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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Via Zoom

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2020

Commission Meeting 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner Butler called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m. Commissioner Schmeding led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call and Establish Quorum

Commissioners present: Marcy Adelman, Joaquin Anguera, Cheryl Brown, Betsy Butler, Kimberly Carr, Erika Castile, Anni Chung, Joe Cislowski, Brendalynn Goodall, Meea Kang, Shelley Lyford, Debbie Meador, Bob Petty, Faisal Qazi, Rita Saenz, Sedalia Sanders, Ellen Schmeding, Jean Schulberg

Staff present: Karol Swartzlander, Marcella Villanueva, Carol Sewell

Guest presenters: Kiera Pollock, Terra Russell-Slavin, Heidi Steinecker, Kim McCoy Wade, Will Lightbourne, Demetria Rivera

3. Housekeeping

Swartzlander reviewed Zoom participation procedures.

4. Approve Agenda

M/S/C (Saenz/Adelman)

TO APPROVE THE OCTOBER 22, 2020 GENERAL MEETING AGENDA.

APPROVED

5. Approve Minutes from August 18, 2020 meeting

M/S/C (Brown/Castile)

TO APPROVE THE AUGUST 18, 2020 GENERAL MEETING MINUTES.

APPROVED

6. Public Comments

None.

7. Chair's Comments

a. Introduction of new Commissioners

Commissioner Butler welcomed the new Commissioners and invited members to introduce themselves.

8. Master Plan for Aging Committee Report

Director Wade provided an update that covered this agenda item. See agenda item 14.

9. Federal Update

Commissioner Petty reported the Commission had submitted correspondence opposing a proposed change to the Department of Housing and Urban Development's Equality Rule and discussed opportunities for future action from the Commission.

10. Staff Report

Swartzlander provided highlights from the August/September Staff Activity Report.

11. Invisible No More: LGBT Older Adults in California

Kiera Pollock, Director of Senior Services, Los Angeles LGBT Center

Terra Russell-Slavin, Director of Policy and Community Building, Los Angeles LGBT Center

Pollock and Russell-Slavin reviewed the work of the Los Angeles LGBT Center and provided updates on progress made since the Commission's visit in 2019. The Center's policy work is focused on increasing data on LGBT needs and on including HIV-positive individuals in the Older Californians Act's definition of greatest social need.

- Public Comment
None.

12. Addressing COVID-19 in Skilled Nursing Facilities

Heidi W. Steinecker, Deputy Director, Center for Health Care Quality (CHCQ), California Department of Public Health

Steinecker reported on the efforts of the Center for Health Care Quality in limiting COVID-19 exposure and deaths in skilled nursing facilities. She addressed the challenges of allowing outside visitors in facilities, the coming flu season and preparing for an expected COVID-19 resurgence.

- Public Comment
Fran Sereseres asked if CDPH prevention protocols were being used in other congregate living settings regulated by the state. Steinecker said the Department is collaborating with other regulatory agencies to protect residents in assisted living and other residential care settings.

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13. Review of Election Procedures

Swartzlander provided an overview of new election procedures to be used in November.

14. Kim McCoy Wade, Director, California Department of Aging

Director Wade reviewed the five major themes addressed in the Stakeholder Advisory Committee's recommendations for the Master Plan for Aging: Equity, Leadership, Housing, Long-Term Services and Supports System Integration and Addressing Poverty. She said meetings have begun with the Cabinet Workgroup and urged the public to begin thinking about ways to implement the recommendations locally once the plan is finalized and released.

- Public Comment
None.

15. Will Lightbourne, Director, Department of Health Care Services

Director Lightbourne reviewed his department's priorities, which include extending the reach of the state's Medi-Cal spending through an emphasis on quality of care, better integration of social services and mental health care, and addressing disparities in health outcomes. DHCS' work to implement the CalAIM initiative will resume in 2021.

- Public Comment
None.

16. Commissioner Comments

Commissioners noted ongoing opportunities to work on Master Plan implementation projects and the upcoming release of The SCAN Foundation's LTSS Scorecard on November 16th.

17. Next Meeting

The next CCoA meeting will be November 13, 2020.

18. Adjourn

M/S/C (Schmeding/Saenz)

TO ADJOURN MEETING AT 5:01 P.M.