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GENERAL MEETINGS MINUTES

November 7-8, 2018

Hilton Palm Springs, Palm Spring, CA

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2018

I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Walsh called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. Commissioner Sanders led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Roll Call and Establish Quorum

Commissioners Present: Ed Walsh, Joaquin Anguera, Betsy Butler, Julie Conger, Paul Downey, Bill Early, Stuart Greenbaum, Meea Kang, Gail Nickerson, Bob Petty, Jane Rozanski, Rita Saenz, Sedalia Sanders, Jean Schuldberg

Commissioners Absent: Marcy Adelman, Cheryl Brown

Staff: Sandi Fitzpatrick, Marcella Villanueva, Gretchen Zeagler

Guests: Lucy Fisher, Barbara Mitchell, Hav Staggs, Albert Sanders, Gary Passmore, Jenna LeComte-Hinley, Gary Robbins, Hermia Parks, Daniel Parker, Gloria Sanchez, Chris Christianson, David Ishida, Michael Adams, Steve Brown, Jill Gover, Jack Newby, Ginny Foat

A quorum was established

III. Introductions: Commissioners & Guests

Commissioners introduced themselves.

IV. Approve Agenda

The November 7-8, 2018 CCoA agenda was reviewed.

M/S/C (Butler/Downey)

**TO APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 7-8, 2018 CCOA AGENDA.
APPROVED**

V. Approve Minutes from August 1-2, 2018 Meeting

The August 1-2, 2018 CCoA General Meeting minutes were reviewed.

M/S/C (Downey/Kang)

**TO APPROVE THE AUGUST 1-2, 2018 CCOA GENERAL MEETING MINUTES.
APPROVED**

VI. Public Comments for items not on the agenda

None

VII. Chair's Comments

Chair Walsh welcomed Commissioners, presenters and guests to Palm Springs.

A. Introduction of Gretchen Zeagler

Chair Walsh introduced new CCoA Executive Director Gretchen Zeagler. Commissioner Downey reviewed search committee process and Gretchen's background. Zeagler thanked Commissioners.

B. Recognition of outgoing Commissioner Paul Downey

Chair Walsh recognized Commissioner Downey who has served for the past six years and is attending his last meeting. Commissioner Downey expressed appreciation to the Assembly Speaker for allowing him to stay on through the Search Committee process and to staff.

VIII. Welcome to Riverside County

Gloria Sanchez, President, Triple-A Council of California (TACC)

Ms. Sanchez welcomed Commissioners to Riverside County on behalf of TACC and reviewed the organization's function.

IX. Presentation: Health Assessment and Research for Communities (HARC): Senior Report

Presenter: Jenna LeComte-Hinley, PhD, Chief Executive Officer, HARC

Commissioner Walsh introduced Ms. LeComte-Hinley. LeComte-Hinley reviewed HARC's goal of promoting community health, well-being and quality of life in the Coachella Valley through data collection, research and evaluation. Data enables community to focus on areas of greatest need.

Responders:

• Gary Robbins, Deputy Director Office on Aging, County of Riverside

Mr. Robbins described his agency's programs on Caregiving and Food Insecurity. Caregiving programs include IHSS, Family Caregiver Support Program, Care Pathways, respite care, among others.

• Hermia Parks, RN, PHN, MA, Director, Public Health Nursing Riverside University Health System - Public Health

Ms. Parks discussed the history of the Practice Change Fellows Program, which trains teams of health care workers in chronic disease management through the Healthier Living Program for Seniors (HELPS) and the Healthy Options Program.

• Daniel Parker, PhD, Clinical Psychologist, Desert AIDS Project

Dr. Parker reviewed the work of Desert AIDS Project's 10 primary care HIV specialty clinics, offering a wellness program and back to work program through case management. Desert AIDS Project is committed to working with HARC, the Office on Aging, and others.

X. Assemble in Hotel Lobby to carpool to Desert AIDS Project at 3:15 p.m.

Commissioners carpooled to the Desert AIDS Project.

