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GENERAL MEETINGS MINUTES

May 23-24, 2018

Residence Inn, Marriott Sacramento Downtown at Capitol Park
Sacramento, CA

WEDNESDAY, MAY 23, 2018

I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Walsh called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. Commissioner Brown led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Roll Call and Establish Quorum

Commissioners Present: Ed Walsh, Marcy Adelman, Joaquin Anguera, Cheryl Brown, Betsy Butler, Julie Conger, Paul Downey, Stuart Greenbaum, Meea Kang, Gail Nickerson, Bob Petty, Jane Rozanski, Jean Schuldberg

Commissioners Absent: Rita Saenz, Carmen Reyes, Sedalia Sanders

Staff: Sandi Fitzpatrick, Carol Sewell, Marcella Villanueva

Guests: Brenda Anderson, Susan DeMarois, Bill Earley, Kassy Perry

A quorum was established.

III. Introductions

Commissioners introduced themselves.

IV. Approve Agenda

The May 23-24, 2018 CCoA General Meeting agenda was reviewed.

M/S/C (Butler/Downey)

TO APPROVE THE MAY 23-24, 2018 CCOA GENERAL MEETING AGENDA.

V. Approve Minutes from February 28 – March 1, 2018 meeting

The February 28-March 1, 2018 CCoA General meeting minutes were reviewed.

M/S/C (Brown/Downey)

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

Three abstentions.

VI. Public Comment for items not on the agenda

Brenda Anderson commented on the issue of realty companies building unlicensed housing for the elderly and the need to have monitoring and regulation.

VII. Chair's Comments

Chair Walsh announced the resignation of Commissioner Randall and the absence of Commissioner Reyes due to a death in the family. He circulated information about the Desert Aids Project, which the Commission will visit during the November meeting.

VIII. Legislative Advocacy Committee Report (Commissioner Kang/Sewell)

A. Budget Requests Update

Commissioner Kang gave a status report on the budget requests supported by the Commission, which included: **Home Safe homeless prevention grant program** (\$15 million), **Long-term Services & Supports Workgroup: data collection** (\$3 million), **C4A -- Congregate nutrition funding** (\$17.5 million), **Alzheimer's Association -- Public Awareness Campaign** (\$2.2 million), **LTC Ombudsman Association** -- (\$7.3 million ongoing funding), and **MSSP -- rate stabilization** (\$4.7 million).

B. Legislative Review

Commissioner Kang provided the Committee's recommendations on the following legislation:

- **AB 1946, Cervantes. Elder and dependent adult abuse** (*no position*)
- **AB 2025, Maienschein. Elders Living with Dignity, Empathy, Respect and Support (ELDERS) Bond Act** (*SUPPORT*)
- **AB 2159, Chu, Elder and dependent adult financial abuse** (*SUPPORT*)
- **AB 2297, Arambula, CalWorks and CalFresh: Hunger Impact Act of 2018** (*SUPPORT*)
- **AB 2400, Kalra, Personal income taxes: voluntary contribution fund: Alzheimer's disease research** (*SUPPORT*)
- **AB 2744, Reyes, Residential care facilities for the elderly, referral agencies** (*SUPPORT*)
- **AB 3098, Friedman. Residential care facilities for the elderly: emergency plans** (*SUPPORT*)
- **SB 1021, Wiener, Prescription drugs.** (*SUPPORT*)
- **SB 1026, Jackson. Older adults and persons with disabilities: fall prevention** (*SUPPORT*)
- **SB 1280, Roth. Small house skilled nursing facilities** (*SUPPORT*)

- **SB 1292, Hueso. Alzheimer’s disease** (*SUPPORT*)
- **SB 1464, Wiener, Medi-Cal: benefits: enrollees with special dental service needs** (*SUPPORT*)
- **SB 1004, Wiener, Mental Health Services Act: prevention and early intervention** (*OPPOSED UNLESS AMENDED*).

M/S/C (Rozanski/Kang)

TO ACCEPT THE LEGISLATIVE ADOCCACY COMMITTEE’S RECOMMENDATIONS TO SUPPORT AB 2025, AB 2297, AB 2400, AB 3098, SB 1021, SB 1026, SB 1280, SB 1292.

