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## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Vagabond Inn, Sacramento

February 21 – 22, 2018

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2018

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

President Sanchez called the meeting to order at 10:37 a.m.

- **Pledge of Allegiance**

Wilder led the Pledge of Allegiance.

- **Welcome New TACC members**

President Sanchez welcomed new TACC members. Lorelei Taylor, PSA 23, and David Wiltsee, PSA 4, introduced themselves.

- **Self-Introductions**

TACC members introduced themselves.

- **Establish a Quorum**

**TACC Members Present:**

Lorelei Taylor	PSA 23	Vicki Ludwig	PSA 29
Elizabeth Busick	PSA 22	Danice Picraux	PSA 10
Janet Clark	PSA 12	Ruth Robeson	PSA 27
Clinton Davis	PSA 2	Steve Rozensky	PSA 28
Minerva Garcia	PSA 14	Gloria Sanchez	PSA 21
Jeri Johnson	PSA 30	Lorelei Taylor	PSA 23
Shirley Krohn	PSA 7	David Wilder	PSA 20
Salamah Locks	PSA 5	David Wiltsee	PSA 4
Diana Love	PSA 19		

**Staff:** Sandi Fitzpatrick, Carol Sewell

**Guests:** Chris Asimos, Emily Halcon, Tom Picraux, Rosemarie Bahmani

A quorum was established.

- **Approve Agenda**

The February 21-22, 2018 TACC General Meeting Agenda was approved as circulated.

M/S/C (Wilder/Love)  
**APPROVED**

- **Approve Minutes of December 5-6, 2017 Meeting**

The minutes of the December 5-6, 2017 TACC meeting were approved as circulated.

M/S/C (Busick/Wilder)  
**APPROVED**

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

Tom Picraux discussed an initiative to amend the Older Californians Act to create a dedicated funding stream for AAAs and efforts to develop grassroots support for the effort. Will be asking members for percentage of seniors in each PSA below EESI; also for top needs identified in area plans.

- **Request from Shirley Krohn to receive information for transportation contacts from each PSA.**

Krohn announced her effort to develop a non-state transportation group of service innovators who can share best practices and coordinate efforts to help improve transportation practices statewide. Paul Branson, retired Marin/Contra Costa transportation director, will initiate the effort.

- **Executive Committee Report**

President Sanchez provided the Executive Committee report.

- A. Seniors Special Fund**

Sanchez reported the funding levels are on track with prior years. Last year's problem with TurboTax limiting contributions has been corrected.

- B. Website Update**

The goal is to have the new TACC website functional by March. Sanchez recommended TACC members visit the website to access minutes, agendas and bylaws.

- C. Recommendation re: August or September TACC Meeting**

The Executive Committee recommended moving the August TACC meeting to September 26 - 27 in order to attend The SCAN Foundation's Long-Term Services and Supports Summit.

M/S/C (Wilder/Busick)

**TO RESCHEDULE THE AUGUST MEETING TO SEPTEMBER 26-27 AND ATTEND THE SCAN FOUNDATION'S LONG-TERM SERVICES AND SUPPORTS SUMMIT.**

- D. Identified Program Ideas for Future Meetings**

Topics for future meetings include:

- Nutrition funding/CalFresh(SNAP)

- Emergency preparedness
- Evidence based chronic-disease programs
- Housing

Additional suggested topics from members include:

- Addiction and over-medication in the older adult population
- De-prescribing
- Review of medications upon discharge
- Fall prevention

Sanchez provided preview of tomorrow's C4A Capitol Day.

- **PSA Reports – All Members**

**PSA 2** - Clinton Davis reported the Advisory Council made it through fire season and are looking at emergency preparedness and evacuation packets. Suggestions by TACC members were to contact CalFire CERT information and Red Cross for additional information on preparedness; reach out to Independent Living Centers.

**PSA 5** - Salamah Locks reported annual senior event will be held October 24<sup>th</sup>. Five out of eleven cities are designated AARP Age-Friendly; working to get the county designated as well - Recognized by legislators for success with Age-Friendly efforts. A report on a housing plan through 2030 was developed for cities to use in their General Plan development.

- **PRESENTATION # 1: *Update on Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) and Older Californians***

**Presenter: Chris Asimos, Ph.D. Commissioner, Marin County Commission on Aging**

Dr. Asimos discussed the issues and challenges, older adults face in receiving mental health services. She cited the need for outreach, better training, leadership, funding and access to mental health services and noted that less than one-third of older adults receive the care they need for mental health issues developed in later life.

Meeting recessed for lunch at 12:27 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 1:38 p.m.

- **California Commission on Aging Report**

Fitzpatrick provided the CCoA report and invited Krohn to provide an update on the May Senior Rally. The Senior Rally theme is Long-Term Care Planning/Financing. Volunteers are needed to help with activities for the day.

**A. Recognize, Assist, Include, Support, and Engage (RAISE) Family Caregivers Act of 2017**

Fitzpatrick reported on the RAISE Act that creates a federal advisory council to work on caregiving issues.

