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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

January 22-23, 2019

Sheraton Grand Sacramento Hotel, Sacramento, CA

TUESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2019

I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Butler called the meeting to order at 12:40 p.m. Commissioner Conger led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Roll Call and Establish Quorum

Commissioners Present: Betsy Butler, Marcy Adelman, Cheryl Brown, Joseph Cislowski, Julie Conger, Bill Earley, Stuart Greenbaum, Meea Kang, Gail Nickerson, Bob Petty, Jane Rozanski, Rita Saenz, Ellen Schmeding, Jean Schuldberg, Ed Walsh

Commissioners Absent: Joaquin Anguera, Sedalia Sanders

Staff: Gretchen Zeagler, Carol Sewell, Marcella Villanueva

Guests: Patricia McGinnis, Kim McCoy Wade, Assemblymember Ash Kalra, Assemblymember Eloise Reyes, Assemblymember Adrin Nazarian, Clay Kempf

A quorum was established.

III. Introductions: Commissioners & Guests

Chair Butler introduced and welcomed new Commissioners Cislowski and Schmeding. Commissioners introduced themselves. Commissioner Nickerson announced that this would be her last meeting as a member of the Commission due to health reasons.

IV. Approve Agenda

M/S/C (Brown/Rozanski)

**TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 22-23, 2019 CALIFORNIA COMMISSION ON AGING
GENERAL MEETING AGENDA.**

APPROVED

V. Approve Minutes from November 7-8, 2018 Meeting

M/S/C (Petty/Rozanski)

**TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 7-8, 2018 CCOA GENERAL MEETING
AS AMENDED - ONE ABSTENSION.**

APPROVED

Amendments to minutes - two votes at the end of Federal Policy
Approved with one abstention from Commissioner Petty.

VI. Public Comments for items not on the agenda

None.

VII. Comments from the Chair

Chair Butler introduced guest presenter Patricia McGinnis with CANHR.

VIII. Presentation: California's Broken Long Term Care System: What's Wrong & What Needs to Be Done

Presenter: Patricia McGinnis, Executive Director, California Advocates for Nursing Home Reform (CANHR)

Ms. McGinnis reviewed CANHR's work provided an overview of the CANHR white paper, *California's Broken Long-Term Care System: What's Wrong & What Needs to Be Done* and reviewed the organization's legislative recommendations. The report points to the lack assisted living supports, shortfalls in regulatory oversight and the Department of Public Health's backlog of complaint investigations.

IX. Executive Committee Report

Chair Butler provided the Executive Committee meeting report.

A. 2019 Proposed Meeting Schedule

The 2019 Proposed Meeting Schedule was reviewed.

M/S/C (Brown/Adelman)

**TO APPROVE THE 2019 PROPOSED MEETING SCHEDULE.
APPROVED.**

B. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Annual Emergency Preparedness Testing Comment Letter from CCoA

Zeagler reported on the CCoA comment letter sent to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services on Annual Emergency Preparedness Testing.

C. U.S. Department of Homeland Security Inadmissibility on Public Charge Grounds Comment Letter from CCoA

Zeagler reported on CCoA's comment letter to the Department of Homeland Security on proposed changes to the Public Charge Rule.

D. California Behavioral Health Planning Council

Chair Butler reported the Executive Committee discussed the CCoA vacancy on the Behavioral Health Planning Council. Interested Commissioners should speak with Zeagler to get more information.

E. C4A California Community Living Act Proposal

The Executive Committee reviewed the concept paper for C4A's Community Living Act in preparation for a more detailed presentation from C4A on January 23.

F. 2018-2020 Operational Plan Update

Vice Chair Schuldberg reported the Executive Committee had reviewed the Operational Plan Progress Report and noted that the Operational Procedures and

Bylaws Committee would be discussing options for development of the next plan during a February teleconference meeting.

X. Legislative Advocacy Committee Report

Commissioner Adelman provided the Legislative Advocacy Committee report.

A. Cognitive Impairment Task Force

Commissioner Adelman reviewed a request from County Welfare Directors Association (CWDA) to co-sponsor legislation to create a Cognitive Impairment Task Force. The Committee recommended CCoA co-sponsor the legislation.

M/S/C (Adelman /Brown)

**TO CO-SPOSOR THE COGNITIVE IMPAIRMENT TASK FORCE LEGISLATION.
APPROVED**

B. Governor's Proposed Budget

Staff reviewed the Governor's proposed budget.

C. Alzheimer's' Association Proposal

The Committee recommended that CCoA support the Alzheimer's Association's \$3 million budget request.

M/S/C (Earley/Kang)

**TO SUPPORT THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION TO SUPPORT
THE ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION \$3 MILLION BUDGET REQUEST.
APPROVED**

XI. Federal Policy Committee Report

Commissioner Walsh provided the Federal Policy Committee report.

A. Mid Term Election Projection

The Committee reviewed the National Council on Aging (NCOA) blog discussing potential risks for Older Americans Act program funding without a budget agreement from Congress.

