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GENERAL MEETINGS MINUTES

September 7-8, 2017

Embassy Suites by Hilton San Rafael
Marin County, CA

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2017

I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Downey called the meeting to order at 9:46 a.m. Commissioner Schuldberg led the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Downey thanked the Marin Commission on Aging for hosting CCoA.

II. Roll Call and Establish Quorum

Commissioners Present: Paul Downey, Edward Walsh, Joaquin Anguera, Cheryl Brown, Betsy Butler, Steve Castle, Julie Conger, Lucy Fisher, Stuart Greenbaum, Meea Kang, Gail Nickerson, Bob Petty, Kathy Randall, Carmen Reyes, Jane Rozanski, Rita Saenz, Jean Schuldberg

Commissioners Absent: Sedalia Sanders

Staff: Sandi Fitzpatrick, Carol Sewell, Marcella Villanueva

Guests: Lee Pullen, Dennis Rodoni, Salamah Locks, Chris Asimos, Jim Monson, Anita Renzetti, Allan Bortel, Sybil Boutilier, Jody Timms, Vandana Pant, Tiffany Lam

A quorum was established

III. Introductions: Commissioners & Guests

Commissioners introduced themselves.

IV. Approve Agenda

The September 7-8, 2017 CCoA General meeting agenda was reviewed.

M/S/C (Conger/Nickerson)

TO APPROVE THE SEPTEMBER 7-8, 2017 CCOA GENERAL MEETING AGENDA.

V. Approve Minutes from June 1-2, 2017 meeting

The June 1-2, 2017 CCoA General Meeting minutes were reviewed.

M/S/C (Brown/Butler)

TO APPROVE THE JUNE 1-2, 2017 CCOA GENERAL MEETING MINUTES.

VI. Public Comments for items not on the agenda

None

VII. Executive Committee Meetings Report

Commissioner Downey provided the Executive Committee meeting reports.

A. August 8, 2017 Meeting

1. Voluntary Tax Check-off: Issue Resolved

Commissioner Downey reported on corrections to the Voluntary Tax Check-off issue with TurboTax.

2. USA-Japan Memorandum of Cooperation (MOC) re: Housing and Community Development

Executive Committee voted to support the MOC but encouraged inclusion of the Administration for Community Living in the agreement.

3. Authorization for Timely Staff Advocacy

Executive Committee approved the following motion: When a timely response is required, the Executive Director is authorized to respond to federal budget matters that could harm or benefit older adults through web postings, letters, or AgeWatch.

B. September 7, 2017 Meeting

1. Senior Rally: May 8, 2018 - Theme: Housing

Staff will participate in planning efforts around the 2018 Senior Rally.

2. Long-Term Services and Supports Workgroup

Staff has participated in a LTSS workgroup development of a platform on LTSS funding and coordination. Assembly Member Ridley Thomas has indicated he would use the platform to develop legislation.

3. United Domestic Workers (UDW) CARE AGENDA

Commissioner Downey reported on Commission's general support for the UDW Care Agenda; potential action to occur at a later date.

4. Invitation from State Policy Director, Alzheimer's Association to partner in a January event

Executive Committee discussed an opportunity in January 2018 to participate in a reception for the Legislative Women's Caucus with the Alzheimer's Association, the Commission on the Status of Women and Girls and others. Hoping the meeting would coincide with the January 2018 CCoA meeting.

VIII. Comments from the Chair/Overview of CCoA

Commissioner Downey provided an overview of the Commission and its work.

IX. Welcome to Marin County

Lee Pullen, Director of Marin Health and Human Services and Aging and Adult Services welcomed Commissioners. Mr. Pullen discussed the county's changing demographics – 1/3

of the population will be over the age of 65 soon. The County was recently designated as an Age-Friendly Community with a focus on access to services and information. Marin AAA is working to expand the aging services network and increase community participation to increase commitment to aging services.

X. Greetings from Dennis Rodoni, Supervisor, Marin County Board of Supervisors, District 4

Supervisor Rodoni welcomed Commissioners to the county and noted that the Board of Supervisors had made aging services a priority issue for 2018.

