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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

December 1-2, 2015

Vagabond Inn, Sacramento, Ca

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2015

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

President Randall called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

- **Pledge of Allegiance**

Randall led the Pledge of Allegiance.

- **Welcome to new TACC members**

Randall welcomed new TACC member Pam Epley from PSA 4.

- **Brief Self-Introductions**

TACC Members introduced themselves.

- **Establish a Quorum**

TACC Members Present:

PSA 26 Eileen Bostwick

PSA 31 Rick Dahlgren

PSA 4 Pam Epley

PSA 14 Minerva Garcia

PSA 7 Gail Garrett

PSA 18 June Glasmeier

PSA 30 Jeri Johnson

PSA 29 Vicki Ludwig

PSA 2 Alan Masden

PSA 33 Marti Overfield

PSA 23 Kathy Randall

PSA 28 Steve Rozensky

PSA 6 Cathy Russo

PSA 21 Gloria Sanchez

PSA 17 Martin Tucker

PSA 12 Marge Warner

PSA 20 David Wilder

PSA 19 Linda Yamauchi

PSA 5 Sybil Boutilier

Staff: Sandi Fitzpatrick, Carol Sewell, Marcella Villanueva

Guests: Alicia Sebastian, Benny Wong, Joseph Choi, Jane Stan, Derrell Kelch, L. Vance Taylor, Elaine Rosen, Maggie Borowiak.

A quorum was established.

- **Approve Agenda**

The December 1-2, 2015 TACC General meeting agenda was amended to include an emergency action to appoint a Nominating Committee.

M/S/C (Ludwig/Masden)

APPROVED WITH AMENDMENT

- **Approve Minutes of August 11-12, 2015 TACC Meeting**

The August 11-12, 2015 TACC General Meeting minutes were approved as circulated.

M/S/C (Wilder/Glasmeier)

APPROVED

- **Public Comment**

None

- **Presentation: Opportunities for Senior Rural Housing**

Alicia Sebastian, Housing & Community Development Director of the California Coalition for Rural Housing (CCRH), reviewed CCRH's work representing non-profit low-income housing developers statewide. The organization works on housing for farmworkers, Native American communities, and senior housing in rural areas, as well as financial literacy and asset building.

- **President's Report/Executive Committee Report**

President Randall provided the Executive Committee report and announced her decision to resign from TACC as of February due to her appointment to the Commission on Aging.

The Executive Committee recommends February 23-24, 2016 as the next meeting date, with a May date to be determined for the following meeting. TACC will meet around September 13, 2016 so that members can attend the SCAN Foundation LTSS Summit.

MSC (Wilder/Sanchez)

TO ACCEPT THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT.

- **Appointment of Nominating Committee**

Randall announced the appointment of Gloria Sanchez, Alan Masden (Chair) and Jeri Johnson to serve as Nominating Committee members to develop a slate for election of a new TACC vice president.

- **CCoA Report**

Fitzpatrick provided the CCoA report.

- **Federal Budget and OAA Reauthorization Update**

Fitzpatrick provided an update on the federal budget and OAA reauthorization.

- **PSA Reports**

PSA 20 – David Wilder included the AAA's quarterly report in his PSA report; asked how other advisory councils track what their area agencies are doing.

PSA 7 – Gail Garrett announced the AAA's new director, Victoria Tolbert, formerly from Alameda. Working to restore programs to former status; lots of earlier changes had diminished services.

PSA 19 – Linda Yamauchi's AAA is working to increase the council's visibility; creating newsletter to highlight committee work and initiatives around the state.

PSA 14 – Minerva Garcia’s Advisory Council is surveying rural communities to track needs in ethnic pockets. Working to educate on abuse and promote senior participation in community activities.

PSA 21 – Gloria Sanchez reported the PSA’s director will be retiring. New director Anna Martinez to begin in January; have other spots to be filled. Have established a legislative committee for the first time.

PSA 2 – Alan Masden reported the Joint Powers Authority sent a letter to State Controller to express concerns about the state withholding funds when state budgets are held up. Also seeing many physicians retiring; big concern.

PSA 6 – Cathy Russo reported that Director Anne Hinton is retiring; not sure who will take over. Supervisors will be appointing a replacement soon.

PSA 29 – Vicki Ludwig reported the City of South Lake Tahoe wants to take over the county’s senior center; it’s on city property. Partnering with a church, food bank and a senior organization to help provide congregate meals. Have raised funds for Safe at Home program to install grab bars but are limited in rented properties; owner must give permission for installation under Fair Housing laws.

PSA 30 – Jeri Johnson reported the local Commission on Aging hosted its first booth at the county’s October Healthy Aging Summit; distributed brochures.

PSA 12 – Marge Warner reported the Advisory Council’s annual fundraiser raised over \$100,000; local casino donates the food. Also got \$60,000 in one-time only funds; will donate to Calaveras County to replace the senior center’s van that burned during the fires.

Meeting recessed for lunch at 12:00 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 1:15 p.m.

- **PSA Reports**

PSA reports were postponed.

- **Presentation: A Pilot Study: an Examination of Five Case Studies Exploring the Effectiveness of the Therababy® in the Management of Seniors with Moderate to Severe Dementia.**

Presenters: Benny Wong, LCSW, Senior Program Director, SteppingStone, and Joseph Choi, P.E., Founder & CEO, TheraBaby®, discussed the development of TheraBaby in response to Mr. Choi’s mother’s Alzheimer’s. Use of a baby doll calmed her and helped her focus, leading Mr. Choi to do a study of quality of life improvements for the senior and the caregiver as a result of using Therababy. They are currently designing 2nd-3rd generation doll that can talk and would like to distribute to On-lok in San Francisco and to non-profit senior organizations. Mr. Wong discussed their research and long-term goals for product development.

