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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

December 5 – 6, 2017

Vagabond Inn, Sacramento

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2017

- **Call to Order – Gloria Sanchez, TACC President**

President Sanchez called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

- **Pledge of Allegiance**

David Wilder led the Pledge of Allegiance.

- **Welcome new TACC members**

President Sanchez welcomed new and returning TACC members. Clinton Davis, PSA 2, is new to TACC. Arnold Koenig, PSA 28, is sitting in for Steve Rozensky.

- **Self-Introductions**

TACC members introduced themselves.

- **Establish a Quorum**

TACC Members Present:

Gloria Sanchez	PSA 21	Clinton Davis	PSA 2
Elizabeth Busick	PSA 22	Janet Clark	PSA 12
Eileen Bostwick	PSA 26	Cathy Russo	PSA 6
David Wilder	PSA 20	Vicki Ludwig	PSA 29
Marti Overfield	PSA 33	Minerva Garcia	PSA 14
Diana Love	PSA 19	Shirley Krohn	PSA 7
Arnold Koenig	PSA 28	Jeri Johnson	PSA 30
Rosemarie Bahmani	PSA 23	Danice Picraux	PSA 10
Salamah Locks	PSA 5		

Staff: Sandi Fitzpatrick, Carol Sewell, Marcella Villanueva

Guests: Brenda Anderson, Brian Anderson, Tom Pickax, Stacie Morales, Lori Delagrammatikas, Nina Weiler-Harwell, Derrell Kelch

A quorum was established

- **Approve Agenda**

The December 5-6, 2017 TACC General Meeting agenda was approved as circulated.

M/S/C (Wilder/Krohn)

APPROVED

- **Approve Minutes of August 8-9, 2017 Meeting**

The minutes of the August 8-9, 2017 TACC meeting were approved as circulated.

M/S/C (Wilder/Overfield)

APPROVED WITH CORRECTION.

PSA 26 is missing in the minutes

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

Arnold Koenig member of Napa County Alliance for Senior Education, reported on plans for Elder Abuse Awareness Month events which will feature best practices for senior services.

Brenda Anderson raised concerns regarding unlicensed long-term care facilities. Goal is to make any facility that houses people and provides care should be licensed.

Shirley Krohn reported on Senior Rally, scheduled for May 8th with long-term care as the topic.

Janet Clark announced that Disability Capitol Action Day at Cesar Chavez Park will be on June 7, 2018.

- **Executive Committee Report**

President Sanchez provided the Executive Committee report.

A. Tax Check-Off Status

Fitzpatrick reported on low 2017 tax check-off contributions due to a technical error with online tax filing software. The problem has been fixed and TACC's fund has increased. Staff will create a flier to get the word out to promote donations to TACC.

B. February Meeting Program Suggestions

Next meeting is February 21-22, 2018. The first day (2/21) will be a full day, including PSA reports. The second morning (2/22) TACC will attend with c4a Capitol Day to hear Capitol staff and members of the Administration provide an overview of budget and policy issues. The afternoon will be an opportunity to make visits with AAA staff.

Suggestions for future presentations: long-term care costs, housing, elder abuse, Alzheimer's, advocating for showers instead of bathtubs for seniors.

Other possible topics include: legal help for older adults; mental health services; IHSS costs and training; program supports for grandparents raising grandchildren.

C. Set meeting dates for August and December

Executive Committee has approved December 4-5, 2018.

August meeting will tentatively be a joint meeting with CCoA on community living and promoting longevity, looking at models throughout the state. TACC would either meet on 8/6 or 8/8 with TACC and CCoA meeting together on 8/7. More information to follow.

D. TACC website status report

Fitzpatrick reported new website will initially include basic information and TACC bylaws. Site should be transitioned in time for a State security audit in January.

- **TACC Orientation**

Fitzpatrick provided the TACC orientation and review.

- **PSA Reports – All members**

Postponed until after lunch.