XI. Tour of Desert AIDS Project 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

David Brinkman, MBA, Chief Executive Officer and President, Desert AIDS Project

Commissioners toured the Desert Aids Project.

XII. Recess

Meeting recessed at 4:30 p.m.

XIII. OPTIONAL EVENING ACTIVITY

Commissioners attended optional, no host dinner at Lulu's Restaurant.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2018

XIV. Meet in hotel lobby at 8:00 a.m. to travel to Mizell Senior Center. Continental breakfast will be provided at the Center.

Commissioners met in lobby to carpool to Mizell Senior Center.

XV. Reconvene

Meeting reconvened at 9:12 a.m.

XVI. Welcome – Commissioner Walsh

Commissioner Walsh welcomed everyone - thanked Mizell Senior Center for hosting the day's meeting.

XVII. Opening Remarks by Assembly Member Eduardo Garcia

Presenter: **Special Assistant and Senior Advisor Steve Brown on Assembly Member Garcia's behalf.**

Commissioner Walsh acknowledged Assembly Member Garcia's legislation establishing the first LGBT Veterans Memorial (SB 2439) in the nation. Mr. Brown reviewed Assembly Member Garcia's legislative record and presented a resolution to the Commission from the Assembly member.

XVIII. Greetings from David A. Ishida, Regional Administrator, U.S. Administration for Community Living

Mr. Ishida provided an overview of the Administration for Community Living (ACL) and thanked the CCoA for its achievements and contributions to the aging services network.

**XIX. How Federal Policy Shifts & Current Trends are impacting LGBTQ Elders
Presenter: Michael Adams, Chief Executive Officer, Services and Advocacy for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Elders (SAGE)**

Mr. Adams focused on how current federal policies threaten LGBT rights and service equity. Policy threats include efforts to eliminate LGBT data collection, discrimination against LGBT individuals on religious grounds, among other things. SAGE is committed to strong LGBT protections in the Older Americans Act and working with Congress to address LGBT needs through the Equality Act and other federal legislation.

Responders:

- **Ron deHarte, Chair, City of Palm Springs Human Rights Commission and President, Palm Springs Pride**

Mr. deHarte was unable to attend.

- **Jill Gover, PhD, Clinical Director, Scott Hines Mental Health Clinic, LGBT Community Center of the Desert (SAGE Affiliate)**

Ms. Gover addressed the impacts of high stress levels on older adults with already weakened immune systems and other chronic conditions and noted increased stress following the 2016 elections, with the community feeling less certain of their rights and protections. Her program focuses on self-care to reduce stress and emphasizing the importance of community and social supports.

- **Jack Newby, Executive Director, The Joslyn Center and former Member Palm Springs Human Rights Commission**

Mr. Newby emphasized the need to compromise in social interactions due to the shifting political climate, saying it is important to keep lines of communication open with friends, family and elected officials.

- **Ginny Foat, Executive Director, Mizell Senior Center and former Palm Springs City Council member**

Ms. Foat described Mizell Senior Center programming and attendance, noting greater acceptance and welcoming of LGBT seniors from the straight attendees. The cultural shift has created more diverse programming and more diverse staffing to make sure all segments of the community are served.

XX. Carpool back to hotel 11:30 a.m.

Commissioners car pooled back to the hotel.

CCoA working lunch.

XXI. Executive Committee Report

Commissioner Walsh provided the Executive Committee report. The concept paper for the Older Californians Act modernization bill was reviewed. CCoA's seat on the Mental Health Planning Council remains vacant.

XXII. Legislative Advocacy Committee Report

Commissioner Saenz provided the Legislative Advocacy Committee report.

A. Status Update on Positioned Bills

46 of the bills CCoA tracked were signed. Summaries of the legislation are in Commissioners' meeting packets.

XXIII. Federal Advocacy Committee Report

Commissioner Petty reported the committee had reviewed the federal proposal to change the public charge definition and the harmful consequences. The Committee followed three Medicare bills in 2018; only HR 6617, the Choose Medicare Act, moved to the subcommittee on health. No action on the other two bills.