XI. OPEN FORUM: *Marin County Commission on Aging Advocacy Updates*

Salamah Locks, Chair, Marin County Commission on Aging

Ms. Locks discussed the Commission's structure and purpose. The Commission's goal of all seniors actively engaged with elected leaders at both city and county levels. All 11 Marin County cities are seeking Age Friendly City designation.

Chris Asimos, Marin County Commission on Aging

Ms. Asimos chairs the Health & Nutrition Committee. She discussed her commitment to mental health issues and end-of-life concerns and her ongoing advocacy to increase funding for older adult mental health programs.

Jim Monson, Marin County Commission on Aging

Mr. Monson provided background on efforts to improve outreach to the community, including training Commissioners to do presentations on aging issues in preparation for the "longevity boom." In response to the high percentage of older residents, the county has encouraged advocacy at all levels, developed a community resource guide, and added five social workers to enhance I&A services.

XII. Information on Whistlestop

Information on Whistlestop was reviewed.

XIII. Lunch and Travel Logistics

Lunch and travel logistics were reviewed. Commissioners boarded shuttles to travel to Jackson Café at Whistlestop.

At 1:00 p.m. Commissioners boarded shuttles and returned to Embassy Suites, San Rafael. The meeting reconvened at 1:30 p.m.

XIV. Panel Presentation: *Successes and Challenges for Older Adult Services and Supports in Marin County: Age-Friendly Expansion, Transportation and Housing*

Moderator: **Lee Pullen**, Director, Marin County Health and Human Services, Aging and Adult Services, introduced the afternoon panel. The Commission is actively working on housing and transportation along with priority issues identified in the needs assessment.

Presenters:

Anita Renzetti, Director of Program Innovations, Whistlestop

Ms. Renzetti discussed Whistlestop's delivery of transportation services; I&A, legal aid, connection to county social services, and meals programs. Whistlestop is looking at alternative locations to develop an active aging campus.

Allan Bortel, Marin Commission on Aging

Mr. Bortel discussed the region's transition from "car orientation in 2004" to full-service transit coverage supported by a half-cent sales tax and a \$10 vehicle registration fee for county residents. The fee brings \$2.3 million a year to the county, with \$800,000 directed toward a mobility management program.

Sybil Boutilier, Marin Commission on Aging

Ms. Boutilier reviewed the World Health Organization's (WHO) Age-Friendly Cities initiative, which helps communities adapt city structures to meet growing needs of aging population. The initiative focuses on eight interconnected domains of urban living: housing; social participation; respect and social inclusion; civic participation and employment; communication and information; and community support and health services. Over 500 cities have WHO designation; 11 California cities and several counties are designated.

Jody Timms, Marin Commission on Aging

Ms. Timms presented information on the "Age Friendly Marin Network," which meets monthly, sharing the accomplishments and unique approaches of cities across the county.

XV. Unfinished Business

A. Telehealth Policy Convening

Commissioner Schulberg summarized outcomes from the July 18 California Telehealth Policy Coalition meeting and commented on the Legislature's recent informational hearing on broadband in rural communities.

XVI. New Business

A. Chair's Appointment of Nominating Committee

Commissioner Downey announced appointment of Nominating Committee members: Julie Conger, Chair; committee members Joaquin Anguera and Carmen Reyes.

B. Election Procedures/Timeline

Commissioner Downey reviewed positions available and election procedures.

C. Proposed Meeting Schedule

Commissioner Downey presented the CCoA meeting schedule for 2018.

XVII. Federal Policy Committee Report

Commissioner Petty provided the Federal Policy Committee report.

A. National Council on Aging: Aging Program Funding Comparison

Commissioner Petty reviewed NCOA's summary of federal budget proposals and highlighted proposed elimination of the State Health Insurance Program (SHIP).

B. Recommend Opposition to de-fund State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) and reduce funding for the Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP).

The House recommendation is to cut over 25% funding and the Administration is requesting to cut all funding.

M/S (Petty/Rozanski)

TO OPPOSE CUTS TO THE STATE HEALTH INSURANCE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SHIP).

