



TACC – TRIPLE-A COUNCIL OF CALIFORNIA

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TACC GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Via Zoom

MONDAY, MAY 2, 2022

1. Call to Order – Bobbie Wartson, TACC President

President Wartson called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

President Wartson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Welcome New TACC Members

President Wartson welcomed new TACC members.

4. Roll Call and Establish a Quorum

TACC Members Present:

PSA 29 Tita Bladen	PSA 10 Sam Saiu
PSA 19 Kim Bowman	PSA 27 Cynthia Scarborough
PSA 26 Paul Branson	PSA 12 Lynne Standard-Nightengale
PSA 7 Jim Donnelly	PSA 15 Bobbie Wartson
PSA 30 Joyce Gandelman	PSA 28 Richard White
PSA 22 Carolyn Inmon	PSA 20 David Wilder
PSA 7 Jill Kleiner	PSA 4 Catherine Koss
PSA 32 Richard Kuehn	PSA 5 Diana Lopez

Staff: Karol Swartzlander, Leza Coleman, Marcella Villanueva

Guests: Sarah Steenhausen, Beverly Townsel, Maggie McNamera, Debbie Toth, Nicole Howell, Carolyn Nava

A quorum was not established due to Bagley Keene stipulations regarding remote meetings and the expiration of flexibilities provided under the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20 allowing state boards and commissions to meet entirely via remote technology with no physical location accessible to the public.

5. Approve Agenda

No action taken.

6. Approve Minutes of March 28, 2022, Meeting

No action taken.

7. Public Comment for items not on the agenda

None

8. President's Remarks

None

9. Staff Report

Swartzlander provided the staff report.

10. CDA Workforce Development Update

Sarah Steenhausen, Deputy Director, Aging Policy, Research, and Equity, California Department of Aging (CDA)

Steenhausen discussed current and proposed initiatives for CDA for 2022-23. She highlighted investments in planning, capacity building, infrastructure development, program expansion, and data development. Additionally, Steenhausen provided an overview of the proposed gap analysis to identify gaps in our long-term services and supports system statewide and the resulting roadmap for local and state planners to use when considering infrastructure investments related to workforce development.

- **Discussion**

President Wartson and other members expressed support and appreciation for the significant effort and investment being made by CDA to address the growing concern of lack of workers for services utilized by older adults and adults with disabilities.

- **Public Comment**

None

11. Health Care Career Pathway: Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) Training Program

Nicole Howell, Executive Director, Empowered Aging, Health and Aging Policy Fellow

Howell discussed her organization's \$5M three-year state general fund budget request to replicant the Health Care Career Pathways CNA certification and training pilot

program. The program is designed to promote workforce development for individuals, with “overcomeable” barriers, seeking employment in the healthcare fields.

- **Discussion**

President Wartson expressed support and interest that more training programs be made available to the rural regions of the state, especially considering the significant workforce shortages in local skilled nursing facilities.

- **Public Comment**

None

12. Accessible Transportation

Debbie Toth, President & CEO, Choice in Aging

Toth presented on efforts within the Master Plan for Aging (MPA) stakeholder advisory committee to showcase the current and growing need for older adult-centered transportation policy across the state. She emphasized the need for restructuring transportation systems to promote quality of life and independence for older adults and adults with disabilities. She highlighted the positive impacts such programs produce, including economic vitality, opportunities for increasing social interaction, and a healthier lifestyle.

- **Discussion**

President Wartson expressed appreciation for the significant investment Toth and others on the MPA stakeholder advisory committee have contributed to advocate on behalf of older adults and adults with disabilities.

- **Public Comment**

None

BREAK (2:50 p.m.- 3:00 p.m.)

13. The Power of Partnership - Rural Master Plan for Aging

Carolyn Nava, Disability Action Center (DAC), Diversability Advocacy Network (DAN) Co-Chair, Senior Systems Change, Emergency Services Liaison

Nava explained the goal and philosophy of DAC: to promote achieving and maintaining optimal level of independence for people of all ages with any type of disability. She highlighted regional efforts in collaboration with the SCAN Foundation to create the Rural MPA advisory committee. The committee's efforts are to promote the

establishment of an ADRC for residents of Tehama, Butte, Plumas, Glenn and Colusa counties.

- **Discussion**

Members asked questions about next steps and thanked the presenter.

- **Public Comment**

None

14. PSA Reports

TACC Members provided updates to PSA Reports.

15. 2022 TACC Meeting Schedule (President Wartson)

A. Discuss Topics for Future Meetings

Members briefly discussed potential topics for future meetings.

16. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Virtual Senior Rally Day, Tomorrow, May 3, 2022, from 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

TACC members will participate in the California Senior Legislature 2022 Virtual Senior Rally Day, <https://4csl.org/senior-rally-day/welcome/>.