.

PSA 17 - Martin Tucker reported that the Santa Barbara Adult Abuse Prevention Rally will be held today. The Advisory Council provided a recent presentation on poverty and homelessness in county; a new Medicare program called "DASH" will provide medical assistance at home.

PSA 18 - June Glasmeier reported "Optimal Aging Committee" has been developed to recommend programs and services and to enhance quality of life for seniors. Nutrition committee conducted a food insecurity survey.

PSA 23 - Kathy Randall reported that the San Diego has had mobile doctors and services assisted living through several programs under both Medicare and Medi-Cal. The Advisory Council is taking a high profile role in addressing RCFE reform issues.

PSA 29 - Vicky Ludwig reported there are more residents over 65 than school-age children. The Advisory Council is educating county supervisor candidates about senior services. A new private-funded Adult Day Care center will be opening soon. Getting ongoing funding from county board; peer counseling program picked up by Mental Health and is expanding.

PSA 7 - Gerald Richards reported his Advisory Council has developed a new brochure for emergency medical responses. The Contra Costa AAA is now a part of the SCAN Foundation program providing information on LTSS; joining with Rehabilitation Services of Northern CA to advocate for paratransit services in the county to address the county's geographic divisions.

PSA 20 - David Wilder reported on the Advisory Council's work with Riverside County to collaborate on aging programs and funding in both counties

PSA 33 - Marti Overfield provided no oral report and referred members to her written report.

PSA 12 - Marge Warner reported that a self-assessment and comprehensive training for advisory council members was held in January. Both the fiscal officer and director are leaving in the next several months; current assistant director will serve as the interim executive director.

PSA 22 - Antonio Rodella reported the Advisory Council reviewed the appointment process; and is undergoing re-structuring.

- Meeting recessed at 4:28 p.m.

### **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2014**

Meeting reconvened at 9:04 a.m.

- **Roundtable: Issues Around RCFE Care**

**Background: Carol Sewell**

**Facilitator: Kathy Randall**

TACC members discussed handling of RCFE complaints in their counties and ways to increase advisory council involvement in the issue.

- **Executive Committee Report**

President Rodella provided the Executive Committee report. There is an ongoing search for alternate meeting space and discussion of future meeting topics.

- **Presentation # 4: RCFE Reform Act**

Prescott Cole, Senior Staff Attorney, California Advocates for Nursing Home Reform, discussed the impetus for and reviewed the RCFE Reform Act bills. There are 7,800 RCFEs in California; 7,000 are 6-8 beds; 80% are 15 beds or fewer. The Nursing home industry will oppose SB 911, regarding nursing staff requirements. They are working closely with DSS to make changes.

- **PSA Reports – TACC Members**

All PSA Reports were completed yesterday.

- **Next Meeting: May 6-7, 2014**

The next TACC meeting will be May 6-7, 2014 in Sacramento.

- **Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.