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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

August 8-9, 2017

Vagabond Inn, Sacramento

TUESDAY, AUGUST 8, 2017

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

President Bostwick called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

- **Pledge of Allegiance**

Bostwick led the Pledge of Allegiance.

- **Welcome new TACC members**

President Bostwick welcomed new TACC members David Wood, PSA 15, Diana Love, PSA 19, Salamah Locks, PSA 5, and Greg Gollihur, sitting in for Vicki Ludwig, PSA 29.

- **Self-Introductions**

TACC members introduced themselves.

- **Establish a Quorum**

TACC Members Present:

Eileen Bostwick	PSA 26	Jeri Johnson	PSA 30
Elizabeth Busick	PSA 22	David Wood	PSA 15
Gloria Sanchez	PSA 21	Danice Picraux	PSA 10
David Wilder	PSA 20	Janet Clark	PSA 12
Ruth Robeson	PSA 27	Peggy Wood	PSA 2
Minerva Garcia	PSA 14	Shirley Krohn	PSA 7
Steve Rozensky	PSA 28	Cathy Russo	PSA 6
Rosemarie Bahmani	PSA 23	Greg Gollihur	PSA 29
Diana Love	PSA 19	Salamah Locks	PSA 5

Staff: Sandi Fitzpatrick, Carol Sewell, Marcella Villanueva

Guests: Katie Wade, Kiran Savage-Sangwan, Amber Christ, Tom Picraux

A quorum was established

- **Approve Agenda**

The August 8-9, 2017 General TACC meeting agenda was approved as circulated.

M/S/C (Wilder/Busick)

APPROVED

- **Approve Minutes of May 10-11, 2017 Meeting**

The May 10-11, 2017 General TACC meeting minutes were approved as circulated.

M/S/C (Wilder/Sanchez)

APPROVED

Four abstentions: Diana Love, Salamah Locks, David Wood and Greg Gollihur

- **Public Comment for items not on the agenda**

None

- **Executive Committee Report**

President Bostwick provided the Executive Committee report.

1. **December Meeting Discussion/No Host Dinner**

Holiday meal on December 5 in the evening. Minerva Garcia volunteered to schedule and coordinate. It is okay to bring a guest but a head count will be needed as soon as possible.

2. **Tax Check-Off Contributions**

Funding for TACC comes from the tax check-off on tax forms. A technical issue with Turbo Tax affected how tax check-off contributions could be made but has now been corrected. TACC was not impacted to the degree that other funds were. California Seniors Special Fund is the tax check-off for TACC.

3. **2018 Participation: C4A Capitol Day (Feb. 2018) and Senior Rally Day (May 2018)**

2018 TACC meetings set for February 21 and 22nd to coordinate with C4A for Capitol Day and May 7-8 to correspond with Senior Rally Day on May 8.

Meeting programs for December: Stanislaus "Move" is the transportation program headed by Stacey Morales. Also looking at a broad approach to housing dilemma and homelessness and possibly presentation on long-term care system changes. Many options for good meeting topics for December.

4. **TACC Website Update**

TACC website to be transitioned to the State for compliance with State policy and the ADA.

- **ROUNDTABLE: How did your Area Agency on Aging celebrate Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse Awareness Month?**

TACC Members discussed various ways their Area Agencies on Aging celebrated/acknowledged Elder Dependent Adult Abuse Awareness Month.

- **CCoA Report**

Fitzpatrick provided the CCoA report.

- 1. Commission Update**

September meeting in Marin and December meeting in San Diego. Planning for meetings and topics in 2018; intergenerational, community living, elder poverty,

- 2. State Plan on Aging Update**

State plan on aging has been approved by Region 9 and is off to D.C. Current version on the CDA website was approved by Region 9 Administrator. Fitzpatrick appreciates TACC comments offered at the hearing in May

- 3. 2017-2018 State Budget Summary**

No changes to CDA budget or Older Americans Act programs.

- 4. Federal Issues Update (2 documents attached)**

New Assistant Secretary of Administration for Community Living (ACL) (replaced Kathy Greenlee) is Lance Robertson, former head of Oklahoma Department of Aging.

- 5. TACC Reimbursement Process (attached)**

Villanueva emailed TACC members the TACC Reimbursement Process document back in July. Questions or concerns to be directed to Villanueva.

Logistics for tomorrow's Denti-Cal presentation to be held at CDA were reviewed.

- **PSA Reports – All members**

PSA 2 - Peggy Wood reported the Advisory Council's recruitment is done by word of mouth. Pressing issue is transportation and the growing number of Alzheimer's cases; currently looking for funding.

PSA 5 - Salamah Locks reported that all Advisory Council membership positions are filled. The County is a mix of both rural and urban. The Advisory Council will have a booth at the 32nd annual senior information fair on October 25th. A letter advocating for mental health and cognitive impairment services was prepared; members will speak to the Board of Supervisors prior to upcoming funding decisions. There is a growing Age-Friendly Community movement in Marin. The Advisory Council will be hosting the California Commission on Aging (CCoA) September 7-8.

PSA 6 - Cathy Russo reported housing, transportation and homelessness, especially homeless seniors, and immigration are problems in San Francisco City/County.

PSA 7 Shirley Krohn reported in September the Advisory Council will have a speaker on medical cannabis and the medical benefits. The Senior Transportation forum will be held on the 29th. Measure X did not pass- 3 separate transportation providers do not work together. Will try to bring the measure back. Senior Rally Day will be May 8, 2018.

PSA 10 - Danice Picraux reported senior transportation is a major issue in county.

