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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

December 4-5, 2018

Vagabond Inn, Sacramento

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2018

- **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. A moment of silence for President George H.W. Bush.

- **Welcome New TACC members**

Sanchez welcomed new TACC members.

- **Self-Introductions**

TACC Members introduced themselves.

- **Establish a Quorum**

TACC Members Present:

PSA 23 Rosemarie Bahmani

PSA 26 Eileen Bostwick

PSA 22 Elizabeth Busick

PSA 21 Gloria Sanchez

PSA 12 Janet Clark

PSA 2 Clinton Davis

PSA 14 Minerva Garcia

PSA 10 Maureen Heath

PSA 15 Salamah Locks

PSA 7 Shirley Krohn

PSA 6 Diane Lawrence

PSA 19 Diana Love

PSA 18 Toni Olson

PSA 4 Gloria Plasencia

PSA 15 Bobbie Wartson

PSA 20 David Wilder

PSA 12 Terry Kelley

Staff: Gretchen Zeagler, Sandi Fitzpatrick, Marcella Villanueva

Guests: Kim McCoy Wade, Lisa Nerenberg, Carol Sewell, Betsy Butler, Rosemarie Bahmani, Lydia Missaelides, Lori Delagrammatikas, Dev Berger

ADVISORY COUNCIL REPRESENTING CALIFORNIA'S 33 AREA AGENCIES ON AGING

ADVOCATING FOR SERVICES TO OVER 4 MILLION SENIORS IN CALIFORNIA

A quorum was established.

- **Approve Agenda**

The December 4-5, 2018, TACC agenda was approved as circulated.

M/S/C (Wilder/Bahmani)

APPROVED

- **Approve Minutes of September 26-27, 2018 Meeting**

The minutes of the September 26-27, 2018 TACC meeting were approved as circulated.

M/S/C (Busick/Wilder)

APPROVED

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

No comments.

- **Executive Committee Report**

President Sanchez provided the Executive Committee Report.

A. Introduction of Incoming CCoA Executive Director Gretchen Zeagler

Sanchez introduced new incoming CCoA Executive Director Gretchen Zeagler.

B. 2019 Meeting Dates

- February 27-28 to coincide with C4A Advocacy Day
- June 5-6 to coincide with the Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse Awareness Day
- September 24,25,26 to coincide with The SCAN Foundation LTSS Summit
- December 3-4

M/S/C (Wilder/Love)

TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSED 2019 MEETING DATES AS PRESENTED BY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

APPROVED

C. Meeting Topic Survey Results

Executive Committee proposed Older Californians Act modernization and Master Plan on Aging as possible presentations for February. Also discussed holding a roundtable discussion on the effects of isolation on older adults.

Sanchez reviewed the purpose of TACC, including information sharing, building leadership capacity, learning about new issues that may affect older adults and

area agency operations. Sanchez requested TACC send a letter to the new Governor to welcome him and inform him of TACC's purpose.

- **PRESENTATION #1**

- An International Perspective on Senior Center Without Walls**

- Presenter: **Rosemarie Bahmani**

- Ms. Bahmani discussed "Well Connected" (formerly Senior Center Without Walls), which has 1400 participants in 40 states and offers courses by telephone. Topics include brain health, games, foreign language, story time, poetry, literature; will include courses in Spanish soon. Program offers social connections along with education; gives participants from across the nation the opportunity to interact with each other.

- **PRESENTATION # 2**

- SSI Cash-out**

- Presenter: **Kim McCoy Wade, Chief, CalFresh and Nutrition Branch, California Department of Social Services**

- Ms. McCoy Wade previewed change that will allow SSI/SSP recipients to receive CalFresh benefits starting on June 1st. As developed in the 1970s, SSI/SSP beneficiaries received cash rather than apply for food stamps. Inflation over 40 years means the \$10 food allowance is far less than the average CalFresh benefit of \$125 per month. CDSS is conducting outreach to inform beneficiaries on how and when to apply.

