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GENERAL MEETINGS MINUTES

February 28 – March 1, 2018

The L.A. Hotel Downtown, Los Angeles, CA

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2018

I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Walsh called the meeting to order at 2:46 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, Steven Castle, Paul Downey, Stuart Greenbaum, Meea Kang, Gail Nickerson, Carmen Reyes, Jane Rozanski, Rita Saenz, Sedalia Sanders, Jean Schulberg

Commissioners Absent: Julie Conger, Bob Petty, Kathy Randall

Staff: Sandi Fitzpatrick, Carol Sewell, Marcella Villanueva

Guests: Donna Benton, Kylie Meyer, Laura Trejo, Paul Irving, Katherine Pieper, George Shannon, Kate Folb, Arielle Burstein, Paul Petersen

A quorum was established.

III. Introductions

Commissioners introduced themselves.

IV. Approve Agenda

The February 28-March 1, 2018 CCoA General Meeting Agenda was reviewed.

M/S/C (Saenz/Downey)

TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 28-MARCH 1, 2018 CCOA GENERAL MEETING AGENDA.

V. Approve Minutes from January 8-9, 2018 Meeting

The minutes of the January 8-9, 2018 CCoA general meeting were reviewed.

M/S/C (Downey/Anguera)

TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 8-9, 2018 CCOA GENERAL MEETING MINUTES.
Commissioner Sanders abstained.

VI. Public Comments for Items Not on the Agenda

None

VII. Comments from the Chair

Commissioner Walsh thanked staff and Commissioner Greenbaum for their work and effort in putting together this meeting. Some Commissioners will be attending the *Aging in to the Future Conference* on Friday. Excess lodging forms for the May meeting will be handed out and are to be completed and return to Villanueva today.

VIII. Executive Committee Report

Commissioner Walsh provided the Executive Committee Report.

A. “Hollywood Takes on Aging” Roundtable

Commissioner Greenbaum – Associating with some very influential people who have the same interest issues: Milken Institute, Norman Lear Institute, USC Annenberg Inclusion Center – one of the foremost researchers in this country on the issue of aging.

B. Reframing Aging Activities

Fitzpatrick provided an update on C4A’s reframing initiative.

IX. Federal Policy Committee Report

Commissioner Anguera provided the Federal Policy Committee report for the February 13, 2018 teleconference meeting. All members were present for the call.

A. Recognize, Assist, Include, Support, and Engage (RAISE) Family Caregivers Act (S. 1028/H.R. 3759) - signed by the President

The President signed the RAISE Caregiver Act. No action needed.

B. Older Americans Act Month 2018 Theme: Engage At Every Age

The Committee also wanted to call to attention this year’s theme for Older Americans Act Month which is in May. The theme is ENGAGE AT EVERY AGE.

C. Federal Budget/Future Threats to older Californians

The Committee discussed the federal budget and future threats to funding for aging programs. The Committee recommends that CCoA issue a statement to oppose cuts in non-defense discretionary funding in the President’s Budget for FY 19.

M/S/C (Anguera/Saenz)

TO OPPOSE THE PRESIDENT’S FEDERAL BUDGET PROPOSAL TO CUT NON-DISCRETIONARY PROGRAM FUNDING, INCLUDING CUTS TO MEDICARE AND MEDICAID AND ELIMINATION OF THE SHIP PROGRAM.

D. Ensuring Medicaid Provides Opportunities for Widespread Equity, Resources, and Care (EMPOWER) Act (S.2227)

The Committee reviewed the EMPOWER Act (S.2227), to extend the “Money Follows the Person” program through 2022.

M/S/C (Anguera/Sanders)

TO SUPPORT S.2227 AND SEND A LETTER OF SUPPORT TO MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE TO CONTINUE THE PROGRAM THROUGH 2022.

X. Unfinished Business

A. West Health Older Adult Survey Results

Commissioner Downey reported West Health's Older Adult Survey Results will be released on March 12. Results cross political parties, and age groups and show broad concern over the lack of state support for for older adult issues.

XI. New Business

Executive Committee discussed CCGG's request to CCoA to co-sponsor an informational hearing on workforce preparedness.

A. Request from California Council on Gerontology and Geriatrics (CCGG) to Co-sponsor an informational hearing on workforce preparedness.

M/S/C (Downey/Adelman)

TO DIRECT STAFF TO WORK WITH CCGG TO CO-SPONSOR AN INFORMATIONAL HEARING ON WORKFORCE PREPAREDNESS. TO AUTHORIZE STAFF PARTICIPATION IN PLANNING EFFORTS AS WORKLOAD ALLOWS.

XII. Presentation: *Recommendations from the California Family Caregiver Task Force*

Presenters: Donna Benton, Ph.D., USC, Research Associate, Director, Family Caregiver Support Center/LACRC; co-chair, California Family Caregiver Task Force and Kylie Meyer, MSc, member USC Administrative Team, California Family Caregiver Task Force

Ms. Benton and Ms. Meyer discussed task force's purpose, principles and recommendations, which include four overarching principles: (1) Support diverse caregiver needs, including cultural awareness, competency and sensitivity; (2) Person- and family-centered care; (3) Work and life balance; and (4) Choices and options for caregivers.

XIII. Next Meeting Overview

Fitzpatrick reported on plans for the May meeting with the Sierra Health Foundation, with an event on May 24th. The event will be part of a series to focus on changing the image of older adults in California and impacts on housing and neighborhoods.

