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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

February 24-25, 2015

Vagabond Inn, Sacramento

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2015

- **Call to Order – Kathy Randall, TACC President**

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

- **Pledge of Allegiance**

Randall led the Pledge of Allegiance.

- **Welcome to new TACC members**

Randall welcomed new TACC members.

- **Brief Self-Introductions**

TACC members introduced themselves.

- **Establish a Quorum**

TACC Members Present:

PSA 2 Allan Masden	PSA 30 Jeri Johnson
PSA 22 Antonio Rodella	PSA 6 Cathy Russo
PSA 26 Eileen Bostwick	PSA 14 Minerva Garcia
PSA 19 Marilyn Fried	PSA 21 Gloria Sanchez
PSA 25 Amos Fried	PSA 7 Gerald Richards
PSA 5 Jim Monson	PSA 20 David Wilder
PSA 31 Clifford Monte	PSA 23 Kathy Randall
PSA 11 Terry Sonnefeld	PSA 33 Marti Overfield
PSA 4 Gloria Plasencia	PSA 18 June Glasmeier
PSA 27 Judith Eisen	PSA 12 Marge Warner

Staff: Sandi Fitzpatrick, Carol Sewell, Marcella Villanueva

Guests: Ron Brand, Clare Smith, Annette Smith, Robert MacLaughlin, Robin Jordan, Marilyn Fried (representing PSA 19 for Aida Villalobos), Alice Gonzales

A quorum was established.

- **Approve Agenda**

The February 24-25, 2015 General meeting agenda was approved as circulated.

M/S/C (Sanchez/Glasmeier)

APPROVED

- **Presentation: Veterans on the Edge**

Ron Brand, Information Officer, California Veterans Affairs, reviewed the purpose of VA homes and CalVet services for veterans. Veterans on the Edge program serves lowest income veterans age 55 and over, or those with disabilities. For more information visit the California Department of Veterans Affairs website at www.calvet.ca.gov.

- **PSA Reports**

PSA 4 - Gloria Plasencia reported her AAA is sponsoring an LGBT Café in Sacramento. Looking at ways to serve and address concerns raised by LGBT residents of skilled nursing.

PSA 11 - Terry Sonnefeld reported on PSA's work on homeless issues. Greatest success is in food programs, farmers are donating more. The county's senior centers post a forum to allow seniors to voice their concerns in an open forum.

PSA 22 - Antonio Rodella announced this will be his last meeting. Reported that his Advisory Council monitors volunteer hours. Last month they had over 12,000 hours

PSA 2 - Allen Masden reported on transportation services in the PSA.

PSA 31 - Clifford Monte discussed a volunteer program similar to senior companion or friendly visitor program, providing socialization for clients – companion can meet and visit with clients. AAA is looking into the problem of pay day loans.

PSA 26 - Eileen Bostwick reported that the Advisory Council has struggled the last few years with organizational issues. Lake County was chosen as a Wellville community -- will get \$5 million after 5 years of participation.

PSA 27 - Judith Eisen reported the AAA's transit consortium received \$500,000 to support volunteer driving programs and another \$ 400,000 grant is pending. The PSA has provided \$10,000 to Coastal Seniors group for congregate dining site and congregate meals program.

- **Presentation: Viewing of "Fleeced" – a documentary**

Presenter: Clare Smith, Elder Financial Protection Network, and Annette Smith.

Clare Smith provided an overview of the work of Elder Financial Protection Network (EFPN), whose focus is on elder abuse prevention work with banks, credit unions and other financial institutions. She introduced the documentary "Fleeced – Speaking Out Against Senior Financial Abuse," which follows the experiences of Annette Smith of Sacramento being scammed by her bank. Annette Smith described her experience paying \$3,000 in interest fees for a \$500 loan.

Meeting recessed for lunch at 12:05 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 1:30 p.m.

- **Approve Minutes of August 12-13, 2014 and December 2-3, 2014 TACC Meetings**

The minutes of the August 12-13, 2014 and December 2-3, 2014 TACC meetings were approved as circulated.

- **Public Comment**

None

- **President's Report**

None

- **Housekeeping Item: Changes in Travel Expense Claims**

Fitzpatrick reviewed changes in Travel Expense Claims and the new definition of "incidentals."

- **Presentation: 2015 Legislative Update**

Robert MacLaughlin, Consultant, Assembly Aging and Long-Term Care Committee, discussed the work of the Senate Aging and Long-Term Care Select Committee and reviewed the legislative processes. He said new Assembly Aging & Long-Term Care Committee Chair Cheryl Brown, who is personally involved in caregiving for her husband who has ALS, is committed to aging and long-term care issues.

- **CCoA Report**

Fitzpatrick provided the CCoA report.