- **PSA Reports – All members**

PSA 15 - David Wood reported the Advisory Council is working to recruit additional members; now have Native American elder on the tribe; working to bring in more diversity. There has been discussion about transportation; aging & mental health issues; and challenges with poverty. There will be a housing meeting this week; Air B&B and vacation rentals are pricing out elderly and low-income homeowners.

PSA 19 - Diana Love reported on Advisory Council structure, with 50 members; 6 standing committees; 12 vacancies. Goal is to improve the lives of LA residents of all ages. Recently held “Bringing our Loved Ones Home” task force – groups are looking at technology options and funding. There will be a proposal for presentation to the Board of Supervisors to address wandering.

PSA 20 - David Wilder reported on transit issues. The transit budgets are being based on state giving them vehicles. Need transit agencies to apply for 5310 funding; CalTrans provides assistance as well as local transportation agencies. County Transit’s new policy requiring those seeking discount passes to provide identification (ID), address and e-mail. The law requires only identification. He is working to get them to understand the laws.

PSA 21 - Gloria Sanchez reported the AAA director is retiring. Housing, transportation and homelessness are main concerns. There is a need for more senior housing and LGBTQ advocacy. Need to reach out to legislators; invite them to Advisory Council members. Homelessness is a growing issue for seniors; hopeful that efforts will lead to shared housing.

PSA 22 - Elizabeth Busick – Orange County has very high retiree population; anticipate higher rates of growth in the OA population (311% increase in over 85 population by 2020). County also has growing homeless population. AAA did Area Plan Update hearing in July; published a Strategic Plan for Aging.

PSA 23 -- Rosemarie Bahmani reported PSA has no transit training program; committee wrote a position paper which was adopted and now PSA is offering classes. AIS directorship still unfilled; have an interim director in place. County is proposing folding aging programs into community living program; will do “live-well San Diego” to wrap it in. Could be positive; will wait to see.

PSA - Eileen Bostwick reported there is new AAA staff across-the-board. Due to fires, many employees have left the County. Only one advisory member from Lake County remains and people aren’t moving into the area due to limited housing. Advisory Council is working on a campaign to recruit new members. AAA also seeing effect of vacation rentals on housing; has reduce available housing for low-income renters. For those living in vehicles, senior center is training them on how to safely live in their cars. In light of low membership, a bylaws change has been made to allow members’ terms to be extended. There are two groups working on Denti-Cal in the PSA – with a clinic in Ukiah to offer dental services and eye care to older adults.

PSA 28 - Steve Rozenski reported Napa and Solano Counties have published two resource guides. The Advisory Council had a county employee attend meetings to gather information for developing www.SolanoCares4Seniors.org website to provide great information that can be updated on the spot.

PSA 29 – Greg Gollihur reported the Advisory Council’s primary issue is the proposed elimination of legal services program from the County’s aging programs. The proposed elimination would eliminate 3.5 positions; have been county employees financed through county general funds. Legal services are not optional under OAA. Problems and range of needs have grown exponentially. The County is trying to negotiate the federal mandate and the model funded by general funds - very concerned with how to go forward.

PSA 27 – Ruth Robeson reported she is pleased with the hiring of a Sonoma AAA’s new director out of Marin County. There will be a training day at the August retreat; will focus on intergenerational connections.

PSA 30 - Jeri Johnston said she is very grateful for her Area Agency staff. The Advisory Council is working on transportation and housing and the upcoming 15th annual fall prevention and aging summit.

- **PRESENTATION: *Senior Center Without Walls***

PRESENTER: Katie Wade, Program Manager

Ms. Wade reviewed the work of Senior Center Without Walls, a program of Episcopal Senior Communities. Ms. Wade discussed various programs available to address issues of loneliness in older adults and the severe physical and mental implications loneliness has on an older individuals’ well-being.

- **Nominating Committee Report**

Nominating Chair Johnson provided the Nominating Committee report. Slate is Gloria Sanchez for President; Elizabeth Busick and Rosemarie Bahmani for Vice President.

- **Election of Officers**

President Bostwick called for nominations from the floor for President.

M/S/C (Wilder/Krohn)

TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS FOR PRESIDENT.

M/S/C (Wilder/Krohn)

TO ELECT GLORIA SANCHEZ AS TACC PRESIDENT.

President Bostwick called for nominations from the floor for Vice President.

M/S/C (Wilder/Locks)

TO CLOSE THE NOMINATIONS FOR VICE PRESIDENT

Rosemarie Bahmani and Elizabeth Busick delivered statements of interest.

ELIZABETH BUSICK WAS ELECTED TACC VICE PRESIDENT BY PAPER BALLOT.

- **Next Meeting: December 5-6, 2017 (Sacramento)**

The next TACC meeting will be December 5-6, 2017, at the Vagabond Inn, Sacramento.

- **Outgoing Chair's Comments**

Outgoing President Eileen Bostwick thanked members and staff and expressed the value of TACC.

- **Presentation to Outgoing Chair**

Incoming President Gloria Sanchez presented Eileen Bostwick with an award and thanked her for her efforts.

- **Recess**

Meeting recessed at 4:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9, 2017

- **PRESENTATION: *Oral Health and Older Adults (attached)***

PRESENTERS: **Kiran Savage-Sangwan**, California Pan-Ethnic Health Network and the California Oral Health Network

Amber Christ, Justice in Aging

The presentation included an overview of Denti-Cal oral health coverage and issues that uniquely impact older adults. The speakers addressed disparities that exist, the need for targeted outreach and the goals of the newly- created California Oral Health Network.

Following the presentation the TACC meeting adjourned.