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TACC GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Via Zoom

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 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.

4. Roll Call and Establish a Quorum

TACC Members Present:

PSA 29 - Tita Bladen	PSA 6 – Diane Lawrence
PSA 26 - Paul Branson	PSA 2 – Nancy Qirus
PSA 2 - France Cole-Boyd	PSA 19 – Helen Romero Shaw
PSA 7 - Jim Donnelly	PSA 12 – Lynne Standard-Nightengale
PSA 30 - Joyce Gandelman	PSA 11 – Wayne Templeton
PSA 10 – Maureen Heath	PSA 15 - Bobbie Wartson
PSA 23 – Stephen Huber	PSA 20 – David Wilder
PSA 7 – Jill Kleiner	PSA 32 – Richard Kuehn

Staff: Karol Swartzlander, Leza Coleman, Marijke Melman, Patrick Smith, Marcella Villanueva

Guests: Tony Chicotel, Susan DeMarois, Kim McCoy Wade, Cindy Scarborough

A quorum was established.

5. Approve Agenda

M/S/C (Lawrence/Wilder)

TO APPROVE THE DECEMBER 8, 2022, TACC MEETING AGENDA.

APPROVED

Abstentions: None

No Votes: None

6. Approve Minutes of the March 28, 2022, May 2, 2022, and September 6, 2022, TACC Meetings

M/S/C (Lawrence/Wilder)

TO APPROVE THE MARCH 28, 2022, TACC GENERAL MEETING MINUTES.

APPROVED

Abstentions: Frances Cole-Boyd

No Votes: None

M/S/C (Wilder/Branson)

TO APPROVE THE MAY 2, 2022, TACC GENERAL MEETING MINUTES.

APPROVED

Abstentions: Frances Cole-Boyd, and Diane Lawrence

No Votes: None

M/S/C (Lawrence/Branson)

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

APPROVED

Abstentions: None

No Votes: None

7. Public Comment for items not on the agenda

Paul Branson thanked TACC members for providing information on volunteer driver programs and insurance providers.

8. President's Remarks

President Wartson thanked everyone for attending today's meeting.

9. Staff Report

Swartzlander provided the staff report.

10. Presentation: California Commission on Aging Update and Master Plan for Aging 2023 Priorities

Swartzlander provided a CCoA update: introduced new CCoA staff members Marijke Melman, and Patrick Smith; reviewed CCoA's mission and the updated CCoA organizational chart; and provided an overview of student intern, Beverly Townsel's presentation to be given next week.

Swartzlander also discussed the CCoA's Master Plan for Aging 2023 priorities: 1) Workforce Development; 2) Housing and Homelessness; and 3) Behavioral Health Commission goals include: an increase in older adult representation on state and local advisory bodies; establishing leadership positions at state and local government levels: leverage Geriatric Emergency Departments (GED) to collect data on older adult behavioral health needs and access to services; assure standardized data collection, including Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI) data; leverage current workforce development; and expand capacity for (six bed) Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly RCFEs.

11. TACC Bylaws – Proposed Amendment to Term of Office

Swartzlander reviewed the following three proposed amendment changes to the TACC bylaws: 1) change the length of term for officers from one year to two years of service for chair, vice chair, and immediate past president; 2) change the election of officers to the end of the calendar year, and 3) updating Section 2.E to be consistent with the change in term of office.

- **Discussion**
TACC members discussed changes.

- **Public Comment**
None

- **Action**

M/S/C (Gandelman/Standard-Nightengale)

TO APPROVE THE TACC BYLAWS AMENDMENTS AS PROPOSED.

APPROVED.

Abstentions: None

No vote: None

12. Executive Committee Report

President Wartson provided the Executive Committee report. On November 28, the Executive Committee reviewed the election timeline and ratified President Wartson's appointment of Nominating Committee members: Diane Lawrence (Chair), Tita Bladen,

and Richard Kuehn.

13. Nominating Committee Report

Lawrence provided the Nominating Committee report. The Committee met on November 28 to review statements of interest and develop the slate for the 2023 election. The Committee proposed the following slate: President Bobbie Wartson, Vice President David Wilder and Member at Large Joyce Gandelman.

M/S/C (Standard-Nightengale/Branson)

**TO ACCEPT THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT AND PROPOSED SLATE.
APPROVED.**

Abstentions: None

No Votes: None

14. Review of Election Procedures

Swartzlander reviewed election procedures.