M/S/C (Butler/Downey)

**TO DRAFT AND SEND A LETTER OPPOSING THE PUBLIC CHARGE RULE FOLLOWING CCOA PARAMETERS.
APPROVED**

M/S/C (Butler/Saenz)

**TO SET UP AN URGENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING TO APPROVE CCOA'S LETTER IN ORDER TO SUBMIT COMMENTS BEFORE THE PUBLIC CHARGE REGULATIONS ARE FINALIZED.
APPROVED**

XXIV. Elder Justice Committee Report

Commissioner Schulberg reported the Committee reviewed California Department of Social Services receipt of federal funds to implement and coordinate improvements to Adult Protective Services (APS) programs as well as to develop a small pilot to give stipends to social work students working with older adults. CCoA was asked to co-sponsor County Welfare Director's Association's new APS budget request.

XXV. Unfinished Business

A. *We Stand With Seniors* Update

Commissioners Adelman and Early provided the *We Stand With Seniors* update. Commissioner Adelman discussed the panel presentation on how the LGBT community wants to be included in the Master Plan on Aging.

B. SB 1004 (Mental Health Services Act)

SB 1004 signed by Governor with amendments to include older adults.

C. Home Safe Program Update

CCoA co-sponsored the Home Safe Grant program to give 15 counties \$1 million each to develop approaches to preventing elder homelessness. Request for Proposals has been released.

D. Workforce Informational Hearing, Assembly Committee on Jobs and the Economy, January 2019 (Tentative)

Discussion about legislative hearing underway, but no details are available.

XXVI. New Business

A. Caregiver Task Force Strategic Planning Session

Commissioners Brown and Saenz reported on the Caregiver Task Force Strategic Planning Session. Meeting focused on direct action based on the Task Force's seven recommendations; prioritized three, including a legislative resolution focused

on caregiver respite, increased funding for the Caregiver Resource Centers, and paid family leave expansion.

B. *The State of Long-Term Services and Supports, Senate Budget Subcommittee Number 3, November 15th 10:00 a.m.*

Commissioner Walsh reported CCoA would be represented at the hearing.

XXVII. Staff Report

Fitzpatrick provided the CCoA Staff report.

A. Activities Report

Fitzpatrick provided the staff activity report.

B. Commissioner Travel Summary 17-18

Fitzpatrick referenced the Commission travel summary.

C. Commissioner Transitions

Three new Commissioners to be appointed; will work with new executive director to facilitate their participation.

D. Reframing Aging Activities – Final Report

The Operational Plan progress report on Commission’s Reframing Aging activities were reviewed.

E. Preview January 22-23, 2019 Meeting in Sacramento

Plans for the January meeting were discussed.

XXVIII. Nominating Committee Report

Commissioner Saenz provided the Nominating Committee report. The slate of nominees includes: Betsy Butler, Chair; Jean Schuldberg, Vice Chair, and Marcy Adelman, Cheryl Brown, Julie Conger, Bill Early and Jane Rozanski as Members-at-Large. Commissioner Walsh will remain an Executive Committee member as Immediate Past Chair.

Commissioner Rozanski discussed reasons for withdrawing from slate.

XXIX. Election of Officers

Chair Walsh called for nominations from the floor for CCoA Chair, Vice Chair and Members-at-Large.

M/S/C (Saenz/Kang)

TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS.

APPROVED

M/S/C (Walsh/Saenz)

TO ELECT BETSY BUTLER CCOA CHAIR, TO ELECT JEAN SCHULDBERG AS CCOA VICE CHAIR, AND MARCY ADELMAN, CHERYL BROWN, JULIE CONGER AND BILL EARLEY AS MEMBERS AT LARGE.

APPROVED

XXX. Recognition of outgoing Chair Ed Walsh

Round table acknowledgments of recognition were given to outgoing Chair Walsh.

XXXI. Comments from outgoing Chair Walsh

Walsh thanked the Commission.

XXXII. Commissioner Comments

None

XXXIII. Comments from incoming Chair

Chair Butler gave acknowledgments and thanked the Commission.

XXXIV. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 2:11 p.m.