- **PSA Reports**

- PSA 2** - Clinton Davis reported biggest push is funding for PSA because of the new minimum wage laws that will affect the office.

- PSA 4**-Gloria Plasencia reported membership has decreased: there are currently 13 vacancies on the advisory council. Meetings are being rotated between counties, but distance makes it difficult to travel.

- PSA 5** – Salamah Locks announced a JADU Expo will take place in February. The Junior Accessory Dwelling Unit (JADU) is a small apartment created from an existing home; that helps provide income for home owner and affordable housing for members in the community. Those over 60, disabled and who need to make changes to home - building permit fees may be waived or reduced.

- PSA 6** – Dianne Lawrence reported on major road improvements that have created issues with sidewalk safety, uneven streets. There are two places for senior residents on corridor where the Commission on Aging has provided support. The goal is to consider seniors as plans are developed. Election of new officers took place at the November meeting.

- PSA 7** Shirley Krohn reported work on emergency preparedness for over 400 seniors presented by Senator Dodd and Weiner. A letter has been sent inviting the board of supervisors to attend ACOA meetings.

PSA 10 – Maureen Heath reported she attended an aging services collaborative with Ash Kalra and a county board supervisor. Kalra is interested in modernizing the Older California’s Act and developing a state master plan.

PSA 12 - Janet Clark reported current issues with the housing task force. Met with planner at C4A and encouraged other providers to make seniors more aware.

Meeting recessed for lunch at 11:53 a.m.

Meeting reconvened at 1:15 p.m.

- **California Commission on Aging Report**

Note: Betsy Butler, newly elected Chair of the California Commission on Aging, will be in attendance for a portion of the meeting.

Fitzpatrick and Zeagler provided the California Commission on Aging report.

A. CCoA Election results and 2019 plans

New elected CCoA Chair is Betsy Butler, a former member of California Assembly. The new CCoA Vice Chair is Jean Schuldberg, from the Chico. Commission looking to hold 2019 meetings in Sacramento, Los Angeles and possibly, San Francisco or San Jose.

B. Older Californians Act Update

Shirley Krohn provided comments on the Older Californian’s Act. Fitzpatrick introduced information on Older Californians Act language noting the Commission will be engaged in a long-term discussion. The bill is anticipated to be a two-year bill. This is an issue that TACC may be looking at during February meeting.

C. Post-election Update

SCAN summit and governors messaging on older adults - however first actions may be issues relating to children versus older adults. Fitzpatrick advised on how the Administration may go about making appointments.

There is talk from the Administration of a LTSS Czar position within Health and Human Services Agency. Fitzpatrick provided CalMatters article.

D. Master Plan on Aging

Fitzpatrick discussed the Master Plan on Aging - looking at Social Services issues and what role the Czar will play. Fitzpatrick discussed Caregiver Task Force identifying issues and suggesting conferences be attended. A follow up meeting to look at the three recommendation efforts: 1) Resolution - looking at raising awareness of respite for future legislation; 2) increasing funding levels for caregiver resource centers; 3) Paid family leave - in California difficult to get through EDD model. Working with member of Senate to help improve access.

E. Senior Rally Update

Shirley Krohn provided a senior rally update. There is current discussion of having regional senior rallies in place of one event. The Calif. Senior Legislature wants to take over the rally and has ideas on how to make more accessible. A discussion for planning efforts will take place on December 20th.

President Sanchez introduced new CCoA chair Betsy Butler. CCoA Chair Butler thanked TACC for input and interest and shared her father's death and 92-year old mother's story of their caregiving. Adult Day Care centers saved her mother's life. Dedicated to issues.

F. Informational Hearing Report: “*The State of Long-Term Services and Supports for California Seniors*”

CCoA Executive Director Gretchen Zeagler provided a summary of the hearing.