- **PRESENTATION # 1: MOVE Stanislaus**

Presenter: Stacie Morales, Program Manager

Ms. Morales provided an overview of the Stanislaus program that provides Travel training, door-to-door rides (Bridges Program), Vets Van driver program, and Regional ADA Eligibility Center transportation. Programs are tailored to meet seniors' or disabled riders' needs. Morales provided background on how MOVE was started and gave guidance on how communities can start similar transit programs.

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

Meeting reconvened at 1:30 p.m.

- **PRESENTATION # 2: California's Adult Protective Services (APS) Program**

Presenter: Lori Delagrammatikas, Adult Protective Services Program Liaison, California Department of Social Services.

Ms. Delagrammatikas presented on the structure and function of Adult Protective Services in the state. County governments administer APS programs; the state administers training funds and develops regulation. Liaison position works with counties to develop regulations and serves as conduit between the counties, state, and federal government. Current projects include development of data collection for the National Adult Maltreatment Survey system, updating relevant statutes, providing technical assistance to counties and coordinating plans for the 2nd Elder Abuse Awareness Month Event next June.

- **PSA Reports – All members**

PSA 2 – Clinton Davis has no additional information to report

PSA 7 – Shirley Krohn reported work on transportation summit and emergency summit.

PSA 10 – Danice Picraux said her council is working on ideas for a permanent funding stream for Older Californians Act programs. C4A is working on an OCA update for the year following the next gubernatorial election. Will develop from all PSAs their Area Plan top priority needs and their EESI information to use as aggregate data for legislation development.

PSA 12 – Janet Clark reported Amador is studying transportation needs of isolated seniors. Tuolumne County is as well, but ahead of Amador. The Calaveras Commission on Aging has 4 vans to take members to appointments in both Calaveras and Amador counties.

PSA 14 – Minerva Garcia reported Fresno-Madera Advisory Council has missed last 2 meetings for lack of a quorum. Working to address homelessness. Doing community talks on elder abuse; outreach to churches to provide information on aging services. Still working on 4-year plan goals. No written report submitted.

PSA 20 – David Wilder said Council chair is ill. Three CSL members are resigning from CSL. Big issue is installation of bathtubs in senior housing, instead of walk-in showers.

PSA 21 – Gloria Sanchez said there are three openings on Riverside’s Advisory Council; recruiting in various ways. Hoping to expand legislative committee to get legislators more involved in AAA’s work. Jewell Lee the new director of the AAA is very enthusiastic about the program. Will give out 1,100 grocery gift cards at some senior center’s Christmas parties.

PSA 22 – Elizabeth Busick said committees are being restructured. Goals will mesh with Orange County Strategic Plan for Aging “to be more relevant.” Significant homeless issue in south Orange County.

PSA 29 – Vicky Ludwig reminded TACC of the presentation several years ago on El Dorado’s legal service model. Now losing legal service program given costs, so working on alternative approaches. Doing fairs and other outreach. Homeless survey found about 110 in county. No written report submitted.

PSA 19 – Diana Love reported LA County is dealing with homelessness, housing, and nutrition. She serves on the “Bringing our Loved Ones Home” Task Force addressing wandering. The Task Force report going to supervisors. There are many agencies involved; looking forward to Supervisors’ response and plans to implement.

PSA 23 – Rosemarie Bahmani is still working on United Nations Age-Friendly designation. Have over 600 entities including AAA and other companies, and school districts which are in favor. Had successful event/workshops.

PSA 26 – Eileen Bostwick reported new staffing is positive, but Council has lost some very strong members. Working on 2018 Elder Abuse council; training elderly on how to survive as homeless individuals. Governing board has been doing focus groups to revise funding formula for meal programs to address the greatest needs. Due to small size of Council, members are authorized to extend term of any officer and will need to revise in the next 2 years. Eileen has agreed to serve again. Working to attract new members. No written report submitted.

PSA 30 – Jeri Johnson said the Stanislaus senior event held last Friday was very successful.

PSA 33 – Marti Overfield referred to her written report. There have been recent arson fires in her area. Commented on train ride from Kern County and number of homeless camps along train tracks. Working on Christmas for Seniors activities; gift cards for groceries.

