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TACC GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Physical Location:

2880 Gateway Oaks Dr., Suite 390, Sacramento, CA 95833

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2024

1. Call to Order

President Wartson called the meeting to order at 1:03 pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

President Wartson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Welcome New TACC Members

President Wartson welcomed new members Tonya Frost (PSA 14) and Debbie Franklin (PSA 21).

4. Roll Call and Establish a Quorum

Members present virtually: Mike Cottone, Kristi Denton Cohen, Diane Lawrence, Jill Kleiner, Monika Lee, Marcha Artiles, Tonya Frost, Bobbie Wartson, Dr. Maria Munguia, Ted Smith, Dr. Deborah Nattress, Debbie Baker, Tita Bladen, Joyce Gandelman, Richard White, and Sherry Gomez

Members absent: Kelly Carpenter, Wayne Templeton, Lynne Standard-Nightengale, Stephen Huber, Wendy Caputo, Janine Simth-Citron, Terry Kelley, Clifford Monte, Marleen Bush.

Staff present: Karol Swartzlander, Leza Coleman, Marijke Melman, Patrick Smith, Peter Anderson.

A Quorum was established.

5. Approve the November 14, 2024 General Meeting Agenda

(M/S/C) (Kristi Denton Cohen/Richard White)

**TO APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 14, 2024, GENERAL MEETING AGENDA.
APPROVED.**

6. **Approve the Minutes of August 22, 2024, TACC General Meeting**
(M/S/C) (Ted Smith/Dr. Deborah Nattress)
TO APPROVE THE AUGUST 22, 2024, MEETING MINUTES.
APPROVED.

7. **Public Comment for items not on the agenda**
None

8. **President's Remarks**
None

9. **Presentation: Creating a Local Master Plan for Aging**
Commissioner Ben Jauregui, DSW, Manager, Integrated Transitional Care, Inland Empire Health Plan, Founding Board Chair, Inland Coalition on Aging, and Commissioner, Senior Affairs Commission, San Bernardino County
Carmen Estrada, MPA, Executive Director, Inland Caregiver Resource Center and Treasurer, Inland Coalition on Aging, Co-Chair, Inland Empire Master Plan on Aging (IE-MPA) Advisory Committee

Commissioner Jauregui discussed the mission of the Inland Coalition on Aging (ICA) to improve integrated care and service delivery of long-term services and support in the Inland Empire. ICA's vision is a community where older adults, adults with disabilities, and caregivers age well. The Coalition's objectives are to engage stakeholders, develop initiatives to advance their mission and spearhead and implement ICA projects. Commissioner Jauregui shared that the expected increase of the 65+ aged population in the Inland Empire specifically from 1980-2060 -- the largest increase in the state -- brings unique challenges.

Carmen Estrada stressed the importance of a strong coalition, particularly between Riverside and San Bernardino Counties, and identified the valuable IE-MPA Advisory Committee. She shared the value of being part of the SCAN Foundation coalitions. SCAN provided initial funding to the IE-MPA, followed by funding from the CA Department of Aging (CDA). Funds were used to form a local advisory committee, review existing data, hold listening sessions, create a preliminary report needs assessment, form workgroups, develop action items, identify resources, build public awareness and support, draft a local MPA, and share updates with the community. The needs assessment was continually reviewed and updated in response to public and workgroup input. A final Action Plan is expected to be released in June 2025. Estrada played a video about the IE-MPA.

10. Nominating Committee Report

Diane Lawrence, Nominating Committee Chair, presented the Committee's recommended slate: Ted Smith – President, and Joyce Gandelman – Vice President.

11. Review of Election Procedures

Swartzlander reviewed vote-by-email election procedures.

12. Election of Officers

Melman counted the votes: 13 votes were cast in favor of the proposed slate out of 17 members present, 4 members abstained.

President Wartson announced the election of Ted Smith to TACC President, and Joyce Gandelman to TACC Vice President.

(M/S/C) (Dr. Deborah Nattress/Richard White)

VOTE TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDED SLATE OF OFFICERS.

APPROVED.

13. Presentation: Improving Accessibility throughout California

April Dawson Rawlings, Executive Director, California Commission on Disability Access (CCDA)

Director Rawlings explained CCDA's mission to promote disability access in CA through dialogue and cooperation and with a focus on business accessibility. CCDA serves as a middle ground where conversations could be held and solutions and information provided to facilitate access. Their main activities are small business education, outreach, and development of technical materials and training. CCDA provides listening forums and webinars, disability access litigation data tracking, and an annual report to the state legislature. Their annual reports provide consolidated statewide data regarding business categories trending for alleged access violations including website accessibility. This data guides CCDA's use of resources. CCDA promotes the Certified Access Specialist program (CASp) which trains and provides specialists in state and federal construction-related accessibility. Disability Access and Education Revolving (DAER) funds are available to private businesses to hire CASps and can be used for programs that facilitate local business compliance with construction-related accessibility requirements.

14. Staff Report

a. CCoA Policy Priorities for 2024-2025

Swartzlander shared a summary of the new 2024-2025 CCoA Policy Priorities and assured TACC that an updated document will be sent to Members.

- b. 2025 TACC General Meeting Dates
 - 1) February 13, 2025, 1 to 4 pm
 - 2) April 17, 2025, 1 to 4 pm
 - 3) June 12, 2025, 1 to 4 pm
 - 4) Fall date TBA, at C4A Annual Conference (btw 9/15 and 11/15) in Southern CA
- c. Legislative Update

Smith reported that CCoA is identifying legislative priorities and potential partners to author bills for the 2025 session.

15. Planning and Service Area (PSA) Reports

- a. Discussion of PSA Report Modernization: the goal is to start using a new report format for the first meeting in 2025
- b. Member Reports

PSA 28 is struggling with rules governing the distribution of electronic devices funded by CDA from Older Americans Act funds. The inventory requirement is a burden on his small PSA.

Dr. Maria Munguia PSA reported on their PSA's restructuring.

PSA 7 notified the council that this would be her final TACC meeting. A new representative will be taking over.

16. Discuss Topics for Future Meetings

It was suggested that future meetings highlight a PSA that would like to share information on a successful program.

It was generally agreed that the Council should take time at each meeting to discuss specific topics that PSA's may be struggling with to gather support and advice.

17. Member Comments

None

18. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.