



# TACC – TRIPLE-A COUNCIL OF CALIFORNIA

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## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

February 23-24, 2016

Vagabond Inn, Sacramento

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2016

- **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**

President Randall welcomed new TACC members and members introduced themselves.

- **Brief Self-Introductions**

TACC members introduced themselves.

- **Establish a Quorum**

**TACC Members Present:**

PSA 2 Alan Masden

PSA 4 Gloria Plasencia

PSA 5 Sybil Boutillier

PSA 6 Cathy Russo

PSA 7 Gerald Richards

PSA 12 Phil Sherwood

PSA 20 Elaine Rosen

PSA 14 Minerva Garcia

PSA 17 Martin Tucker

PSA 26 Eileen Bostwick

PSA 19 Linda Yamauchi

PSA 22 Elizabeth Busick

PSA 27 Ruth Robeson

PSA 29 Vicki Ludwig

PSA 30 Jeri Johnson

PSA 31 Rick Dahlgren

PSA 33 Marti Overfield

PSA 3 Evan Levang

PSA 23 Kathy Randall

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

**Guests:** Rosemary Bahmani, Suzanne Reed, Chelsea Lee, Ed Long, Gary Passmore, Molly Simones

A quorum was established.

- **Approve Agenda**

The February 23-24, 2016 TACC General meeting agenda was approved as circulated.

M/S/C (Busick/Overfield)

**TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 23-24, 2016 TACC AGENDA.**

- **Approve Minutes of December 1-2, 2015 TACC Meeting**

The December 1-2, 2015 TACC General meeting minutes were approved as circulated.

M/S/C (Masden/Johnson)

- **Public Comment**

Busick discussed the opportunity to contribute to the CSL fund on state tax forms line 427.

- **Presentation: TACC Orientation**

Fitzpatrick and Villanueva provided an orientation on state procedures.

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

Randall provided the Executive Committee meeting report.

- **CCoA Report**

Fitzpatrick provided the CCoA report.

- **President's OAA FY 17 Budget**

Fitzpatrick discussed the President's OAA FY 2017 budget.

- **Election of Vice President**

Nominating Committee Chair Masden recognized members of the Committee; Jeri Johnson and Gloria Sanchez. He noted that both Sanchez and Marti Overfield are both on the ballot for Vice President.

In Sanchez' absence, Fitzpatrick read Sanchez' candidate statement for the position of Vice President. Overfield announced that she would withdraw her candidacy for the office of VP.

Gloria Sanchez was elected Vice President by acclamation.

- **PSA Reports**

PSA 4 - Gloria Plasencia has no additional information to add to the written report.

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

PSA 17 - Martin Tucker reported working on public meetings for the Area Plan; partnering with the D.A's office on scam and exploitation awareness.

PSA 31 - Rick Dahlgren provides routine reports on TACC and CSL at advisory council meetings; asks if other TACC members do the same.

PSA 5 - Sybil Boutilier reported on the Age-Friendly Cities movement which is included in the Area Plan: working with other communities to begin the process with funding assistance from the county; developing age-friendly permit process for home improvements for seniors.

PSA 22 - Elizabeth Busick has no additional information to add to the written report.

PSA 29 -Vicky Ludwig is hoping to get the County to expand the Commission on Aging and looking for ways to create emeritus positions allowing former commissioners to attend without voting. The Area Agency has asked the Aging Commission to plan an OAA month event that was traditionally handled by the agency. The Commission is not created for that purpose.

PSA 20 - Elaine Rosen reported an ad hoc ordinance/bylaws committee was created for updating Advisory Council procedures.

PSA 12 -Phil Sherwood reported the Council has pushed AAA staff to examine relationships between variables to identify the most vulnerable, which include single women who are renters and live alone, with generally a negative outlook. Working on location-specific needs in order to best position services. Planning WEEAD event for June 15, 2016. Still dealing with impacts of fires on senior services: access to shelters, need for prescriptions after evacuations: working to plan for more access.

PSA 30 - Jeri Johnson has no additional information to add to the written report.

PSA 6 - Cathy Russo reported the Council is still addressing leadership change at agency. Commission routinely lists the Advisory Council on the agenda to address issues. TACC report is always presented to the Commission.

PSA 2 - Alan Masden has no additional information to add to the written report.

PSA 27 - Ruth Robeson reported the Sonoma County Community Foundation provided funding for LGBTQI service providers and AAA also received a grant for elder abuse victim services funding. The newest advisory council member was just told his Gerontology Department was folding at Sonoma State University.

Meeting recessed for lunch at 11:45 a.m.

Meeting reconvened at 1:05 p.m.

- **PSA Reports**

PSA 14 - Minerva Garcia AAA's survey of homeless is not yet complete. Hunger is still an issue. Many retired seniors are still active but not sure when to apply for Medicare or Social Security and many are misinformed.