PSA 28 – Arnold Koenig did not submit a written report. Napa County fires were devastating – many seniors died. Partnering with Sonoma, Solano, Napa on North Bay Task Force on Elder Abuse Month symposium; will reach out to other counties in the vicinity. Commented on Napa County’s Caregiver ordinance.

PSA 5 – Salamah Locks reported on Commission’s activity in the community. Attending Bay Area senior health forum December 7th on Reframing Aging. Commission hopes to hire someone to work on Age Friendly Community efforts. Working with Board of Supervisors to participate in Mental Health Committee and participating in hiring a new mental health director. Also launching County’s age-friendly policy platform.

- **ROUNDTABLE: Emergency Preparedness**

Vance Taylor, Chief, Office of Access and Functional Needs

California Governor’s Office of Emergency Services

Mr. Taylor was unavailable due to an emergency assignment on the Santa Barbara fires.

TACC Member Discussion facilitated by President Sanchez

1. What focus does your AAA place on emergency preparedness? Is the topic included in your Area Plan?

Emergency preparedness planning is required of all Area Agencies on Aging.

2. Do you have a personal emergency kit?

Members discussed emergency preparedness: having emergency kits at home, in the car, preparations for pets, walking shoes, and cash (small bills) for emergencies. Community preparedness efforts included county CERT programs to train citizens in helping neighbors, but it may not always be helpful with preparations for evacuating older adults. The group discussed the recent fires in Sonoma county, where the largest proportion of deaths happened among the elderly. Important to understand that emergency responders can’t always get there in time. Some counties hold regular drills; others have basic supply kits that can be distributed by hospitals and fire departments. Phone Aps are available to notify residents of emergencies. Outreach efforts should be tailored for senior communities, residents with disabilities with special needs to make sure those individuals have sight-impaired necessary supplies and have assistance coming in to help them evacuate or shelter in place.

- **Recess**

Meeting recessed at 4:30 p.m.

- **Optional Evening Activity: No-host dinner 5:30 p.m.**

Pilot House Restaurant, Delta King Hotel
1000 Front Street, Sacramento

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2017

Meeting reconvened at 8:30 a.m.

- **PRESENTATION # 3: Long-Term Care and Caregivers**

Presenter: Nina Weiler-Harwell, Ph.D., Associate State Director, AARP California

Ms. Weiler-Harwell defined caregiver as an individual caring for a family member, loved one, neighbor or friend who has a disability. She described the work of the Caregiver Task Force, policy concerns for informal caregivers and resources available. Caregiving information can be found at AARP's Public Policy institute website www.aarp.org/ppi .

- **California Commission on Aging Report**

Sewell provided the California Commission on Aging report.

- **PRESENTATION #4: C4A Update**

Presenter: Derrell Kelch, Executive Director, California Association of Area Agencies on Aging

Mr. Kelch provided an update on C4A activities. There have been a lot of turnover at C4A including seven new directors this year. The C4A conference in November was a great success. CCoA participated and hopes to find a way to get TACC more involved. 2017 saw the largest attendance ever; good workshops; new topic; serving older refugees. There was good exhibitor support at the conference. Legislation for 2018 will include a funding increase for nutrition programs. Working with Alzheimer's Association on outreach and education. Considering ways to fund Aging and Disability Resource Connection network codified through AB 1200 last year. C4A Capitol day will be February 22, 2018 and will coincide with February TACC meeting.

- **Next Meetings:**

- **February 21-22, 2018**

The next TACC meeting will be February 21-22, 2018. The first day (2/21) will be a full day at the Vagabond Inn, with the second day (2/22) attending C4A/Capitol Day.

- **May 7-8, 2018**

The May TACC meeting will meet on May 7 at the Vagabond Inn and attend the Senior Rally on the second day (5/8).

- **August – 6, 7, 8**

The August 2018 meeting will tentatively be a joint meeting with CCoA taking place on 8/7. It has not been determined if TACC will meet the day before on 8/6 or the day after on 8/8.

- **December 4-5, 2018**

Consensus by Executive Committee to have the December meeting on the 4th and 5th.

- **Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 11:06 a.m.