## **B. Federal Items of Interest**

Fitzpatrick reviewed impacts of the federal tax bill and how the significant debt created is likely to put safety-net programs in jeopardy. Congressional proposal for paid family leave would draw from individuals' Social Security. The President's budget also poses great risks to many programs in 2019 through supporting one-half a trillion dollars in cuts to Medicaid, Medicare, Social Security, etc.

## **C. CCoA February/March meeting**

Fitzpatrick reviewed plans for the CCoA February 28-March 1 meeting.

- **PSA Reports – All members**

**PSA 7** - Shirley Krohn – reported that Contra Costa adopted the 8-80 Cities Program which is based on building communities that are good for 8 year olds and 80 year olds. Commission has met with 17 of the 19 cities in the county. Transportation workgroup planning emergency preparedness event with many stakeholders.

**PSA 10** - Danice Picraux reported her Advisory Council has updated member application forms, a new member information packet and added a new member overview and tour in addition to the original Older American's Act training. There are six new members.

**PSA 12** - Janet Clark reported her Advisory Council has two new members and an additional applicant pending. There is a well-written local article about homelessness in the area – mostly about seniors. Several counties are working to address the problem.

**PSA 14** - Minerva Garcia reported it has been difficult to keep Advisory Council members. Significant work is being done to address the homelessness in the area; Garcia participated in a homeless count and a subsequent survey administered by over 150 volunteers. Agencies are offering services, but have no shelters, portable toilets and drinking water available. The majority of homeless are age 55 and older.

**PSA 19** - Diana Love announced Advisory Council elections are coming soon; have 10 vacancies to fill. County has adopted "Bringing Our loved Ones Home" program to help protect and find people who wander. The second annual summit is being planned for April 5<sup>th</sup> at the Pasadena Convention Center. She participated in homeless count and didn't see a lot because cities did a "sweep" to get people off the street during the count. The County received \$350 million to address homelessness.

**PSA 20** – David Wilder said the County has identified many homeless in the mountains – many are older adults. County advisory council doesn't include people with disabilities.

**PSA 21** – Gloria Sanchez reported the Advisory Council has found the public is not aware of the AAA; working to go out to centers to promote the AAA, volunteer and attend public meetings. Riverside's Point-in-Time count took veterans directly in for services. Positively received by the community.

**PSA 22** - Elizabeth Busick reported there is a big homeless population in Orange County. Homeless Point in Time count is every other year. Vouchers are given for one month housing; no long-term solutions are available.

**PSA 23** - Rosemarie Bahmani reported the Advisory Council just finished a 5 year Live-Well San Diego plan on local needs; transportation housing, health and transportation support and dementia friendliness. A pilot project called “Seniors in Crisis” by Supervisor Diane Jacobs will have Emergency responders notify AIS when a victim has dementia or other issues they aren’t able to address.

**PSA 27** - Ruth Robeson reported Sonoma County is undergoing PTSD from the fires. The County produced information on fires; 24 lives were lost, the majority elderly. AAA staff was assigned to work in shelters and help with victims. Many people are still looking for housing; deciding whether they will rebuild or if they will leave the state. County Supervisors have re-written initiatives to move funding from tourism promo to homelessness.

**PSA 28** - Steve Rosensky reported the Advisory Council is looking for a new Executive Director. A copy of the AAA Resource guide was shared with TACC members.

**PSA 29** - Vicky Ludwig reported two commission members are working on Safe at Home to install grab bars and ramps. The 1<sup>st</sup> Senior Summit is being planned for September. Participated in “Coffee with Cops” to discuss the homeless population and found there is no mention of homelessness in their Area Plan.

**PSA 30** - Jeri Johnson did not have anything to add to her written report.

• **PRESENTATION # 2: Homelessness and Older Californians**

**Presenter: Emily Halcon, Homeless Services Coordinator, City of Sacramento**

Mrs. Halcon discussed the difficulties facing the older adult homeless population in Sacramento. City is working on prevention and diversion programs as well as a safety net to help keep individuals in their homes. Working to connect people to services along with providing emergency shelters and triage.

Sacramento is working with the county to reallocate \$44 million in mental health funds for homelessness; looking at employment opportunities for homeless population; how to enhance soft skills; as well as housing innovations – looking at ideas for housing innovation. Also looking for ways to provide toilets and exploring the options available in other communities.

• **ROUND TABLE QUESTIONS**

**1. Does your Area Plan contain statistics and/or objectives on Senior homelessness?**

**2. Has your Advisory Council had presentations on homelessness?**

**3. Did your Advisory Council or you personally take part in the homelessness count? If so, what was noted?**

**4. How has your PSA (county or city level) responded to senior homelessness?**

TACC Members discussed involvement and efforts around homelessness of their local government and the AAA. Many participated in the Point-in-Time count.

Busick chairs housing & transportation committee – trying to get everyone involved.

Robeson reported on the County's creation of a task force to develop affordable housing complexes. The task force is working with all organizations and looking at accessory dwelling units to house many homeless too. County is relaxing permits in order to facilitate reconstruction; housing for contractors.

- **Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

TACC members are to attend the California Association of Area Agencies on Aging (C4A) CAPITOL DAY tomorrow from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

## **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2018**

TACC Members attended the California Association of Area Agencies on Aging (C4A) CAPITOL DAY.