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## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

January 8 – 9, 2018

Sheraton Grand Sacramento Hotel, Sacramento, CA

### MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2018

#### I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Walsh called the meeting to order at 12:50 p.m. Commissioner Saenz led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### II. Roll Call and Establish Quorum

**Commissioners Present:** Ed Walsh, Marcy Adelman, Joaquin Anguera, Cheryl Brown, Betsy Butler, Steve Castle, Paul Downey, Stuart Greenbaum, Meea Kang, Gail Nickerson, Bob Petty, Kathy Randall, Rita Saenz

**Commissioners Absent:** Julie Conger, Carmen Reyes, Jane Rozanski, Sedalia Sanders, Jean Schuldberg

**Staff:** Sandi Fitzpatrick, Carol Sewell, Marcella Villanueva

**Guests:** Brenda Anderson, Susan DeMarois, Diane Kaljian, Scott Weiner, Lora Connolly, Jayanth Kumar, Doug McKeever, Janlee Wong, Peter Hansel, Callie Freitag, Ash Kalra, Brenda Vi, Derrell Kelch

A quorum was established.

#### III. Introductions: Commissioners & Guests

Commissioners introduced themselves.

#### IV. Approve Agenda

The January 8-9, 2018 CCoA General Meeting agenda was reviewed.

M/S/C (Saenz/Downey)

**TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 8-9, 2018 CCOA GENERAL MEETING AGENDA.**

#### V. Approve Minutes from November 7-8, 2017 Meeting

The minutes of the November 7-8, 2017 CCoA meeting were reviewed.

M/S/C (Saenz/Downey)

**TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 7-8, 2017 CCOA MEETING.**

## **VI. Public Comments for items not on the agenda**

Brenda Anderson discussed issue of private real estate investors operating retirement facilities without licensure or approvals. She continues to advocate against unregulated facilities.

## **VII. Comments from the Chair**

Chair Walsh thanked Commissioner Downey and commissioners for all of their work on behalf of older adults in 2017. He praised the Commission's ability to foster partnerships to leverage achievements and said he looks forward to 2018 and CCoA's plans to advance our advocacy for older adults.

## **VIII. Preview of Evening Event: Women & Alzheimer's**

### **Presenter: Susan DeMarois, State Public Policy Director, Alzheimer's Association**

Mrs. DeMarois presented the Alzheimer's Association 2018 policy platform, to be carried by Assembly Member Ash Kalra.

## **IX. Presentation: C4A 2018 Initiatives and Priorities**

### **Presenter: Diane Kaljian, Sonoma County Human Services Department Assistant Director and President, California Association of Area Agencies on Aging**

Ms. Kaljian discussed the importance of collaboration on aging initiatives and introduced priorities for the coming year, which include collaboration on California's Elder Abuse Awareness Month events, increasing resources for family caregivers, securing additional state funding for Title III C nutrition programs, and placement of Alzheimer's specialists in area agencies.

## **X. Executive Committee Meeting of December 14, 2017**

Commissioner Walsh provided the Executive Committee report.

### **A. Universal LTSS Coalition**

Fitzpatrick reported that a coalition of aging advocates is developing a budget request to obtain data that will support a larger plan for a long-term care system overhaul and financing. Effort includes messaging for gubernatorial candidates and development of a detailed action plan for development of both the system and financing.

### **B. Reframing Aging Activities**

Commissioner Walsh read the formal motion passed by Executive Committee "that the Executive Committee will continue to act as the committee on the reframing aging issue and pursue partnerships with organizations already responding to reframing aging. The item will be kept on the Executive Committee agenda for the remainder of the year."

Staff is working with AARP to partner on an Age-Friendly California resolution.

## **XI. Presentation: State Senator Scott Wiener**

Senator Wiener discussed his work on the San Francisco Board of Supervisors on LGBT long-term care, data collection on service access by LGBT seniors and on isolation and Alzheimer's in the LGBT community. In the Senate he chairs the Human Services Committee and is working on disparities for people with intellectual disabilities, increasing access to housing, and CalFresh supplemental benefits.

## **XII. Legislative Advocacy Committee Report**

Commissioner Saenz provided the Legislative Advocacy Committee report.

## **A. Co-sponsorship Update**

### **1. Home Safe Homeless Prevention Grant Program**

Commission is co-sponsoring with CWDA and CEJC a one-time budget request to fund 15 pilot projects to prevent elder homelessness around the state.

