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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Vagabond Inn, Sacramento

May 19-20, 2015

TUESDAY, MAY 19, 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, Gail Garret from PSA 7, Contra Costa; Vince Johnson from PSA 2, Trinity County; and Elizabeth Busick from PSA 22, Orange County.

- **Brief Self-Introductions**

TACC members introduced themselves.

- **Establish a Quorum**

TACC Members Present:

PSA 26 Eileen Bostwick
PSA 22 Elizabeth Busick
PSA 31 Rick Dahlgren
PSA 25 Amos Fried
PSA 14 Minerva Garcia
PSA 7 Gail Garrett
PSA 18 June Glasmeier
PSA 2 Vince Johnson
PSA 30 Jerri Johnson

PSA 5 James Monson
PSA 23 Kathryn Randall
PSA 28 Steve Rozenski
PSA 6 Cathy Russo
PSA 21 Gloria Sanchez
PSA 19 Aida Villalobos
PSA 12 Marge Warner
PSA 20 David Wilder
PSA 29 Vicki Ludwig

Staff: Sandi Fitzpatrick, Carol Sewell

Guests: Marilyn Fried, Gary P, Leza Coleman, Derrell Kelch

A quorum was established.

- **Approve Agenda**

The May 19-20, 2015 General meeting agenda was approved as circulated.

M/S/C (Warner/Wilder)

APPROVED

- **Approve Minutes of February 24-25, 2015 TACC Meeting**

The February 24-25, 2015 General meeting minutes were approved as circulated.

M/S/C (Wilder/Glasmeier)

APPROVED

- **Public Comment**

None

- **President's Report**

President Randall noted the revised agenda.

- **CCoA Report**

Fitzpatrick provided the CCoA report.

1. **White House Conference on Aging Update**

The White House Conference on Aging is planned for July. Plan is for a small event with video and web-viewing across the nation. Fitzpatrick, Gloria Sanchez and James Monson were among the California representatives attending the WHCoA Listening Session held in Phoenix, AZ on March 31st.

2. **Older Americans Act & Elder Justice Act Reauthorization**

Federal bills have been introduced to reauthorize the Older Americans Act and the Elder Justice Act. No action anticipated on either at this time.

3. **Federal Budget Update**

Congress has proposed a 2015-2016 budget that maintains sequester cuts and funds many aging programs at a substantially lower level than the President's proposal.

4. **APS Mandated Reporter**

A handout on mandated reporting was sent out with the agenda.

- **In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) Update & State Budget – May Revision**

Gary Passmore, Vice President, Congress of California Seniors, provided an overview of the Governor's May Revise and current fiscal picture of the state. Revenues have increased significantly; revised state budget projections are up by \$6.7 billion over earlier estimates. The Governor is focused on repaying debt with no additional or new spending.

- **PSA Reports**

PSA 19 - Aida Villalobos announced this will be her last meeting. Villalobos reported the Advisory Council's bylaws were finalized in April; Older Americans Month recognition will be tomorrow and Wednesday; Amos Fried will be honored this year among 86 honorees; received a good evaluation from last week's CDA audit; there is ASA Conference discussion about formation of national/international movement of OA advocates and activists. Villalobos thanked everyone for sharing information.

PSA 14 - Minerva Garcia reported on Fresno County's goals. The Advisory Council has been involved in OA Month activities this month; received pet food donations for home-delivered

meal recipients with pets; began the Area Plan survey, focusing on outreach to bi-lingual communities. Having problems recruiting community volunteers to help with services; lots of grandparents adopting grandchildren and boomers with different ideas about volunteering.

PSA 23 - Gloria Sanchez brought handouts from various programs on elder abuse and caregiver needs; trying to improve media output. Have visited senior centers and health fairs to inform people of services; difficult to find homebound seniors.

PSA 2 - Vince Johnson is impressed with the offerings and amount of information from various PSAs in everyone's reports. Working to re-write the PSA 2 area agency's goals and objectives; there is lots of community support that needs to be reflected in the area plan.

PSA 25 - Amos Fried reported plans for the Hunger Summit are coming together; the Advisory Council and the L.A. Department on Aging are working together, focusing on legislation that will increase SSI/SSP, housing, and food access. The summit will be on June 22nd. And has the support of director Laura Trejo. Marilyn Fried was nominated to serve on L.A.'s Safe Streets Committee.

PSA 18 - June Glasmeier shared PSA reports with the Executive Director. Advisory Council is getting input from state legislators; including those in advisory council activities. One of the congregate meal sites and senior centers will be converted into a café in hopes of gaining profits.

PSA 22 – Elizabeth Busick reported on monthly visits to various senior centers. Advisory Council has had difficulty recruiting volunteers and getting people to attend Advisory council meetings or area plan meetings. Big events are well attended because of free food but more outreach is needed.

PSA 12 - Marge Warner reported on the Advisory Council's recent CDA monitoring. Working on an emergency evacuation plan and will conduct a test-run at a mobile home park.

