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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

August 27-28, 2019
San Jose, CA

TUESDAY, AUGUST 27, 2019

9:30 a.m.– 2:30 p.m.

Commission toured Santa Clara County senior program sites.

Commission Meeting 3:45 p.m.

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Butler called the meeting to order at 3:40 p.m. Commissioner Adelman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call and Establish Quorum

Commissioners Present: Marcy Adelman, Joaquin Anguea, Cheryl Brown, Betsy Butler, Joe Cislowski, Julie Conger, Stuart Greenbaum, Meea Kang, Shelley Lyford, Debbie Meador, Bob Petty, Jane Rozanski, Rita Saenz, Sedalia Sanders, Ellen Schmeding, Ed Walsh

Commissioners Absent: Jean Schuldberg

Guests: Kim McCoy Wade, David Lindeman, Crystal Shafiabady, Aneliza Del Pinal, Brenda Lang-Goodall, Celeste Walker, Manuel Altamirano, Michal Mendoza, Jeff Tepper, Sonya Casares

Staff: Dale Kuroda, Karol Swartzlander, Carol Sewell, Marcella Villanueva, Sandi Fitzpatrick (Volunteer)

A quorum was present.

3. Introductions: Commissioners & Guests

Chair Butler invited Commissioners and guests to introduce themselves.

4. Approve Agenda

The August 27-28, 2019 CCoA General Meeting Agenda was reviewed.

M/S/C (Cislowski/Adelman)

TO APPROVE THE AUGUST 27-28, 2019 GENERAL MEETING AGENDA.

5. Approve Minutes from June 18-19, 2019 Meeting

The minutes from the June 18-19, 2019 meeting were reviewed.

M/S/C (Adelman/Lyford)

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 18-19, 2019 CCOA MEETING.

6. Public Comments for items not on the agenda

None

7. Comments from the Chair

Chair Butler introduced Karol Swartzlander and thanked Dale Kuroda and Sandi Fitzpatrick for their support for the CCoA during the interim. Swartzlander thanked Fitzpatrick and Kuroda for their support and discussed her background working in aging programs throughout the state.

A. Announcement of Commissioner Adelman's appointment to the Governor's Task Force on Alzheimer's (Disease) Prevention and Preparedness

Chair Butler congratulated Commissioner Adelman on her appointment to the Governor's Task Force on Alzheimer's (Disease) Prevention and Preparedness and announced Commissioners Brown & Lyford's appointment to the Master Plan for Aging Stakeholder Advisory Group.

8. Executive Committee Report

A. Announce hiring of Karol Swartzlander as CCoA Executive Director

Commissioner Butler announced the hiring of Karol Swartzlander as CCoA Executive Director.

9. Legislative Advocacy Committee Report

Commissioner Adelman referenced the updated handout in Commission packets. Sewell provided an update on the status of CCoA's priority bills.

Meet and Greet 4:30 p.m.

Sourcewise CEO Aneliza Del Pinal welcomed the Commission to Santa Clara County and introduced members of the Sourcewise Board of Directors. The agency has worked to automate access to information and resources to improve services for providers and consumers.

Recess

The meeting recessed at 5:05 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28, 2019

The Commission meeting reconvened at 9:00 a.m.

10. Staff Report

Kuroda provided the staff report.

A. Activity Report

Kuroda referenced the Activity Report in Commissioners' packets.

B. Website Accessibility

Kuroda noted the new subscription link for the AgeWatch newsletter and reported on progress toward making the CCoA website ADA compliant.

C. November Meeting Preview

Fitzpatrick reviewed plans for the November CCoA meeting in Los Angeles. Fitzpatrick acknowledged Chair Butler's efforts to move the Commission forward during the transition period.

11. Federal Advocacy Committee Report

Commissioner Walsh provided the Federal Advocacy Committee Report.

A. Older Americans Act Reauthorization

Commissioner Walsh provided an update on Older Americans Act reauthorization bill and referenced a statement from the American Society on Aging (ASA) stressing the urgency of swift reauthorization. Commissioner Walsh recommend sending a letter to Senator Susan Collins urging prompt passage.