15. Election of Officers – Action

TACC members voted for officers. The 2023 TACC Executive Committee Officers are as follows: President Bobbie Wartson, Vice President David Wilder and Member at Large Joyce Gandelman.

16. PSA Reports

PSA 2 – no comment

PSA 6 – no comment

PSA 7 – Jim Donnelly announced Joyce Kleiner will be the new TACC representative.

PSA 10- - no comment

PSA 11 - no comment

PSA 12 - Lynne Standard-Nightengale reported on home and congregate delivered meal expansion.

PSA 15- Bobbie Wartson reported nutrition numbers are back up with opening two of the three sites; meals being made on sight.

PSA 19 - Helen Romero-Shaw announced new leadership for LA County with all female representatives.

PSA 20 - David Wider encouraged members to invite Karol Swartzlander to present to their local TACC advisory committees; to meet with local Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC) representatives; and noted a forthcoming report related to transportation in San Bernardino.

PSA 23 - Stephen Huber announced this was his first TACC meeting as the PSA 23 representative.

PSA 26 - Paul Branson reported a senior summit in Lake County in November.

PSA 27 – Former TACC representative Cindy Scarboro provided an unofficial update: two California Senior Legislator (CSL) representatives are now established; work had commenced in preparation for the Area Agency on Aging (AAA) plan for 2023, including convening focus groups seeking the hard-to-reach Spanish-speaking older adults.

PSA 29 - Tita Bladen noted staffing shortages are impacting the reopening senior congruent meals and day programs.

PSA 30 - Joyce Gandelman reported they are one of seven counties to host care court-to help with rehousing efforts for individuals with mental health issues, and encouraged other members to look into setting up a local team.

PSA 32 - no comment

17. Update: California Department of Aging, Master Plan for Aging and the Administration's 2023 Priorities (2:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m.)

Kim McCoy Wade, Senior Advisor for Aging, Disability, and Alzheimer's, Office of Governor Gavin Newsom

Susan DeMarois, Director, California Department of Aging

Kim McCoy Wade discussed the upcoming 2023-24 Governor's budget and new legislative cycle starting in January 2023. Noting the anticipated budget shortfall, Wade recommended focusing on policies and bills that make improvements but have little to no cost.

Susan DeMarois provided an update on the Master Plan for Aging (MPA). The California Department of Aging (CDA) is required to provide an annual update on MPA implementation. The Annual Report reviews investments and progress made in 2022

toward the 132 initiatives that were the focus of the first two years of MPA implementation and outlines the 95 new initiatives that will drive activities for the next two years, 2023-2024. DeMarois also reported that CDA will conduct outreach and education to new legislators and will provide each member with a copy of the Annual Report.

BREAK - 3:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.

18. Presentation: “Why are Nursing Homes So Scary?” California Advocates for Nursing Home Reform (CANHR)

Tony Chicotel, Staff Attorney, CANHR

Joyce Gandelman introduced presenter Tony Chicotel. Chicotel provided an overview of CANHR, a nonprofit advocacy organization dedicated to improving the choices, care and quality of life for California’s long-term care consumers. CANHR advocates for and assists Medi-Cal beneficiaries with abuse and neglect complaints, share of cost issues and protection of claw back, estate planning, provides information and assistance to the public; initiates legislation and litigation; and tracks legislation, policy and regulations related to long-term care. Chicotel also outlined some of the challenges and problems with the nursing facility industry including quality of care, visiting policies, and payment structure.

19. 2023 TACC Meeting Schedule

President Wartson and Swartzlander reviewed the proposed 2023 meeting schedule for three virtual and one in-person meetings.

2023 Proposed Meeting Schedule

- March 23rd – Virtual meeting, 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.
- May 1st and 2nd – In-person meeting, to coincide with Senior Advocacy Day
- September 7 – Virtual meeting, 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.
- November 2nd - Virtual meeting, 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

A. Discuss Schedule and Topics for Future Meetings

• **Discussion**

TACC members provided input and discussion of topics and meeting dates.

• **Public Comment**

None

• **Action**

M/S/C (Wilder/Lawrence)

**TO ACCEPT THE 2023 MEETING SCHEDULE AS PROPOSED.
APPROVED.**

Abstentions: None

No Votes: None

20. Member Comments

TACC members provided comments on meeting.

21. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.