B. Community Transitions Program Update

Money Follows the Person funding was continued through a short-term funding bill to provide three months funding until a permanent budget is approved. The Older Americans Act is up for reauthorization in 2019. There will be informational hearings in the state that we will monitor. NCOA working to reinstate the House Special Committee on Aging in partnership with the Leadership Council of Aging Organizations. The Committee discussed impacts of the federal government shut-down on older adult programs, including Section 202 housing for the elderly, Community Development Block Grants, and SNAP.

C. Request for Information on Modifying HIPAA Rules to Improve Coordinated Care HHS-OCR-0945 AA00

The Committee reviewed an Administration for Community Living (ACL) proposal for covered entities to share protected information to address the opioid crisis. Commissioner Walsh said comment period ends 2/12 - encouraged local comments on the issue.

XII. Elder Justice and Caregiving Committee Report

Commissioner Conger provided the Elder Justice and Caregiving Committee report.

A. Adult Protective Services Training Budget Request

The Committee recommended that CCoA co-sponsor the County Welfare Directors Association (CWDA) request for \$5.75 million for the Adult Protective Services (APS) training budget.

M/S/C (Brown/Rozanski)

**TO COSPONSOR THE CWDA REQUEST FOR \$5.5 MILLION FOR APS TRAINING.
APPROVED**

B. Respite Provider Resolution

The Committee reviewed the Caregiver Task Force Respite Provider Resolution.

C. Caregiver Resource Center's Budget Request

The Committee recommended that CCoA support in concept the Caregiver Resource Center budget request and ask the Chair to reach out to Donna Benton to offer assistance with the funding request.

M/S/C (Conger/Rozanski)

**TO APPROVE THE COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION TO SUPPORT IN CONCEPT THE CAREGIVER RESOURCE CENTER BUDGET REQUEST, AND ASK THE CHAIR TO REACH OUT TO DONNA BENTON TO OFFER ASSISTANCE WITH THE FUNDING REQUEST.
APPROVED**

XIII. Presentation: SSI Cash-Out Outreach

Presenter: Kim McCoy Wade, Chief, CalFresh and Nutrition Branch, California Department of Social Services

Ms. Wade provided background on the SSI cash-out process and the work being done to inform recipients of the change that will for the first time provide SSI recipients with CalFresh benefits.

XIV. Presentation: Legislative Remarks Assembly Committee on Aging and Long-Term Care

Presenter: Assemblymember Ash Kalra

Chair Butler introduced Assemblymember Kalra, who expressed appreciation for the efforts of aging advocates and the opportunity to learn about the issues in detail. Chairing the Aging Committee allowed him to act upon his cultural background of respect for older adults and to identify solutions to some of the most pressing problems. Assemblymember Kalra reviewed

the work of the Aging & Long-Term Care Committee under his chairmanship and his continued commitment to work for an expanded assisted living waiver. He will remain on the Committee and will continue to advocate for older adults.

XV. Staff Report

Zeagler provided the staff report.

A. Form 700 Reminder

Zeagler reminded Commissioners to complete their Form 700 Statements of Economic Interest. Villanueva has sent email reminders.

B. 2019 Mileage Reimbursement Rates

Villanueva provided information on the increased mileage reimbursement rate.

XVI. Preview of Legislative Breakfast

Zeagler provided a preview of the Legislative Breakfast Reception.

XVII. Recess

The meeting recessed at 5:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2019

XVIII. Unfinished Business

A. We Stand With Seniors

Commissioner Earley reported on the status of the We Stand With Seniors campaign and next steps.

B. Master Plan on Aging

The We Stand With Seniors campaign remains in contact with the new Governor and has recommended a task force be created to develop a plan based on the work of the SCAN Foundation and other researchers.

XIX. Presentation: Legislative Remarks Assembly Committee on Aging and Long-Term Care

Presenter: Assemblymember Eloise Reyes

Assemblymember Reyes reviewed her 2017-2018 work on aging issues, including funding for the Long-Term Care Ombudsman, and noted the work that still needed to be done.

Assemblymember Reyes is new to the Assembly Aging & Long-Term Care Committee and will chair the Human Services Committee.

XX. Presentation: Legislative Remarks Assembly Committee on Aging and Long-Term Care

Presenter: Assemblymember Adrin Nazarian

Commissioner Butler introduced Assembly Aging & Long-Term Care Committee Chairman Adrin Nazarian. Assemblymember Nazarian discussed his background and interest in aging,

and commitment to working toward development of a Master Plan on Aging, revision of the Older Californians Act, and creation of a legislative aging caucus.

Presentation: Older Californians Modernization Act

Presenter: Clay Kempf, Co-Legislative Chair California Association of Area Agencies on Aging

Chair Butler introduced Clay Kempf. Mr. Kempf discussed past efforts to restore program funding over the years and the new opportunity to do something bigger. The California Community Living Act concept paper is the draft, with the actual proposal to be developed in alignment with other advocates' input. The goal is to create services that are needs-based rather than population-based administered by an all-encompassing department that is preventive, wellness-focused, and meeting needs for chronic care and treatment.

XXI. Commissioner Comments

Commissioners shared their thoughts on the meeting and legislative reception. It was discussed that we need more outreach and education of the public and need to build on good work that's been done to date.

XXII. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 11:07 a.m.