PSA 28 - Steve Rozenski reported the Advisory Council is working on elder fraud/elder abuse project to provide materials to seniors. Many seniors don't utilize the services but all are affected by the potential for fraud.

- **Presentation: White House Conference on Aging Regional Forum – Phoenix, March 31, 2015**

Jim Monson (PSA 5) & Gloria Sanchez (PSA 21) reported on the WHCoA Regional Forum they attended in Phoenix in March. Mr. Monson reported the California delegation was very strong with attendance from various AAA directors, CCoA, etc. There were positive presentations such as the Alzheimer's research presented by NIH, support for caregivers, physical activity and federal volunteer programs and engagement.

PSA Reports

PSA 26 - Eileen Bostwick reported on the national consensus on difficulty in recruiting volunteers. Reasons include: the loss of the "Greatest Generation" who were so giving; difficulty in identifying new ways to attract and retain volunteers. Boomer generation is still

working; older generation is having economic hardship and can't give what past generations have given. PSA 26 recently held Elder Abuse conference, which was well attended. Senior Corps is planning a national conference for September; Dr. Grant Feather will present on ageism.

Meeting recessed for lunch at 12:30 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 2:00 p.m.

- **Presentation: Ageism**
Sandi Fitzpatrick presented and facilitated a discussion on two ageism videos: Britain's got talent and The Big Picture in 4 minutes or less.
- **Presentation: C4A Update/budget proposal** – Derrell Kelch, Executive Director of C4A, reported on the upcoming C4A Conference in November in Los Angeles. He's considering a series of workshops on building advocates within the local advisory councils and how to develop close relationships with state officials by making connections with local representatives. Mr. Kelch discussed the need to have a strong advocacy network in order to get the funding needed to make AAA programs whole again. Mr. Kelch also reviewed the C4A budget fact sheet.
- **Presentation: California Elder Justice Coalition (CEJC)**
Carol Sewell presented on CEJC, an advocacy organization focused on improving policies to prevent and respond to elder abuse.

Meeting recessed at 4:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2015

Meeting reconvened at 8:30 a.m.

Executive Committee Report

The Executive Committee meeting was cancelled due lack of a quorum.

Randall announced the Older Americans Month recognition on the Assembly Floor on Monday at the invitation of Assmblymember Cheryl Brown.

- **Appointment of Nominating Committee**

President Randall announced the appointment of Nominating Committee members, Jeri Johnson, Judith Eisen and Alan Masden.

- **CCoA Report**

Fitzpatrick requested early submission of travel expense claims due to the end of the fiscal year. Fitzpatrick discussed her concerns with possibility of a TACC Meeting in Los Angeles with C4A in November, as proposed during the C4A presentation. A handout on mandated reporting prepared by CANHR was distributed with the agenda.

- **Presentation: Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program’s Advisory Council**

Leza Coleman, Executive Director, California Long-Term Care Ombudsman Association (CLTCOA) discussed the work of CLTCOA and the organization’s strong membership and advocacy.

- **TACC ROUNDTABLE: LONG-TERM CARE OMBUDSMAN ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Moderator: Kathy Randall, TACC President

TACC discussed various AAA structures and approaches to LTCOP services and the advisory council requirement. Discussed AAA Advisory Council connections to the LTCO.

- **PSA Reports**

PSA 31- Rick Dahlgren reported on the Advisory Council’s strong relationship with the Board of Supervisors; one member attends every Advisory Council meeting. The Senior Companion program has boosted volunteerism; the new program director has drawn lots of interest. Working on updating information in the written PSA report. The County, State, and Congressional representatives all send attendees to the senior rally day event. The County is proposing \$350,000 match to federal AAA funding.

PSA 5 - James Monson reported the Advisory Council is working to get “senior corners” in public libraries allowing seniors access to relevant materials. Advisory Council is working to improve its relationship with the Board of Supervisors: 10 Advisory Council Members (Commissioners) are board appointees; others are municipal appointees.

PSA 6 - Cathy Russo reported on Coalition of Agencies Serving the Elderly (CASE) in San Francisco, which is a membership organization of all service providers. CASE discusses problems, identifies solutions, pools resources and mobilizes constituents to act to solve problems (such as free transportation for low-inc seniors and persons with disabilities).

PSA 20 - David Wilder reported on the area agencies one-time only use of funds to print newspaper insert for all local papers. The 20th interdisciplinary MTD conference was held last week.

PSA 7 - Gail Garrett reported on senior rally day, which brought a large Contra Costa contingent. The Board of Supervisors honored Gerald Richards and other seniors on May 12th. Working to increase volunteerism; the expectations that baby boomers would pitch in haven’t been met.

PSA 23 - Kathy Randall reported on the county supervisors focus on senior issues in 2014 – especially abuse prevention through increased funding for the Ombudsman and funding. The Advisory Council has an Ombudsman committee to keep focus on the program.

- **Next Meeting: August 11-12, 2015 in Sacramento**

The next TACC meeting will be held August 11-12, 2015 at the Vagabond Inn hotel in Sacramento.

- **Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.