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## **GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

Vagabond Inn, Sacramento  
May 6-7, 2014

### **TUESDAY, MAY 6, 2014**

- **Call to Order – Antonio Rodella, TACC President**  
President Rodella called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.
- **Pledge of Allegiance**  
Marti Overfield led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- **Welcome to new TACC members**  
New TACC member Ed Jenkins is representing PSA 4 for Gloria Plasencia.
- **Brief Self-Introductions**  
TACC members introduced themselves.
- **Establish a Quorum**  
**TACC Members Present:**

PSA 31 Rick Dahlgren	PSA 7 Gerald Richards
PSA 27 Judith Eisen	PSA 22 Antonio Rodella
PSA 14 Minerva Garcia	PSA 28 Steve Rozensky
PSA 18 June Glasmeier	PSA 6 Cathy Russo
PSA 26 Pat Grabham	PSA 21 Gloria Sanchez
PSA 4 Ed Jenkins	PSA 11 Terry Sonnefeld
PSA 30 Jeri Johnson	PSA 19 Aida Villalobos
PSA 29 Vicki Ludwig	PSA 12 Marge Warner
PSA 2 Alan Masden	PSA 20 David Wilder
PSA 33 Marti Overfield	PSA 5 Allan Bortel
PSA 23 Kathy Randall	PSA 10 Wes Mukoyama

A quorum was established.

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

**Guests:** Blanca Castro, Gail Nickerson, Derrell Kelch, Rita Saenz, Brian Reeves

- **Approve Agenda**

The May 6-7, 2014 General meeting agenda was approved as circulated.

M/S/C (Warner/Wilder)

**TO APPROVE changing the August meeting dates from August 6-7 to August 12-14.**

- **Approve Minutes of February 25-26, 2014 TACC Meeting**

The minutes of the February 25-26, 2014 TACC meeting were approved as circulated.

M/S/C (Wilder/Johnson)

**APPROVED with correction to page 4, Jeri Johnson's report: fund-raiser raised \$20,000 dollar not \$20.**

- **Public Comment**

None

- **CCoA Report (Fitzpatrick)**

Fitzpatrick reported on plans for the Senate Select Committee on Aging. A July 8<sup>th</sup> hearing in Los Angeles will consider what an ideal system will look at with academic presenters. The Committee's Sacramento hearing will be held on August 12<sup>th</sup>. Senator Carol Liu is the Select Committee chair.

CCoA held its March meeting in L.A. Fitzpatrick thanked Los Angeles TACC members for encouraging their advisory council members to attend.

- **PSA Reports – TACC Members**

PSA 29 - Vicki Ludwig reported the congregate meal sites will likely go away because there are fewer younger seniors attending due to the high cost of gas and transportation. The Advisory Council is concerned congregate sites are not meeting the needs of seniors. Home delivered meals continue to increase.

PSA 10 - Wes Mukoyama reported Santa Clara County is the fifth largest county in the state and has the largest senior Population in the Bay Area. Housing is a big concern; the average monthly rate for a one bedroom apartment is \$2,000. There are many homeless seniors. Senior public housing infrastructures is deteriorating; transportation is difficult. There is a large Southeast Asian population in San Jose that has difficulty accessing resources. The Advisory Council is working with Valley Medical Center hospital regarding home transitions. Sourcewise submitted its Area Plan.

PSA 23 - Kathy Randall reported on her AAA's ad hoc committee on RCFEs, which is developing a proposal for RCFE licensing to be moved under Department of Health Services, with skilled nursing facilities and RCFE programs aligned but NOT combined. Also recommending commendation for the Long Term Care Ombudsman volunteers to encourage retention. The Board of Supervisors recently restored funding to reinstate four paid Ombudsman supervisors that were lost due to earlier funding cuts.

PSA 11 - Terry Sonnefeld reported on his reelection to CSL along with Senior Senator Joe Murphy. The AAA is preparing for Senior Awareness Day. Designed as a community fair with average turnout of 3,000-4,000. Trying to include events to draw ethnic, age and gender diversity. 150 vendors will participate.

- **Presentation # 1 “The Challenges of Rural Health Care in California”**

Gail Nickerson, Director of Rural Health Services, Adventist Health, discussed her 30 years of experience working with rural healthcare in California. 14% of the state’s population lives in rural areas. She highlighted the challenges of serving a rural population that includes a higher number of smokers, higher risks for alcoholism, stroke, stress, depression, other emotional issues, physical or mental health conditions. 45% of rural Californians live in primary care shortage areas.

PSA 21 - Gloria Sanchez said her local Assemblymember, Manuel Perez, has been signing up seniors at senior centers for CalFresh benefits and is providing elder abuse information in those venues.

