



# TACC Triple-A Council of California

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## GENERAL MEETING REPORT September 22, 2004

SB910, LRSPA and Task Teams- CCoA Task Teams have formed, meetings are posted on the Web site, and are being held, some by teleconference. TACC goal is for each PSA to connect to at least one Task Team and participate. TT Reports are due by Dec. 15, and will be forwarded to the Legislature via a Forum to be held in February 2005.

New Executive Director for CCoA – Sandra Fitzpatrick, former Executive Director of A1AA, welcomed. Sandi gave a brief outline of her background and commitment to services, and then gave a summary of the current areas she is working on. Issues affecting TACC include Budget development for the current year (a draft is expected soon), Ohmstead Plan, CCoA Task Teams, and the California Performance Review recommendations.

Advocacy – TACC agreed to adopt the California Performance Review “Guiding Principles” developed by the Coalition for Coordinated Advocacy for use in advocacy efforts. Each member is to take them back to their PSA's and other local organizations for discussion and adoption.

Discussion re: SB 1149 – Importation of prescription drugs from Canada. Three days before the close of legislative session, Gov. Schwarzenegger indicated he wanted to veto all drug importation bills in favor of SB 1149. Concerns include:

1. The income means test would be handled by the local pharmacist.
2. Not all pharmacists are 100% in favor.
3. The Department of HHS would be the negotiating arm with the Pharmacy Board in setting up the eligibility criteria.

CCoA's position: favoring importation from Canada. The Health Services TT will follow this issue.

Presentations and Discussion on the Status of the California Performance Review – Bill Hollabaugh presented a summary of the Coalition of Coordinated Advocacy meeting discussion and the CPR legislative process/timeline. Panel presentation with Q&A presented with Peter Anderson (California Assembly Policy Consultant), Allison Ruff (Principal Consultant to the Assembly Committee on Aging and LTC), and Mary Bellamy (Consultant to the Aging and LTC Human Services Committee). Highlights include: 1. Consensus opinion that the CPR recommendations are too numerous to be handled in one piece of legislation, and the proposed timeline is probably unrealistic. 2. TACC's best action is to stay informed on all the proposed strategies, give feedback, and continue to ask questions as a body and as individuals. 3. CPR did not get rid of current “silos”, just re-arranged the boxes. 4. Consolidating services seems preferable as no one wants to cut, but “losing” oneself in the mix will also lose services.

Oral Health Task Force Presentation/Update – Dr. Paul Glassman, University of Pacific Dental School.

First Oral Health meeting resulted in forming Task Team. Next meeting set for November in Sacramento. Continuing to develop a case management demo project involving the AAA's, and use of Alternative Practice Hygienist. There are now 60 certified AP Hygienists in the state.

TACC Orientation PowerPoint Presentation – Draft presented and reviewed. Will be a continuous “work in progress”. Will be on website in PowerPoint and Adobe format. Recommend using at C4A Conference as an educational session.

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