M/S/C (Schmeding/Kang)

TO SEND A LETTER URGING OLDER AMERICANS ACT REAUTHORIZATION TO SUSAN COLLINS AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING.

M/S/C (Brown/Rozanski)

TO AMEND THE MOTION TO ALSO SEND THE CORRESPONDENCE TO THE BILL'S AUTHORS AND CA SENATORS.

B. Affordable Housing Credit Improvement Act (S.1703/H.R. 3077)

Commissioner Walsh provided an update on the Affordable Housing Credit Improvement Act.

M/S/C (Kang/Adelman)

TO SEND LETTERS OF SUPPORT TO SPONSORS OF S.1703/H.R. 3077 INDICATING CCOA'S SUPPORT AND REFERENCING OUR AGREEMENT WITH ASA'S POSITION.

C. Rule Change: Food Stamps

Commissioner Walsh reviewed the proposed rule change on food stamp eligibility.

M/S/C (Sanders/Brown)

TO SEND LETTERS OPPOSING THE FEDERAL EFFORT TO SET BENCHMARK AT 130% OF THE FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL FOR SNAP ELIGIBILITY.

D. Federal Budget Update

Commissioner Walsh reported that a two-year agreement avoided the risk of sequestration, but the Committee will be tracking separate appropriations bills.

E. ACL announces Initial Meetings of Caregiver Advisory Councils

Commissioner Walsh reported on ACL's convening of the Raise Family Caregiving Advisory Council and the Advisory Council to Support Grandparents Raising Grandchildren.

F. Prescription Drug Pricing Reduction Act of 2019

Commissioner Walsh reported on Congressional action on the Prescription Drug Pricing Reduction Act of 2019. Committee just learned of this and will be tracking.

G. Stakeholder meeting with Congresswoman Matsui

Sewell reported on Sacramento Congresswoman Doris Matsui's meeting with aging program advocates.

M/SC/ (Walsh/Cislowski)

TO COPY CONGRESSWOMAN MATSUI ON ALL LETTERS CCOA SENDS TO CONGRESS.

M/SC/ (Brown/Rozanski)

TO DIRECT STAFF TO CIRCULATE LETTERS TO COMMISSIONERS SO THEY CAN BE DISTRIBUTED BY MEMBERS TO THEIR LOCAL CONGRESSIONAL REPRESENTATIVES.

12. Unfinished Business

A. We Stand With Seniors Polling Results

Commissioner Lyford reviewed the work of West Health and reported on recent West Health/SCAN Foundation polling data of Californians' views on Master Plan on Aging priorities. The organization's mission is to lower the cost of healthcare to enable older adults to age in place.

B. Master Plan on Aging Update

Chair Butler provided an update on appointments to the Master Plan Advisory Task Force and next steps toward plan development.

13. New Business

A. Chair appointments to Nominating Committee

Chair Butler announced her appointment of Commissioner Saenz (chair), Commissioner Adelman and Commissioner Walsh to the CCoA Nominating Committee. Election procedures and timelines were reviewed.

B. 2020 Meeting Schedule

Fitzpatrick reviewed the 2020 meeting schedule, with January in Sacramento; March in San Francisco; working on Auburn or Grass Valley for May; August or September to be in Orange County. Considering opportunities to schedule around release of the Master Plan for Aging in November 2020.

M/S/C (Lyford/Rozanski)

TO ADOPT THE 2020 MEETING SCHEDULE AS PRESENTED.

14. PRESENTATION: California Master Plan on Aging and California Department of Aging Update

Presenter: Kim McCoy Wade, Acting Director, California Department of Aging

Acting Director Wade reported on the Newsom Administration's plans for development of the Master Plan for Aging. She thanked the Commission for its interest and discussed the importance of stakeholder input in the plan's development.

15. PRESENTATION: Technology & Aging

Presenter: David Lindeman, PhD, Director Health, Center for Information Technology Research in the Interest of Society (CITRIS) and Director, Center for Technology and Aging

Dr. Lindeman provided an overview of the work of CITRIS and new assistive technology developments to assist older adults with a focus on equity, inclusion and access.

16. Commissioner Comments

No comments

17. Next Commission Meeting: November 19-20, 2019 in Los Angeles County

18. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 11:34 a.m.