PSA 14 -- Minerva Garcia thanked members for the good information they provide at each TACC meeting. Area agency’s Cultural Committee discussed needs of different ethnic groups; Civic Engagement committee goes to Board of Supervisors to provide presentations on needs of seniors, including medical concerns, housing, and mental health concerns.

Meeting recessed for lunch at 11:46 a.m.

**TACC members attended the Assembly Aging & Long-Term Care Committee Hearing “Aging in the Asian Pacific Islander Community” at the State Capitol.**

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 7, 2014**

**Meeting reconvened at 8:45 a.m.**

- **Executive Committee Report**

Rodella provided the Executive Committee report. The next TACC meeting date has been changed to August 12-13, 2014.

Executive Committee’s recommended topics for August and future meetings include:

- Housing
- Homeless veterans
- Elections (new chair/vice chair)
- SSI/SSP

Other suggested topics by TACC members include:

- Food insecurity - addressing senior hunger issues
- Intergenerational living
- Senior bullying
- Hospital to home transitions
- Mental wellness/depression
- State funding formula – what does this mean for individual PSAs?

Fitzpatrick announced that elections for chair and vice chair are scheduled for the August TACC meeting. Rules and requirements will be emailed to TACC members. Those interested in running must contact the Nominating Committee to be considered.

- **Appointment of Nominating Committee**

Rodella announced that Nominating Committee members: Chair is Marge Warner; members are David Wilder and Gerald Richards.

Fitzpatrick discussed SB 1207 (Wolk), that would change the process to qualify for and remain on the tax check-off forms. TACC's tax check-off funding line is 400 on California income tax forms.

- **Presentation # 2 “California Caregiver Act of 2014”**

Blanca Castro, Advocacy Manager, AARP California, discussed the work of AARP in the state and AB 1744 (Brown), AARP's state legislation to create a task force within the Department of Aging to review and recommend improved services for family caregivers.

- **Presentation # 3 “Strategies to restore funding to community based service programs”**

Derrell Kelch, C4A Executive Director, presented information on efforts to restore funding to area agency community based services, including \$3.8 million for the Long Term Care Ombudsman, \$317,000 for Senior Companion and \$541,000 for Brown Bag.

- **PSA Reports – TACC Members**

PSA 4 – Ed Jenkins said the area agency is attempting to increase use of online technologies. RFP process done completely online. Beginning pilot program in Sutter/Yuba using restaurant vouchers.

PSA 19 – Aida Villalobos reported the area agency provides 17 services and programs run by 500 staff. PSA has the largest CSL representation – election was on Monday. She was just re-elected Commission chair. Fourteen Aging Commission members are termed out in 2014; 17 termed out in 2015. Attempted to get extension from county board, but terms are set by ordinance. She reported on her attendance at CCoA/USC symposium on The Future of Aging.

PSA 30 – Jeri Johnson reported that her advisory council's Legislative Advocacy Committee reviewed the RCFE Reform Act bills and will invite CANHR to go over bills with them to help finalize positions.

PSA 5 – Allan Bortel said the advisory council recognizes local services/agencies with certificates. Council is honoring Sausalito for becoming Marin County's 1<sup>st</sup> World Health Organization “Age-Friendly City.” Generates good-will and visibility in the community. Age-Friendly City guide can be obtained online at [www.NIA.nih.gov](http://www.NIA.nih.gov), which is also a good source for information on aging. Congress has designated the National Institute on Aging as coordinator of all research on Alzheimer's.

PSA 2 -- Alan Masden reported the PSA 2 board named Teri Gabriel AAA director.

PSA 18 – June Glasmeier reported her AAA will receive grant funding to establish a benefits enrollment center. The new Optimal Aging Committee has established its mission and goals. CSL election was yesterday.

PSA 31 – Rick Dahlgren – County has a new deputy director in charge of aging services (Alexandra Pierce). Blue Skies program was formed as support group for people who had lost loved ones; program will be run as part of the Recreation Department's Golden Age Club at the community center. Difficult getting someone to run for the Senior Assembly seat when Rick replaced Joe Cox as Senior Senator. Older Adult recognition day coming soon.

PSA 22 -- Tony Rodella reported that Huntington Beach just expanded its senior van fleet with fund-raising proceeds and grants.

PSA 7 – Gerald Richards said Contra Costa County Human Service Agency and the AAA are looking at demographic changes and impact on neighborhoods. County was hard-hit by downturn; property values beginning to increase. 30,000 residents eligible for new Medi-Cal coverage. Just sent 10 letters supporting RCFE bills and letter to Governor on IHSS issue.

PSA 33 – Marti Overfield – Just held CSL elections; she was reelected, as was the incumbent Senior Assemblymember. Commission on Aging is currently preparing for conference on Elder Abuse – growing in popularity.

- **Next Meeting: August 12-13, 2014**

The next TACC meeting is August 12-13, 2014 in Sacramento.

- **Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 11:17 a.m.