- **Presentation: Dine Around Town**

Jane Stan, Nutrition Services Manager/Program Manger at Area 4 Agency on Aging discussed development of “Dine Around Town” program in Yuba and Sutter counties, where there was difficulty keeping a nutrition provider. Program design is based on a restaurant voucher program started by PSA 12 in the 1990s. Dietician works with restaurant staff to develop menu; seniors carpool to restaurants and present vouchers. Participants can get 4-12 vouchers per month.

- **PSA Reports**

PSA 5 – Sybil Boutilier reported a recent survey done in Spanish, Vietnamese, English; had 3,300 surveys returned. Marin is part of the Age Friendly movement: commit to 5 year assessment, strategic planning through the World Health Organization (WHO). Project looks at housing transportation, socialization for improvement to make a community more age friendly. Working to promote public awareness of aging issues with local government and business leaders.

PSA 31– Rick Dahlgren reported his Advisory Council reviewed their bylaws and found one person could hold three positions. Finally agreed on bylaws change. Conducting area plan surveys and public hearings. Interested in financing from all the different services. County contributed \$357,000 in 2015-16.

PSA 28 – Steve Rozensky has been researching senior fraud. Finished work on a pamphlet “Schemes, Scams and Frauds - how to recognize them and protect yourself.” Development is funded by the area agency. Designed for use by law enforcement, District Attorney. Will give a copy of pamphlet to TACC members. Idea came from Gloria Sanchez.

PSA 33 – Marti Overfield reported Christmas for seniors is funded through the Aging Commission’s Foundation. This is the 5th year – grocery and other gift cards work best. The value of the cards is \$20-\$25. Independent living center of Kern County has provided seminars on earthquake prevention.

PSA 4 – Pam Epley’s AAA is starting new on area plan process: workgroups within each county will meet over a year; final say will be from the Advisory Council. Hoping process will allow smaller counties to have a little more input.

PSA 17– Martin Tucker reported the AAA has a good relationship with DA’s office regarding scams: news stations have scam alerts and have developed a 22-page booklet. AAA is sponsoring radio spots on HICAP; phones have been ringing off the hook. Finished area plan development; biggest concern is Advisory Council membership.

PSA 18 – June Glasmeier shared an informational placemat developed for use at congregate meal sites.

PSA 22 – Kathy Randall did not have additional information to add to her written report.

PSA 26 – Eileen Bostwick reported November was the first time in 7 years had a full council with members who are interested in older adult issues, many having background in aging. Will conduct elder abuse training in spring with a speaker from UC Davis. Planning our next conference for May.

Gloria Sanchez was named Woman of the Year in her Riverside County.

- **Recess until tomorrow morning**

Meeting recessed at 3:44 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2015

Meeting reconvened at 8:30 a.m.

- **Presentation: C4A Update**

Derrell Kelch, Executive Director, California Association of Area Agencies on Aging, reviewed events at the C4A Conference in November. Good advocacy session by a San Francisco organization. Mr.

Kelch reviewed 2016 priorities of C4A, including a proposed ballot initiative that would possibly benefit senior programs. C4A plans to lead a 2016 World Elder Abuse Awareness Day campaign.

- **Presentation: Disaster Preparedness: A View from the State**

L. Vance Taylor, Chief, Office of Access and Functional Needs, Governor's Office of Emergency Services, reviewed the work of OES' Office of Access and Functional Needs to address needs of individuals disproportionately impacted by disasters. Office exists to identify needs before disasters and to integrate those issues into disaster response.

- **Presentation: Recent Experiences with California Wild Fires**

Eileen Bostwick discussed the recent wildfires in Lake and Mendocino counties and impacts on senior population. 70% evacuees in shelters were older adults; 20% of Lake County's population is over age 65; difficult to track where people went. Losses were immense; insurance companies are fighting people over claims. Now trying to keep service centers open. Distributed \$1.42 million to victims so far; prioritize the most poor and uninsured (\$1,500 or \$1,000 each) – community pulled together. Much recovery left to do.

Steve Rozensky - Napa & Sonoma Counties

Worked with the shelter in Calistoga Fairgrounds which served Lake County fire victims due to the loss of 2000 structures. Napa County's response was good; local chef came immediately to help; feeding 300 by the next morning – up to 1000 by the next night. Enlisted other chefs to help out; donated time and food throughout. There have been problems with donations not going to local disasters; cost of disaster response is significant. Many churches and one senior center couldn't do their work because of so many donations; donated items during disasters aren't really helpful. Donating cash is better.

Marge Warner – Alpine, Amador, Calaveras, Mariposa, Tuolumne Counties

During the Butte Fire CalFire presentation to Amador County Supervisors resulted in a well-organized and smooth operation. Evacuees often stopped to watch fire activity and ended up blocking the roads to fire equipment. Public expressed concerns over regular fire department not being on the fire lines; people forget there are other emergencies that must be addressed. AAA visited all evacuation centers and Advisory Council members gave hours of volunteer time. Calaveras County set up case management group to help individuals get through. Local Office of Emergency Services is working on recovery; have asked them to provide the AAA with recommendations for what they can do to help.

- **TACC ROUNDTABLE: DISASTER PREPAREDNESS**

Moderator: Kathy Randall

TACC members shared experiences of disasters that impacted their PSA's; many included the recent fires and mudslides. TACC members agreed that most of their AAA's and Advisory Council's play a key role in disaster preparedness and discussed their Advisory Council's process in developing the Disaster Preparedness section within the Area Plan.

- **Next Meeting:**

The next TACC meeting will be held February 23-24, 2016 at the Vagabond Inn, Sacramento.

- **Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.