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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

December 6-7, 2016

Vagabond Inn, Sacramento

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2016

- **Call to Order – Eileen Bostwick, TACC President**

President Bostwick called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m. Bostwick led the Pledge of Allegiance.

- **Welcome to new TACC members**

There were no new TACC members.

- **Self-Introductions**

TACC Members introduced themselves.

- **Establish a Quorum**

TACC Members Present:

PSA 26 Eileen Bostwick

PSA 22 Elizabeth Busick

PSA 23 Rosemarie Bahmani

PSA14 Minerva Garcia

PSA 7 Gail Garrett

PSA 10 Danice Picraux

PSA 5 Sybil Boutilier

PSA 2 Alan Masden

PSA 31 Clifford Monte

PSA 21 Gloria Sanchez

PSA 20 David Wilder

PSA 19 Linda Yamauchi

PSA 30 Jeri Johnson

PSA 28 Steve Rozensky

PSA 4 Gloria Plasencia

PSA 33 Marti Overfield

PSA 12 Elizabeth Thompson

PSA 17 Martin Tucker

Staff: Sandi Fitzpatrick, Carol Sewell, Marcella Villanueva

Guests: Mr. Picraux, Leza Coleman, Derrell Kelch, Ed Long, Jerrod Sieberg

A quorum was established.

- **Approve Agenda**

The December 6-7, 2016 General TACC Meeting agenda was approved as circulated.

M/S/C (Wilder/Sanchez)

TO APPROVE THE TACC AGENDA.

- **Approve Minutes of September 12-13, 2016 Meeting**

The September 12-13, 2016 TACC meeting minutes were approved as circulated.

M/S/C (Wilder/Overfield)

TO APPROVE THE SEPTEMBER 12-13, 2016 TACC MINUTES.

- **Public Comment**

None

- **Presentation: California Association of Area Agencies on Aging UPDATE**

Presenter: Derrell Kelch, Executive Director, C4A

Mr. Kelch reviewed the history and purpose of C4A; implications of the new federal administration and possible changes in federal programs. He stressed the increased importance of advocacy at the state and federal level in order to assure continuation of essential programs. Mr. Kelch reviewed C4A's legislative priorities for 2017, including nutrition funding and establishing the Aging & Disability Resource Connection definition in statute and restoration of the Alzheimer's Day Care Resource Centers.

- **Executive Committee Report**

Bostwick provided the Executive Committee report and reviewed the approved TACC meeting schedule for 2017.

- Executive Committee approved Meeting Schedule for 2017 is as follows:

February 7-8, 2017

May 16-17, 2017*

August 22-23, 2017

December 5-6, 2017

*The May meeting will include TACC's participation in Senior Rally Day and with the State Plan on Aging Public Hearing

- **CCoA Report**

Fitzpatrick and Sewell provided the CCoA report.

- Fitzpatrick provided an update on the federal election and background on the nominee for HHS Secretary.
- Fitzpatrick referenced the Strengthening Social Security Act bill introduced in Congress.
- Older American's Act Appropriation Levels should be extended under a continuing resolution and discussed impacts should reductions be approved under new Congress.
- Fitzpatrick shared CCoA's Aging, Women & Poverty in California policy brief and CCoA's ongoing efforts to bring the topic forward.
- Sewell reviewed CCoA's Final 2016 Legislation Summary
- Fitzpatrick shared information about LAO's report on disability and aging and referenced the new demographic report from the LAO's office released on December 5th.
- Provided update on Senator Liu's term ending and unknown status of the Senate Select Committee on Aging & Long-Term Care.

- **Recess**

Meeting recessed for lunch at 11:30 a.m.

Meeting reconvened at 12:52 p.m.

- **Presentation: Senior Driver Ombudsman Program**

Presenter: Jerrod Sieberg, Manager, California DMV Senior Driver Ombudsman Program

The California DMV Senior Driver Ombudsman program was created in 2003 and developed to assist seniors. The Ombudsman's job is to advocate on behalf of seniors for DMV services and to make sure seniors can stay on the road as long as possible. There are four total Ombudsmen for the state; two in southern California and two in Northern California. More information can be found at www.dmv.ca.gov

- **PSA Reports**

PSA 2 - Alan Masden reported the Advisory Council is still doing a survey of activities as was mentioned from last meeting. No written report submitted.

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

PSA 5 - Sybil Boutilier reported that Sausalito's general plan will include Age Friendly Community provisions. The community's a volunteer driver program for seniors is staffed by 40 volunteer drivers that work one four-hour day per month. The written report was submitted by Teri Dowling.

PSA 7 – Gail Garrett reported the housing workgroup is trying to get funding for a home sharing program is working well.

PSA 10- Danice and Tom Picraux reported that Santa Clara County housing and transportation bond measures passed. Looking at how a large amount of money is going to be spent for transportation. An Age Friendly Cities initiative has a goal that every city/town will become earn the designation. A countywide survey is being done and a report will be done in 4 weeks.