• **PRESENTATION # 3: Elder Justice Panel**

Presenters: **Lisa Nerenberg, Executive Director, California Elder Justice Coalition, Lori Delagrammatikas, California APS Liaison, and Carol Sewell, Legislative Director, CCoA and President, California Elder Justice Coalition**

Mrs. Delagrammatikas provided an update on California's participation in the National Adult Maltreatment Reporting System and the way data on elder and dependent adult abuse will be used by the Dept. of Justice. California is updating data collection methods and recording more detail in order to better identify victims and perpetrators of abuse along with working to improve APS investigations across the state. State training funds for APS workers will run out in June 2019: advocates will bring a new funding request forward to maintain enhanced training levels.

Mrs. Nerenberg reviewed the development of the California Elder Justice Coalition (CEJC) and the organization's goal of improving policies for elder abuse prevention and response. CEJC's work involves training the state's Multi-Disciplinary Team grantees, reviewing policies affecting older adults for equity and parity, and coordinating a national Advocates Academy bringing together elder abuse coalitions from other states.

Sewell described the importance of the upcoming request for APS training funds, noting that without the augmentation, all advances in access to enhanced training will be lost.

Mrs. Nerenberg presented a thank you to outgoing CCoA Executive Director Fitzpatrick for her service.

• **Recess**

Meeting recessed at 4:08 p.m.

There is an optional Holiday Dinner at the Pilot House Restaurant, Delta King Hotel, 1000 Front Street, Sacramento.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2018

Reconvened at 8:30 a.m.

- **PSA Reports**

PSA 19 - Diana Love announced the AAA's new name - Workforce Development Aging and Community Services (WDACS). Cynthia Banks will retire on January 1st. Movement with supervisors (5th district) new deputies coming. Will only be around for two more meetings and then will have a new election.

Adult recognition day is generally held in May - trying to change the format. Normally host a dinner that costs \$30,000. Los Angeles Area Agency on Aging is the largest with 50 members. The LACOA role is to assist the AAA in whatever they want to do - TBD.

PSA 15 - Bobbie Wartson discussed efforts to increase AAA funding. Access to state funds requires a local match; need the support of four of the five county supervisors to receive matching funds.

PSA 18 - Toni Olson - AAA applied and received a grant for Alzheimer's Disease and support services. Will have a housing navigator for home share program for individuals who are widowed, have a large home and need help cooking, cleaning. Older adults will be interviewed and matched; non-homeowner required to do chores and pay rent. Provides companionship for both individuals; The program has been in place for over a year and about 30 people have been placed. Contracts are month to month, helps to keep homeowners in their home and able to pay their mortgages.

- **PRESENTATION # 4: The State of Adult Day Services in California**

Presenters: **Lydia Missaelides** and **Christin Hemann, California Association for Adult Day Services/Community Based Adult Services**

Mrs. Missaelides discussed the Adult Day Care philosophy of care, explaining that how people function is more important than their disease state, and describing the of services provided. Funding cuts in 2011 almost eliminated program; lawsuit halted the elimination, but funding and access was reduced for clients. Network has rebuilt, but rural areas aren't well-covered. Licensure for a new ADC is handled by the Department of Public Health. Applicants need identified location, connection to a health plan and cash reserves or grant funding.

PSA 21 - Gloria Sanchez reported no additions to the written report.

PSA 22 - Elizabeth Busick reported SCAC is the name of the AAA is involved in the strategic plan. OCSPA is in transition. United Way incentive program received a \$.25 million for Los Angeles. San Diego and Long Beach have similar programs, but this is a new program for Orange County. Purpose is housing for homeless.

PSA 23- Rosemarie Bahmani reported 2 of 5 supervisors have termed out at the last election. They each appoint two members so there will be no new members until they are sworn in January.

PSA 26 Eileen Bostwick was not able to submit a written report. Bostwick will fulfill term as past president in 2019.

PSA 27 -Terry Kelley reported the current issue in Sonoma is housing and fires. There is no plan on how to help the homeless population. Shared housing is a good option - the City has identified over 1,000 hosts who have been vetted and could take in fire evacuees for a short period of time. Held a “My Care, My Plan” event – an advance directive and healthcare planning/trust and estate seminar; had free notaries to complete advance directives.

- **Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 11:05am

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