Remaining bills to be voted upon separately.

M/S (Kang/Rozanski)

TO SUPPORT AB 1464.

Commissioner Downey abstained.

M/S (Downey/Conger)

TO SUPPORT AB 2744.

M/S/ (Conger/Brown)

TO OPPOSE SB 1004 UNLESS AMENDED.

M/S/C (Conger/Rozanski)

TO SUPPORT AB 2159.

ONE OPPOSED/ONE ABSTENTION

IX. Executive Committee Report

Commissioner Walsh provided the Executive Committee report.

A. April 3, 2018 Meeting

- **Ratify actions taken by Legislative Advocacy Committee**

Executive Committee ratified the Legislative Advocacy Committee’s recommendations.

B. May 3, 2018 Meeting

- **Hollywood Takes: On Aging**

The Executive Committee acknowledged Commissioner Greenbaum’s success with the Hollywood Takes On Aging initiative and agreed the Commission’s role in the initiative was complete. The Committee encouraged Commissioner Greenbaum to independently continue work on follow-up activities.

C. May 23, 2018

- **Older Californians Act**

Executive Committee learned of possible C4A proposal to update the Older Californians Act and the possibility of CCoA reviewing the Commission's statutes at that time. The topic will be discussed in more detail at the August meeting.

X. Operational Procedures and Bylaws Committee Report

Commissioner Butler thanked Commissioner Anguera for his work on the Reframing Aging presentation and announced that a version would be made available for Commission members to use in their own presentations. The Committee will consider Bylaws changes on its next agenda.

XI. Elder Justice Committee Report

Commissioner Schuldberg and Sewell provided the Elder Justice Committee report.

A. APS Workforce Development Report; co-authorship request

CCoA was invited to co-author an Adult Protective Services (APS) Workforce Development Report being prepared by the APS Liaison at CDSS. The report will be used to support a 2019-2020 budget request for increased APS training funds. The Committee recommended the CCoA accept the request to co-author the report.

M/S/C (Schuldberg/Conger)

FOR THE COMMISSION TO CO-AUTHOR THE APS WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT REPORT.

B. Elder & Dependent Adult Abuse Awareness Month Events

Commissioner Schuldberg reported on plans for the Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse Awareness month kick-off event on June 7th in Sacramento and a corresponding event in Chico to honor local winners of the Elder & Dependent Adult Abuse Awareness Month multi-media contest winners.

C. Victim Compensation Pilot; Tri-County area discussion

Sewell provided an update on conversations with representatives from Ventura, Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo regarding possible reintroduction of the Victim Compensation Pilot legislation.

XII. Staff Report

Fitzpatrick provided the staff report.

A. Senior Rally

Fitzpatrick reported on a successful Senior Rally.

B. Commissioner Transition

Fitzpatrick reviewed the number of Commissioner terms ending in the coming months and efforts to fill current vacancies.

C. Excess Lodging Form for August Meeting

Villanueva handed out Excess Lodging forms for the August Commission meeting and requested they be signed and returned by the end of the meeting. Fitzpatrick provided a brief review of the August meeting.

D. TEC Deadline

The deadline to submit TEC's for fiscal year 2017-18 is May 31st. Per CDA accounting, TEC's submitted after the deadline may not be processed until July.

E. California Family Caregiver Task Force

Fitzpatrick reviewed the Family Caregiver Task Force infographic that was included in the Commissioner mailing packets.

F. Activity Report

Fitzpatrick reviewed the staff activity report and logistics for tomorrow's meeting.

Fitzpatrick also announced her plan to retire in December and her intention to do as much as possible to leave systems in place for an easier transition. Commissioner Walsh acknowledged Fitzpatrick's role in forming a close collaborative relationship with the Department of Aging.

XIII. Recess

Meeting recessed at 5:01 p.m.

THURSDAY, MAY 24, 2018

The meeting reconvened at 9:11 a.m.