M/S/C (Butler/ Saenz)

TO AMEND THE MOTION: CCOA SUPPORTS MAINTAINING SHIP FUNDING AT CURRENT LEVELS.

M/S/C (Petty/Saenz)

TO MAINTAIN CURRENT LEVELS FOR SCSEP FUNDING.

M/S (Brown/Conger)

TO MAINTAIN FUNDING AT CURRENT LEVELS FOR ALL AGING PROGRAMS

M/S/C (Walsh/Brown)

TO AMEND THE MOTION: TO OPPOSE ANY CUTS TO AGING-RELATED PROGRAM FUNDING.

C. Recommend Support for S. 1151 and H.R. 2505 and S. 1028

Credit for Caring will provide a federal tax credit for those individuals providing care.

M/S/C (Petty/Rozanski)

TO SUPPORT S.1151 AND H.R. 2505.

M/S/C (Petty/Saenz)

TO SUPPORT S.1028 FAMILY CAREGIVERS ACT.

D. Committee Update

Commissioner Petty presented news from the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services on an equitable relief waiver of Part B late enrollment penalties and special enrollment period for new Medicare recipients who thought their ACA Medicaid coverage would continue.

XVIII. Recess

Meeting recessed at 4:12 p.m.

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 8, 2017

Meeting reconvened at 8:34 a.m.

XIX. Staff Report

A. Activity Report

Fitzpatrick provided the Staff Activity report.

B. Travel Expense Summary 2016-17

Fitzpatrick reviewed the travel expense summary.

XX. Elder Justice Committee Report

Commissioner Schulberg reported the Elder Justice committee met via teleconference.

A. Federal Issues Update

No additional updates on federal elder justice activities.

B. Recommend Support for S. 81 Senior Fraud Prevention Act

Commissioner Schulberg reviewed S. 81 and recommended the Commission support.

M/S (Schulberg/Conger)

TO SUPPORT S. 81.

M/S/C (Petty/Schulberg)

TO AMEND THE MOTION: TO SUPPORT S.81 AND H.R. 444.

C. State Issues Update

Sewell provided an update on the California Elder Justice Coalition’s work and current activities around plans for the June 2018 Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse Awareness Event.

XXI. Legislative Advocacy Committee Report

Sewell provided the Legislative Advocacy Committee report and reviewed the status of bills positioned by CCoA.

XXII. Presentation: *linkAges; A model Intergenerational Program operated by the Palo Alto Medical Foundation*

Presenter: Vandana Pant, Senior Director, Strategic Innovations, Druker Center, Health System Innovation

Vandana Pant and Tiffany Lam presented on the linkAges program, which uses an intergenerational community approach to address older adult loneliness and isolation. linkAges is a community network that allows people to connect, share and exchange hobbies, skills and interests to keep individuals connected.

XXIII. Commissioner Comments

Commissioners commented on the meeting, expressed appreciation to Marin County Office on Aging, and acknowledged the site visit to Whistlestop.

Earlier in the day Commissioner Walsh noted that debate was underway on two amendments to the Older Americans Act.

A. Comments by Commissioner Castle re: Reframing Aging

Commissioner Castle provided comments on Reframing Aging and discussed ways that the Frameworks recommendations might be used for effective aging in California.

M/S/C (Castle/Greenbaum)

FOR THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO CREATE A SUBCOMMITTEE TO:

- 1. RESEARCH NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES AND FUNDING PARTNERS**
- 2. DEVELOP MISSION TO IMPROVE THE AGING DISCOURSE IN CALIFORNIA**
- 3. DEVELOP METHOD FOR RAPID MESSAGING**
- 4. GET THE HELP TO DO IT**

XXIV. Preview Next Meeting: November 7-8, 2017 in San Diego

The next CCoA meeting will be November 7-8, 2017 in San Diego. Commissioner Anguera will be hosting a dinner the evening before, on November 6.

Commissioner Downey stated a formal process of how to introduce and bring ideas forward will be established at the next Executive Committee meeting.

XXV. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

M/S/C (Saenz/Nickerson)

TO ADJOURN MEETING.