XIV. Recognition of Outgoing Commissioners: Steven Castle and Carmen Reyes

Commissioner Walsh announced the end of both Commissioners Steve Castle's and Carmen Reyes' terms on the Commission. Both were honored with a gift acknowledging their service.

XV. Recess

Meeting recessed at 4:15 p.m.

THURSDAY, MARCH 1, 2018

The meeting reconvened at 8:30 a.m.

XVI. Staff Report

Fitzpatrick provided the staff report handout.

A. Form 700

Villanueva reminded Commissioners that Form 700's are due by April 2, 2018.

XVII. Presentation: *Purposeful Aging Los Angeles*

Presenter: Laura Trejo, MSG, MPA, General Manager, Los Angeles

Department of Aging;

Ms. Trejo discussed the Purposeful Aging Los Angeles (PALA) program, an initiative of both L.A. city and L.A. County. Based on the World Health Organization's (WHO) Age Friendly City program, the initiative won broad support and requires all departments to have at least one aging priority.

XVIII. Legislative Advocacy Committee Meeting Report, February 16th

Commissioner Saenz provided the Legislative Advocacy report from the 16th.

A. Legislative Advocacy Committee Recommendations:

**AB 550 – Reyes, AB 1860 – Limón & Cervantes, AB 1873 – Obernolte,
AB 1909 – Nazarian, AB 1914 – Flora, AB 1934 – Jones-Sawyer,
AB 1953 – Wood, AB 1955 – Limón, AB 1985 – Ting, SB 900 – Wiener**

M/S/C (Kang/Butler)

TO RATIFY THE LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION TO SUPPORT AB 1860, AB 1873, AB 1909, AB 1914, AB 1934, AB 1953, AB 1955, AB 1985, SB 900 and to watch AB 1873.

CCoA previously sponsored AB 550.

B. Recommended Action on Budget Requests:

- **Alzheimer's Association – Public Awareness Campaign**
- **Long-Term Care Ombudsman Association**
- **Multipurpose Senior Services Program (MSSP)**

M/S/C (Downey/Rozanski)

TO APPROVE THE COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION TO SUPPORT THE ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION PUBLIC AWARENESS CAMPAIGN, LONG-TERM CARE OMBUDSMAN ASSOCIATION, AND MULTIPURPOSE SENIOR SERVICES PROGRAM BUDGET REQUESTS.

C. Co-sponsorship Updates on Budget Requests:

- **Home Safe homeless prevention grant program**
- **Long-term Services & Supports Workgroup: data collection**
- **Nutrition Program Funding**

Commissioner Saenz provided an update on ongoing budget items.

XIX. Joint Legislative Advocacy and Elder Justice Committee Report

Commissioner Saenz provided the joint committee report and reviewed the committees' recommendations.

A. Committees' recommendations:

**AB 1973 – Quirk, AB 1985 – Ting, AB 1995 – Garcia,
AB 2021 – Steinorth, AB 2161 – Chiu, AB 2162 – Chau,
AB 2178 – Limón, AB 2180 – Kalra, SB 906 – Beall and Anderson,
SB 1040 – Dodd, SCR 78 – Jackson**

M/S/C (Adelman/Rozanski)

TO APPROVE THE COMMITTEES' RECOMMENDATION TO SUPPORT AB 1973, AB 1995, AB 2021, AB 2161, AB 2162, AB 2180, SB 906, SB 1040, SCR 78 AND TO WATCH AB 2178.

CCoA already supports AB 1985.

B. Update: Elder Financial Abuse Victim Compensation Legislation

Commissioner Saenz reported that staff is conducting outreach to identify new partners for a 2019 bill.

XX. Presentation: Milken Institute Center for the Future of Aging Presenter: Paul Irving, Chairman of the Milken Institute Center for the Future of Aging, chairman of the board of Encore.org, and distinguished scholar in residence at the USC Davis School of Gerontology.

Mr. Irvine gave an overview of the Milken Institute's work in the area of culture change and public perceptions of older adults. He stressed the need for society to recognize the value of older adults in order to have effective policy, business that values all sectors of society.

Meeting recessed for lunch at 11:31 a.m.

Meeting reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

Hollywood Takes: On Aging

Commissioner Walsh introduced the panelists and session:

Moderator: Paul Petersen, Actor, Author and Advocate

Mr. Petersen noted his work with A Minor Consideration for child actors; now focus areas are retirement; aging issues.

Presenters:

Katherine Pieper, PhD, Research Scientist, USC Annenberg Inclusive Initiative

Dr. Pieper presented results of the Annenberg Inclusion Initiative which reviewed the prevalence of age, race, ethnicity of characters in television roles, as well as ageist dialogue and interaction between characters.

George Shannon, PhD, USC Professor of Gerontology and former television and film actor

Professor Shannon discussed his work to show some of the people who are discriminated against and shared a video from a project on discrimination called Dorvador (storytelling) – sponsored by Jewish Community Foundation.

Kate Folb, Director, Hollywood, Health & Society, USC Annenberg Norman Lear Center, shared the Center's work on full range of shows to make stories as credible as possible. Goal is to get producers and writers to re-think characters and to share good role models.

Arielle Burstein, Associate Director, Center for the Future of Aging, Milken Institute

Provided an overview of the Center's focus on healthy aging, regional economics and the business of aging, which is the economic and human capital benefit of aging. The work supports the premise that positive self-perceptions extends life and good health, and that a sense of purpose and meaning is preventive against Alzheimer's.

XXI. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.