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GENERAL MEETING REPORT

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Discussion of TACC Financial status- Update on TACC funding sources: #1 Line 52: Senate Bill to revise the line item check off boxes appears "dead" for now, but may resurface. This could affect TACC's abilities to get sufficient funding. So far this year total contribution dollars are down although the number of contributions is up.

Discussion of proposed FY '04-'05 state budget adjustments- Block grants and 5% funding reductions. The Senate did not accept the block grant proposal but did ok the 5% reduction. The Assembly did not accept either option. The overall budget proposal is now to the Conference Committee.

CCoA/CSL Reorganization – A spot bill AB 1994, filed by P. Berg regarding the relationship between CCoA and CSL is out of committee. CSL Joint Rules Committee has agreed that the time allotted for appropriate separation proceedings is adequate. Plans for formal separation are in progress.

Advocacy – TACC agreed to send a letter to the Governor asking for the preservation of the IHSS Residual Services Program "to promote the dignity of individuals and their ability to stay at home, to retain the Public Authority and to continue the State's participation in wages."

TACC accepted the Legislative Committee's recommendations on the following bills:

AB 1240 – Enhance the penalties for violating RCFE Criminal Background Check regulations- Support

AB 1886 – Property tax postponement for seniors and disabled citizens – Support

AB 2611 – Expand current Elder Abuse Reporting regulations – Support

ACR 154 - Proclaim May as Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse Awareness Month - Support

SB 1736 – Income Tax Return Voluntary Contribution Designations Revision – Oppose

TACC 's Role with SB910, (LRSPA) – Advocacy will be a primary focus, especially in light of the upcoming changes in state programs and services. Ray Mastalish CCoA ED is in the process of taking his LRSPA power point presentation to various PSA's who are sponsoring educational forums. He reminded us that Oregon could never have made their sweeping changes without a strong, informed advocacy. A well-attended workshop stressed Advisory Councils/PSA's using the LRSPA as we form the next 4-year Plan and correlating LRSPA focus areas to Area Plan objectives. The CCoA will be sending a hard copy of the full LRSPA to each TACC member. It can also be downloaded from the CCoA website under "Work in Progress" and from the TACC website.

Road to Driving Wellness: A Train-the-trainer Program - Pre-Conference Training workshop held with The Older Californians Traffic Safety Task Force. The training program was presented along with the updated workbook, "Exercises for Keeping the Keys Longer". Participants received a training manual, the exercise book, and a CD of the program. Many TACC members attended.

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