PSA 19 - Linda Yamauchi has no additional information to add to the written report.

PSA 7 - Gerald Richards reported Contra Costa County is under a hiring freeze. The new director was just hired and has been given a waiver by the board of supervisors to hire program managers, whose positions were vacated over the summer. Advisory Council has tried to put a housing workgroup together for over a year and trying to find a project to work on. Heard presentation on a Marin County shared housing program and learned how it works. Sonoma County's shared housing program includes intergenerational component. The hope is to develop a shared housing program.

PSA 23 - Rosemarie Bahmani reported the Area plan development is underway.

PSA 26 - Eileen Bostwick reported 14 donated Therababy dolls from Joseph Choi being used in adult day centers in Mendocino County for older adults with Alzheimer's and other issues.

PSA 3 - Evan Levang reported the Advisory Council received results of local Area Plan survey. Two acute problems: transportation and housing. AAA has partnered with state's Older Individuals who are Blind Program; received \$140,000 grant to cover 9 counties. Levang's program does home assessment. Work with the Society for the Blind, Independent Living Center (ILC).

PSA 17 - Martin Tucker discussed the PSA's emergency preparedness plan.

- **Presentation: *A Shattered System: Reforming Long-Term Care in California Update***

Suzanne Reed, Chief of Staff to Senator Carol Liu, discussed the work of the Senate Select Committee on Aging & Long-Term Care. The 2014 report included over 30 recommendations that were turned into legislation; the result was 37 bills introduced by 17 legislators, with 13 eventually signed into law. Ms. Reed reviewed the various bills, covering creation of an Aging & Long-Term Care Council, hospital discharge training for family caregivers; long-term care financing.

Chelsea Lee, Legislative Aide to Senator Liu provided a brief overview of key legislation; reviewed all bills that have been enacted.

- **Presentation: *Area Plan Update***

Ed Long, Deputy Director, Long-Term Care & Aging Services Division, CDA, reviewed guidance given to AAAs for area plan development process and discussed OAA objectives, which include adequate income, best possible physical, and mental health, etc. Mr. Long noted that the OAA is about engagement, full participation from the planning service area and operation. The purposes of Advisory Councils are to provide input into the development of the AAA and the exercise of the area plan.

- **PSA Reports**

Completed

- **Recessed at 4:11 p.m.**

## **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2016**

Meeting reconvened at 8:35 a.m.

- **Presentation: *Senior Hunger in California***

Gary Passmore, Vice President, Congress of California Seniors discussed nutrition initiatives under consideration to address older adult food insecurity and senior poverty. Looking at ways to increase the state's match of OAA nutrition dollars, increasing access to SNAP program for SSI/SSP recipients, and possibly promoting donations to nutrition programs through a tax credit to food producers that contribute products to programs.

Carol Sewell, Legislative Director, California Commission on Aging, described the partnership between CCoA and CCS on the initiatives and reviewed current research on benefits of OAA nutrition programs and the need for greater funding.

- **Presentation: Working With Homeless Seniors**

Molly Simones, Assistant Director of Friendship Park, a program of Loaves and Fishes Daytime services, described the range of problems faced by older homeless. Problems of aging hit homeless individuals at younger ages; over half of her homeless clients are age 50 or older. Incontinence, mobility and memory problems affect older homeless individuals; program works to help with the full range of concerns. Staff keeps track of where they live, phone numbers of social workers, etc. Even though many older homeless have some form of income (SSI, retirement) it is difficult for them to get and keep housing especially if they have had an eviction, criminal background or are unable to live alone due to mental illness or other conditions. Ms. Simones said her program works with the county social services and Mercy health services to meet homeless seniors' needs.

- **TACC ROUNDTABLE: THE PROBLEM OF SENIOR HOMELESSNESS IN CALIFORNIA** Moderator: Kathy Randall

TACC members shared the problems, concerns and possible solutions of senior homelessness in their PSA's.

Linda Yamauchi said her PSA places significant emphasis on helping the homeless. Advisory Council districts are looking at district-wide homeless numbers. L.A.'s mayor is developing city-wide plan that will include seniors, starting with shelter and then adding on additional services.

TACC members are not aware of an area plan that incorporates homeless programs.

TACC members discussed the PSAs various presentations on homeless programs and efforts to work with outside programs.

- **Remarks from Outgoing President's Remarks**

Randall expressed gratitude to TACC members and staff for their work and their passion for the issues.

- **Presentation to Outgoing President**

Incoming President Eileen Bostwick presented Kathy Randall with an award and thanked her for her service as TACC President for the past two years.

- **Remarks from Incoming President**

President Bostwick commented on how valuable the meetings are and complimented the caliber of presenters, topics, and leadership.

- **Next Meeting: TBD**

The next TACC meeting will be May 3-4, 2016 at the Vagabond Inn Sacramento.

- **Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 11:14 a.m.