XIV. Federal Policy Committee Report

Commissioner Petty provided the Federal Policy Committee report.

A. Information Items

- **CCoA "sign on" to opposition letter to House Resolution 2 – 2018 Farm Bill**

Commissioner Petty noted that the Farm Bill was defeated. Expect the bill to be reintroduced sometime soon.

- **NCOA Federal Funding Analysis**

Commissioner Petty commented on the NCOA funding summary in meeting packets.

- **Republican Plan re: Family Leave**

Commissioner Petty commented on the Republican family leave plan, which would impact Social Security funds, resulting in a weakened Social

Security trust fund and a diversion away from the historically-stated mission of the program.

- **N4A Key Aging Principles**

N4A's five Aging Principles were included for information only.

B. Save the Community Transitions Program

Committee recommended that CCoA be prepared to respond to the Legislative Conference Committee action to allocate the full requested amount (19 million) and a minimum of 8 million.

M/S/C (Petty/Conger)

TO ACCEPT THE FEDERAL POLICY COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION.

C. Medical Expense Deduction

Commissioner Petty shared the AARP fact sheet on Medical Deductions under the new tax bill, which makes it harder to claim the deduction. The Committee recommends adopting AARP's proposal that the deduction cut-off point be dropped from 10% back to 7%.

M/S/C (Petty/Rozanski)

TO ADOPT THE FEDERAL POLICY COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION TO ENDORSE ANY FUTURE EFFORTS TO RETURN THE MEDICAL DEDUCTION TAX CUT-OFF TO 7%.

D. Proposal for Medicare Long-Term Care Benefit

The concept is being floated to create a Medicare Long-Term Care benefit as the need and costs increase.

M/S/C (Petty/Conger)

FOR THE COMMISSION TO SUPPORT EFFORTS TO INCREASE LONG-TERM SERVICES AND SUPPORTS FINANCING OPTIONS, INCLUDING UNDER THE MEDICARE PROGRAM.

E. Committee focus for 2018-2019: Maintain and Strengthen Social Security

The Committee discussed AARP's priority focus for 2019 to strengthen Social Security.

M/S/C (Petty/Rozanski)

FOR CCOA TO SUPPORT EFFORTS TO STRENGTHEN SOCIAL SECURITY AND WORK AGAINST ANY EFFORTS TO WEAKEN THE PROGRAM.

XV. Unfinished Business

A. Reframing Aging Activities

Fitzpatrick provided an update on Reframing Aging activities.

B. CCoA & AARP Legislative Resolution: Age Friendly California

AARP proposes waiting for new governor to work on either a resolution or a Governor's proclamation.

XVI. New Business

A. May Budget Revision

Fitzpatrick noted there have been no changes since yesterday's budget discussion.

XVII. Presentation: Long-Term Services and Supports (LTSS) Exploratory Coalition

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

Ms. DeMarois reported on the work of the LTSS Exploratory Coalition, in which labor groups are working with providers, aging and disability community representatives all together to address the state's future LTSS needs.

XVIII. Presentation: West Health National and State Polling Results & *We Stand With Seniors* Campaign

Presenters: Bill Earley, Chief Administration Officer and General Counsel, West Health and Kassy Perry, President and CEO, Perry Communications Group

Mr. Earley provided an overview of the West Health National and State polling results and the *We Stand With Seniors* campaign and outreach to the gubernatorial candidates. The campaign is an educational effort sponsored by West Health and The SCAN Foundation to encourage California's elected leaders and candidates for office to focus on the needs of seniors and implement policies that will improve the lives of all Californians.

XIX. Preview of August Meeting

Fitzpatrick provided information about August meeting plans.

XX. Commissioner Comments

Commissioners commented on meeting items. Commissioner Petty suggested the Choose Medicare Act is something the Commission should keep on their radar. Chair Walsh urged Commissioners to take unexpected opportunities to ask candidates about their views on aging issues.

**Commissioners attended Special Program: The Changing Portrait of California's Older Adults: Implications for Housing and How We Live
Sponsored by: Sierra Health Foundation and the California Commission on Aging**