PSA 12 – Elizabeth Thompson reported the Advisory Council has new members and officers. No written report submitted.

PSA 14 – Minerva Garcia reported continued focus on education, nutrition, prevention of abuse and homelessness among seniors. Abuse Prevention informational meetings are held to educate the community. There is an on-going concern with homelessness.

PSA 17-Martin Tucker reported the Advisory Council held a candidates forum on October 14 to answer questions and concerns. Recently reviewed 10 proposals from CSL and sent to local area agencies.

PSA 19-Linda Yamauchi reported on purposeful aging; three year implementation. The Advisory Council will be involved in the planning effort. Homelessness continues to be a large problem in Southern California.

PSA 20 – David Wilder reported Luella Hairston was not able to make the meeting as planned. Last month Congressman Aguilar asked for federal support for nutrition and housing. County is considering supportive senior housing program through a 30-year contract.

PSA 21- Gloria Sanchez reported three cities formed an alliance to start looking at homelessness; 300 homeless students have been identified. Nutrition is number one with housing and transportation still at the top of the priority list. The Transportation Reimbursement Escort Program (TREP) is funded from the office on aging.

PSA 22 – Elizabeth Busick reported on working to raise the profile of older adults in Orange County. Received One Time Only (OTO) monies from CDA. October 26 was the annual provider service meeting.

PSA 23-Rosemarie Bahmani reported the Housing Committee has started to look into shared housing; Elder Help nonprofit organization is doing a pilot project. Also trying to decide if the AAA Advisory Council should continue to be the advisory council to the ADRC and see what the legal implication would be. A study is being done on food insecurity among older people. The ombudsman program in San Diego County has been reshaped having re-hired enough people to staff the program.

PSA 26- Eileen Bostwick reported seven senior centers were struggling due to shortage of staff and volunteers. Housing problem is accelerating due to an increased cost of housing and increased rents.

PSA 28-Steve Rozensky reported the Advisory Council has matched seniors for shared housing in Napa. There will be more information to follow.

PSA 30 - Jeri Johnson announced the local foundation will be holding a fundraiser this week to raise money for senior programs.

PSA 31 – Clifford Monte reported the new Advisory Council bylaws were passed filling empty positions on the Council. A new bulletin was created by a volunteer to inform seniors of services available in their county and upcoming/ongoing senior activities.

PSA 33- Marti Overfield reported the Christmas for seniors project is a county wide program that provides seniors with gift cards, toiletries and cleaning supplies.

- **Presentation: Preview of the State Plan on Aging 2018-2022**
Presenter: Ed Long, Deputy Director, Long-Term Care and Aging Services Division, California Department of Aging

Mr. Long provided an overview of the State Plan process. A new plan is completed every four years. Three public hearings will be held in Sacramento, Fresno and Los Angeles. The May TACC meeting will coincide with the Sacramento hearing. Mr. Long announced his retirement and said Dean Fujimoto from San Joaquin AAA will be replacing him.

President Bostwick thanked Ed Long and presented him with a retirement card from TACC members.

- **Recess**

Meeting recessed at 4:06 p.m.

- **Optional Evening Activity: No-host dinner 5:30 p.m.**
Pilot House Restaurant, Delta King Hotel
1000 Front Street, Sacramento
TACC members are responsible for their own transportation

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2016

Meeting reconvened at 9:05 a.m.

- **Presentation: Looking towards 2017 – Issues Impacting the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program**
Presenter: Leza Coleman, Executive Director, California Long-Term Care Ombudsman Association

Ms. Coleman provided an overview of the state's 35 programs/33 PSA's and discussed the different structures, funding (federal and state), and new federal laws for how Ombudsman programs are run in the state. Volunteer numbers have dropped statewide by 775. Ms. Coleman said the most frequent complaint across the state for Ombudsman is for wrongful and illegal eviction.

Ms. Coleman's suggestion to TACC members:

1. Go on ride along/find out how your Ombudsman program is structured.
2. Read the book Being Mortal
3. Do more advocacy work on new ways to pay for assisted living.
4. Make friends with your county board of supervisors

- **TACC ROUNDTABLE: Person Centered Care**
Moderator: Gloria Sanchez, TACC Vice President

TACC members discussed problems and concerns and shared personal experiences around Person Centered Care.

Many TACC members agreed the following are important to Person Centered Care:

- Base care on each individual's needs: some need support group, drivers, readers, shoppers; volunteers community members to help live independently.
 - Include medical, family, social aspects
 - Have an Advance Directive and DNR
 - Advance directives – need to understand the terms legally and medically
 - Important to honor a person's choice –whether it means to be at risk if they so choose
 - Need better communication between law enforcement and ombudsman
 - Need to have a voice for those who don't have advocates
 - Educate families, medical profession and other agencies
 - Need legislation to allow people to die
- **Next Meeting: February 7-8, 2017 at the Vagabond Inn Sacramento.**
Bostwick/Fitzpatrick reviewed date and location of next TACC meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.