### **2. LTSS Workgroup: Data Collection**

CCoA is part of a coalition focused on long-term services and supports system reform. Initiative includes a budget request to fund collection of data to demonstrate LTSS needs.

### **3. Age-Friendly California Resolution**

Staff is working with AARP on a legislative resolution.

## **B. Reintroduction of Legislation: Elder Financial Abuse Victims Compensation**

Commission is waiting for Senator Wiener's answer to whether or not he will carry the Commission's Victim Compensation legislation this year.

## **C. Update on two-year bills**

### **1. AB 1500 (Maienschein) ELDERS Bond Act**

CCoA is in support of this Alzheimer's Association-sponsored bond bill.

## **XIII. Federal Policy Committee Report**

Commissioner Randall provided the Federal Policy Committee report.

### **A. RAISE Act Update**

Randall reviewed the RAISE Family Caregivers Act, which was passed by Congress.

### **B. Tax Reform and Jobs Act: Impact on Older Californians**

Committee reviewed California Congressional delegation's summary to identify efforts to prioritize older adults in tax reform; not there.

### **C. Federal Budget: Continuing Resolution**

Congress approved a Continuing Resolution to fund government operations through January 19<sup>th</sup>.

### **D. Future Threats**

Proposals to cut Medicare, Medicaid, and Social Security have been raised. Committee recommends issuing a statement expressing support for those programs given the new threats.

M/S/C (Petty/Saenz)

**FOR CCOA TO ISSUE A STATEMENT TO MAINTAIN FUNDING SUPPORT FOR MEDICARE  
MEIDCAID AND SOCIAL SECURITY AT CURRENT LEVELS.**

### **E. Alzheimer's Funding Levels**

The Committee will continue to monitor Alzheimer's funding levels.

#### **XIV. Operational Procedures and Bylaws Committee Report**

Commissioner Butler provided the Operational Procedures and Bylaws Committee report.

##### **A. Operational Plan: Progress Report January 2015 – December 2017**

Commissioner Butler reviewed the Operational Plan progress report.

M/S/C (Downey/Saenz)

#### **TO APPROVE THE OPERATIONAL PLAN PROGRESS REPORT.**

##### **B. Reframing Aging PowerPoint Summary**

Committee reviewed the PowerPoint presentation by Commissioner Anguera and discussed ways to tailor it for presentation to different audiences.

#### **XV. Unfinished Business**

##### **A. West Health Gubernatorial Candidate Engagement**

Commissioner Downey discussed West Health's campaign to educate the gubernatorial candidates on aging issues and their interest in working with CCoA on the project.

##### **B. Meeting Schedule 2018**

Fitzpatrick reviewed the 2018 meeting schedule. Next meeting, February 28-March 1 in Los Angeles will coincide with St. Barnabas's *Age Into the Future* event. The meeting will include a *Hollywood Takes: on Aging* roundtable.

May 16-17 meeting will be in Placerville, El Dorado County.

August 6-7 – looking at larger event shared with TACC. Possible topics include wellness activities; healthy aging principals; Stanford longevity center.

November 7-8 meeting in Palm Springs will begin in the afternoon. Meeting will include annual election. Will look at federal policy impacts on older LGBTQ individuals.

#### **XVI. New Business**

##### **A. August Meeting Preview**

Fitzpatrick reviewed the August meeting plans.

#### **XVII. Staff Report**

##### **A. Activity Report**

Fitzpatrick provided the staff activity report.

##### **B. Membership**

Fitzpatrick reported on membership changes with resignation of Commissioner Castle.

#### **XVIII. Next Meeting Preview; February 28 and March 1, 2018**

Fitzpatrick reviewed the meeting directions for the February 28-March 1 CCoA meeting to be held at The L.A. Hotel Downtown in Los Angeles.

## **XIX. Commissioner Comments**

Commissioners provided comments.

## **XX. Recess**

The meeting recessed at 4:25 p.m.

## **TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2018**

Meeting reconvened at 8:39 a.m.

