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TACC GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Via Zoom

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2022

1. Call to Order – Bobbie Wartson, TACC President

President Wartson called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

President Wartson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Welcome New TACC Members

President Wartson welcomed new TACC members Frances Cole-Boyd (PSA 2), Martha Artilles (PSA 10), Judy Rice (PSA 27), Helen Romero Shaw (PSA 19) and William “Bill” Wright (PSA 33).

4. Roll Call and Establish a Quorum

TACC Members Present:

PSA 2 – Frances Cole-Boyd

PSA 6 – Diane Lawrence

PSA 7 – Jim Donnelly

PSA 7 – Jill Kleiner

PSA 29 – Tita Bladen

PSA 12 – Lynne Standard-Nightengale

PSA 32 -Richard Kuehn

PSA 19 – Helen Romero Shaw

PSA 33 – Bill Wright

PSA 14 – Minerva Garcia

PSA 22 – Carolyn Inmon

PSA 26 – Paul Branson

PSA 10 – Martha Artilles

PSA 30 – Joyce Gandelman

PSA 15 – Bobbie Wartson

PSA 20 – David Wilder

PSA 27 – Judy Rice

Staff: Karol Swartzlander, Leza Coleman, Marcella Villanueva

Guests: Carroll De Andreis, Wilson Tam, Anastasia Dodson, Rosie Carvajal, Jaquelin Wood-Luna

A quorum was established.

5. Approve Agenda

M/S/C (Rice/Wilder)

TO APPROVE THE SEPTEMBER 6, 2022, TACC GENERAL MEETING AGENDA.

APPROVED.

Abstentions: None

6. Approve Minutes of May 2, 2022, TACC Meeting

The minutes of the May 2, 2022, and March 28, 2022, General TACC meetings will be approved at the December TACC meeting.

7. Public Comment for items not on the agenda

None

8. President's Remarks

President Wartson asked for a moment of silence for former PSA 23 TACC representative Rosemarie Bahnmani.

9. Staff Report

Swartzlander provided the staff report. She announced the California Commission on Aging's (CCoA) next General Meeting will be held on September 19th and noted CCoA will participate in the California Department of Aging's (CDA) September 20th, California for All Ages and Abilities "Call to Action" event. She shared CCoA's continuing focus on addressing issues relating to older adults and adults with disabilities prioritizing Workforce Development, Housing and Homelessness, and Behavioral Health Services.

10. Aging & Disability Resource Connection (ADRC) Overview and Update

Presenters: Carroll De Andreis, ADRC Analyst, (CDA), Wilson Tam, ADRC Bureau Chief (CDA)

De Andreis explained the basics of ADRCs, as a one stop "person-centered" coordinated system supporting older adults, adults with disabilities, families and caregivers. ADRCs are established through core partnership between the local Area Agency on Aging (AAA) and the local Independent Living Center (ILC), and extended community partners. By sharing resources, knowledge of each other's programs, referral protocols and databases ADRCs seek to reduce consumer confusion, improve client outcomes and streamline access to and enrollment in services and supports. Currently, there are 15 ADRCs and eight emerging ADRCs across the state.

- **Public Comment**

None

11. PSA Reports

Oral PSA reports were not provided due to ADRC extended presentation. Written PSA reports were distributed prior to meeting.

12. Medi-Cal Overview and Update:

Change in MediCal asset test, and CalAIM, including Cal MediConnect transition to Medicare Medi-Cal plans, and how these changes will impact consumers

Presenter: Anastasia Dodson, Deputy Director, Department of Health Care Services, Office of Medicare Innovation, and Integration

Dodson explained that the asset limit to receive services under Medi-Cal were changed on July 1, 2022. The former limits are \$2,000 for one person and \$3,000 for a couple. The new limits are \$130,000 for one person and an additional \$65,000 for each additional family member.

Dodson provided an overview of changes to Cal MediConnect program, which is transitioning on December 31, 2022. Starting on January 1, 2023, Cal MediConnect members will be transitioned to MMPs, or Medi-Medi Plans. MMPs is the California-specific program name for Exclusively Aligned Enrollment Dual Eligible Special Needs Plans (EAE D-SNPs). Under exclusively aligned enrollment, beneficiaries can enroll in a D-SNP for Medicare benefits and in a Medi-Cal managed care plan for Medi-Cal benefits, which are both operated by the same parent organization for better care coordination and integration. MMPs offer an integrated approach to care and care coordination that is like Cal MediConnect. A benefit associated with this change is expanded resources for health, behavioral health and long-term services and supports for consumers. Dodson stressed that those transitioning would retain the ability to utilize their current Medicare doctors. The Department has strived to establish transition systems that will not negatively impact consumers.

Dodson also provided brief overview of California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM), the Administration's long-term commitment to transform and strengthen Medi-Cal, offering Californians a more equitable, coordinated, and person-centered approach to maximizing their health.

- **Discussion**

Members asked clarifying questions and Dodson offered to attend local Area Agency on Aging advisory council meetings to provide an overview of CalAIM. Staff will distribute Dodson's contact information to interested members.

- **Public Comment**

None

BREAK - 3:17 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

13. Breakout Session

A. Members divide into groups to discuss innovative MPA implementation and report back to the full Council.

A breakout session was not convened due to time limitations.

14. 2023 TACC Meeting Schedule

A. Discuss Schedule and Topics for Future Meetings for 2023

- **Discussion**

Members discussed holding three virtual and one in-person general meetings in 2023 as follows:

March: In-Person (The intent is to align with the California Senior Legislature Senior Rally Day)

June 8, 1:00-4:00 p.m.: Virtual

September 7, 1:00-4:00 p.m.: Virtual

November 2, 1:00-4:00 p.m.: Virtual

- **Public Comment**

None

- **Vote**

M/S/C (Donnelly/Wilder)

TO ACCEPT THE 2023 TACC PROPOSED GENERAL MEETING SCHEDULE.

APPROVED

Abstentions: None

No Votes: One – Minerva Garcia

15. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 4:07 p.m.

M/S/C (Donnelly, Wilder)

TO ADJOURN MEETING.

APPROVED.

Abstentions: None