



# TACC – TRIPLE-A COUNCIL OF CALIFORNIA

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## Meeting Report April 24, 2006

TACC met in conjunction with the Coordinated Leadership Conference produced by the Association of Area Agencies on Aging (C4A) in Concord, California with 19 PSA's represented: 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 17, 18, 20, 22, 23, 28, 31, and 33. This meeting was a short (one day) meeting to fit into the Conference schedule.

There was reporting of the results of the California Senior Legislature (CSL) elections. Clearly the new four-year term has had an impact on the ability of the PSA's to recruit candidates for CSL, and several PSA's do not have a complete delegation.

There was an extensive discussion of "Hot Topics" – an opportunity to shape the agendas of future meetings. The suggestions included:

- The future of Medicare – will it become means tested?
- Housing issues: types of senior housing; HUD Section 8 housing; shared housing program in Santa Clara County.
- Bank reporting of financial abuse – is it working, is there reporting? What will the regulations look like?
- Older adult mental health – how is proposition 63 money being used?
- Need for education regarding conservatorship issues.
- Hospital issues – closures; shortage of nurses; lack of emergency facilities.
- Transportation issues – impact of gas prices on food and IHSS programs.
- Long Term Care Integration issues – perhaps a report from the California Department of Aging.

Sharon Jenkins from the California Commission on Aging (CCoA) Office and staff to TACC discussed travel reimbursement issues and the need to provide annually the "Authorization to Use Privately Owned Vehicles on State Business" if auto mileage is to be reimbursed. The form will be posted on the TACC web site.

Sandi Fitzpatrick, Executive Director of CCoA reported that TACC finances are on target relative to the budget. She said that the staff is fully occupied with issues surrounding the transition of the CSL from CCoA to the State Controller. The major worker's compensation claim that CSL has incurred raises the question as to whether self-insurance is wise for these smaller organizations; Ms. Fitzpatrick is looking at other insurance options.

The Legislation Committee presented a number of bills currently making their way through the Legislature. TACC voted to support AB1169, AB2846, AB2719, AB2738, SB1248, SB1249, SB1312, and SB1609; to watch AB2536 and AB3040; and to oppose AB3048 [but we are reviewing this one as we may not have been fully informed]. Last year the governor signed AB12 requiring the California Law Revision Commission to recommend statute in support of revocable transfer-on-death beneficiary deeds; TACC voted to send a letter to the Commission requesting early action on the request.

David Mandel, Manger of the Senior Legal Hotline, provided an update on the services provided by the Hotline. Last year the Hotline handled 10,000 cases with 5 staff and 50 volunteers.

TACC holds its Annual Meeting July 26-27, 2006, and will elect officers at that time.