## **XXI. *Shifting federal policies: implications for care of older Californians***

### **Panel # 1-- The State's Perspective**

#### **Lora Connolly, Director, California Department of Aging**

Ms. Connolly reviewed budget procedures for funding Older American's Act (OAA) programs and the impact on continuing resolutions (CRs) as opposed to passage of an actual budget bill. She noted reductions to both the Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) and the State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) in recent CRs and said the process prevents the new interstate funding formulas to be implemented. She commented on the interrelation of all state programs and said that gaining the ability to look at the full scope of programs and the interconnectedness would result in lower costs and better health throughout the lifespan.

#### **Jayanth V. Kumar, State Dental Director, California Dental Program at Department of Public Health**

Dr. Kumar discussed development of the state dental plan and the goal of using the plan as a roadmap for all stakeholders to work together to improve oral health in the state. The program's focus is on integrating oral health into medical care, community programs to improve behaviors and to assure a safety net that covers preventive and basic restorative care. He hopes to support the development of demonstration projects to establish practices that work for older adults.

#### **Doug McKeever, Director of Program Policy, Covered California**

Mr. McKeever reported that Covered California has seen fewer cutbacks and price increases than other state programs. The state in 2010 had largest uninsured population at 17% which has dropped to the nation's lowest rate at 6%. When incorporating MediCal, the uninsured rate is 3.8%. He reported 40% of the membership cycle in and out annually – 10% age into Medicare, go into Medicaid or get employer-sponsored coverage. The program is benefiting the 30% of population who are between the ages of 55 & 64, who are pre-retirement and pre-Medicare eligible.

### **Panel #2 -- View from Ground Level**

#### **Janlee Wong, Executive Director, National Association of Social Workers, California Chapter**

Mr. Wong commented on federal proposals to cut health care and to block grant Medicaid under the pretense of offering "more choices and more flexibility." He said that federal cuts

to aging programs would create a huge problem for California resulting in fewer services and increasing homelessness. He stressed the importance of having a trained workforce and noted the disincentives for Social Work students to enter the field of aging due to stipend that's offered for Child Social Work programs. He said it was important that dollars be committed to training the workforce for the aging and disabled population. 21 of California's 23 social work schools have an aging focus and significant curriculum development in aging. System is there – a stipend program would boost enrollment. The demand for an aging workforce is expected to grow faster than any other field.

**Peter Hansel, CEO, Ca/PACE**

Mr. Hansel said PACE's reliance on Medicaid and Medicare dollars make threats to those programs a grave concern. A fundamental aspect of California's Coordinated Care Initiative is impacted by the Affordable Care Act. All Home and Community Based programs such as CBAS and PACE will suffer if the state is forced into further reductions. Home and community based services are not required to be covered. Recent promise in a bi-partisan reform effort in Congress that would improve Medicare coverage for those with chronic conditions. The CMS Center for Medicare Innovation provides opportunities to improve service delivery; PACE will join in several demonstration programs to show adaptability.

**Callie Freitag, Human Services Policy Analyst, CWDA**

Ms. Freitag discussed the programs administered by the county's social service programs. The 500,000 In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) recipients face significant risk from proposals to repeal the Affordable Care Act (ACA), which provides a 56% match for those who qualify for IHSS instead of going into nursing homes. Supplemental Security Income (SSI) rates have not kept pace with California's housing costs, and SSI income for seniors has not kept pace with the cost of living. A state disability housing income program provides assistance to SSI applicants undergoing an appeal. The three-year pilot offers help in filling out applications. County Adult Protective Service (APS) programs are receiving increasingly complex cases with no increase in funding. Child welfare has 40 times the budget of APS. CWDA is co-sponsoring with CEJC and CCoA with "home safe" program. Asking for 15 million over 3 years.

**XXII. Presentation: Assembly Member Ash Kalra**

Assembly member Kalra credited his work with advocates in 2017 for inspiring the Committee's three interim hearings on homelessness, housing affordability and federal threats. All provided insight into risks and opportunities that we have. He said many problems are the result of funding siloes and disconnected services. He commented that housing affordability is tied to health outcomes; fiscal impacts of caring for older adults is reduced when people are not homeless. In 2018 Assembly member Kalra will introduce expanded assisted living waiver legislation and will be fighting to protect Older Americans Act funding and privatization of the healthcare safety net. He said we need a strategic and cooperative approach to move toward creation of universal Long-Term Care. He noted that home care already saves the state billions, yet idea of changing any programs is controversial.

**XXIII. Announcements**

None.

**XXIV. Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 11:04 a.m.