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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Via Zoom

Wednesday June 3, 2020

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Butler called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

2. Roll Call and Establish Quorum

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

Staff: Karol Swartzlander, Carol Sewell, Marcella Villanueva

Guests: Adam Willoughby, Randy Pollock, Kim McCoy Wade, Teja Stevens, Nicole Howell, Teri Boughton

A quorum was established.

3. Introductions

Guests introduced themselves.

4. Housekeeping and Zoom Review

Swartzlander reviewed meeting procedures and guidance for using Zoom.

5. Approve Agenda

M/S/C (Conger/Rozanski)

TO APPROVE THE JUNE 3, 2020 GENERAL MEETING AGENDA.

6. Approve Minutes from May 20, 2020 meeting

M/S/C (Adelman/Conger)

TO APPROVE THE MAY 20, 2020 GENERAL MEETING MINUTES.

7. Public Comments

None

8. Chair's Comments

Chair Butler thanked the Commission members for attending and noted the difficult times in our nation and recent losses of family members.

9. Executive Committee Report

Chair Butler reported the Executive Committee had not met.

10. Federal Update: Achievements for older adults through Coronavirus Relief and the Older Americans Act

Commissioner Walsh provided an update on federal activity since January, including Older Americans Act reauthorization through 2024 and recent COVID-19 relief legislation passed in March and subsequent relief legislation pending in Congress with temporary funding increases for aging services. The amended Health Care Rights rule limiting access for LGBT individuals and non-English speakers has been sent to the Department of Justice for finalization.

11. Presentation: Master Plan for Aging Update

CDA Director Kim McCoy Wade provided an update on timelines and activities around the Master Plan for Aging (MPA) and reported that the LTSS Subcommittee's report had been transmitted to the Governor. The final MPA is now due for release in December.

12. Elder Economic Forum White Paper and Video release

Chair Butler reported the white paper would be released in the next week. The video has been posted to the CCoA website.

13. Elder Justice Lunch and Learn Series overview.

Nicole Howell, Ombudsman Services of Contra Costa, Solano and Alameda, discussed plans for this year's Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse Awareness webinar series, "Elder Justice Lunch and Learn" with high-level speakers scheduled monthly. The focus will be how providers are working to prevent elder abuse in the age of COVID-19.

14. Break

Chair Butler called for a 10-minute break at 10:24 a.m.

15. Update on the 2020-2021 Budget; Discussion and Possible Action

Swartzlander reviewed differences between the May Revise and the Legislature's proposed budget, which protects health and human service program funding for low-income, aged, and disabled individuals.

16. Staff Report

Swartzlander reviewed the staff report and discussed the advocacy work around this year's legislative budget hearings. Staff submitted comments in writing prior to the hearings and was working on comments for submission to the June 9th Joint Health and Aging & Long-Term Care Committee meeting on COVID-19 and skilled nursing facilities.

Marcella noted that travel expense claims for FY 19/20 were due and claims received after June 3 would be paid in July.

17. Upcoming meeting plans

Chair Butler reviewed plans for the **August 18 meeting from 1 to 5 p.m. via Zoom**. The meeting will include rural program presentations from providers in Grass Valley.

October 22 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. via Zoom was approved for the fall meeting. Swartzlander indicated in person meeting plans for 2021 included a January meeting in Sacramento and a March meeting in San Francisco.

18. Unfinished Business

None

19. New Business

Swartzlander discussed the need to update the Operational Plan and suggested that take place after the MPA had been released.

20. Commissioner Comments

Chair Butler offered condolences to Commissioner Carr on the loss of her father.

21. Adjourn

Commissioner Rozanski moved to adjourn in remembrance of Lynne Butler, Commissioner Carr's father, George Floyd and the many lives that had been lost to COVID-19 and recent violence.

M/S/C (Rozanski/Schuldberg)

TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 1:39 P.M.