- 1. White House Conference on Aging**

Federal discussions continue on a WHCoA. The four topic areas include: Long-term services and supports; retirement and security; promoting healthy aging; protecting from financial abuse and neglect. Five regional forums are being sponsored by AARP.

- 2. Older Americans Act Reauthorization**

The OAA reauthorization bill, HR 192 (by Rep. Peter King of NY), passed out of committee with unanimous vote and has bipartisan authors.

- 3. Senate Select Committee on Aging & Long-Term Care Report**

Senate Select Committee on Aging & Long-Term Care was not reauthorized, but did release an extensive report making 30 recommendations for improving the state's LTC delivery. Many of those will become legislation in the next year.

- 4. Proposed Changes to Medicare**

Fitzpatrick reviewed handout (article) Budget Plan Sees Savings In Changes to Medicare.

- **PSA Reports – TACC Members**

PSA 5 - James Monson reported letters of support sent on behalf of AAA must go through legislative committee, then regular committee, then the board of supervisors. The process is cumbersome.

PSA 20 - Jeri Johnson has no additional information to add to her written report.

PSA 6 - Cathy Russo is interested in tracking volunteer time. She will take back for discussion with her Advisory Council how to keep track and monitor volunteer hours.

PSA 14 - Minerva Garcia reported on Advisory Council's continued involvement in civic engagement, cultural competency and senior nutrition. Able to do outreach through Fresno Bee's senior's information section.

PSA 21 - Gloria Sanchez reported the Advisory Council goal planning dignitary meetings to discuss lack of services and programs for seniors. Commented on the importance of continued outreach to legislators so they do not forget. Continue to advocate for reauthorization of OAA; encourages outreach through media involvement and Facebook.

PSA 12 - Marge Warner reported that PSA is seeking new fiscal officer and MSSP program director.

PSA 7 - Gerald Richards has no additional information to add to his written report.

PSA 20 - David Wilder is interested in knowing what AAAs are doing with their funds. Paratransit cannot provide next day service but are not reporting so they can get more funds for seniors. Advisory Council enlisted students to look at senior housing and owners' intent.

PSA 33 - Marti Overfield has no additional information to add to her written report.

PSA 23 - Kathy Randall did not submit a written report due to her injury. Both AAA and county are focused on strengthening the LTC Ombudsman and recently hired new program manager. Council is acting as the Ombudsman Advisory Council.

PSA 25 - Amos Fried's Area Agency is facing possible 25% budget cut; general manager hopes to minimize to 10-15%. Crime against seniors is the big concern right now. Advisory Council working with LAPD on community outreach; forum on crimes against seniors will be held in the community. SSI/SSP coalition is tracking legislation that will strengthen the market match program that can help reduce senior hunger.

PSA 19 - Marilyn Fried for Aida Villalobos –Lost Marvin Schachter, long-time advocate for seniors and a president of the County Commission on Aging.

PSA 18- June Glasmeier has no additional information to provide to her written report.

Meeting recessed at 4:02 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2014

Meeting reconvened at 8:32 a.m.

- **Executive Committee Report**

Randall provided the Executive Committee report.

- 1. Advisory Council Report Template**

Fitzpatrick reviewed the PSA report process and the proposed update for the new template. The new PSA report template will be handed out.

Additional meeting topics discussed include update on APS / TACC members as mandated reporters; 2015-16 budget proposals; IHSS ongoing issues; also LGBT aging issues; CalTrans and senior transportation; caregiver issues; empowerment of seniors and area planning process (Senior Vote organization); senior employment/age discrimination(Riverside County 'Encore Program). Possible roundtable discussion on SB 128 (end of life choices).

- 2. 2015 Meeting Dates: August 11-12 and December 1-2**

The Executive Committee approved August 11-12 and December 1-2, 2015 meeting dates.

Wilder recommended that TACC set the February and May 2016 meeting dates.

- **TACC ROUNDTABLE: AREA PLAN DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES**

Moderator: Kathy Randall, TACC President

Members discussed various area agency approaches to the Area Plan process and different roles of the Advisory Councils. Discussion covered Advisory Council roles development and approval of Area Plans, in establishing AAA's mission, and conducting local needs assessments.

- **Presentation: Aging & Disability Resource Connection (ADRC)**

Robin Jordan, MSHA, Long-Term Care and Aging Services Division, Community Options and Transitions, California Department of Aging, presented on the ADRC program, which is administered under the Office of integrated programs in ACL. California has six ADRCs; other areas are in process. Federal goal is to make it easier for people to navigate the systems.

- **Next Meeting: May 19-20, 2015 in Sacramento**

The next TACC meeting will be May 19-20, 2015 at the Vagabond Inn Sacramento.

- **Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 11:17 a.m.