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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES Via Zoom

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2020

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Butler called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m. Commissioner Schmeding led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call and Establish Quorum

Villanueva called roll.

Commissioners present: Marcy Adelman, Joaquin Anguera, Cheryl Brown, Betsy Butler, Kim Carr, Erika Castile, Ani Chung, Joseph Cislowski, Brendalynn Goodall, Meea Kang, Shelley Lyford, Debbie Meador, Robert Petty, Faisal Qazi, Rita Saenz, Sedalia Sanders, Ellen Schmeding, Jean Schuldberg.

Staff: Karol Swartzlander, Marcella Villanueva, Carol Sewell

Guests: Susan DeMarois, Daisy Castellon, Ana Acton, Christina Mills, Elizabeth Fuller, Ed Walsh, Jane Rozanski

A quorum was established.

3. Housekeeping

Swartzlander reviewed Zoom procedures.

4. Approve Agenda

M/S/C (Brown/Lyford)

TO APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 13, 2020 CCOA GENERAL MEETING AGENDA. APPROVED.

5. Approve Minutes from October 22, 2020 meeting

Approval of the October 22, 2020 minutes was postponed due to late posting.

6. Public Comments

Kayla Shore, Hand-in-Hand, presented information on a UCLA/Hand-in-Hand survey on home care needs and invited Commissioners to share survey information with their networks.

7. Chair's Comments

Commissioner Butler noted this would be her final meeting as chair and thanked the Commissioners for their support and commitment to the important work of the Commission.

8. Staff Report

Swartzlander reported on staff activity since the October CCoA meeting and noted the recent invitation to participate in a University of San Francisco 5-year study on use of long-term services and supports (LTSS) for families of individuals with Alzheimer's disease.

9. Assembly Aging and Long-Term Care Committee Chair Adrin Nazarian

Elizabeth Fuller, Chief Consultant to the Assembly Aging and Long-Term Care Committee, addressed the Commission in Chairman Nazarian's absence. Ms. Fuller reported the Legislature's 2021 focus would be similar to 2020, with COVID-19 issues taking precedence and anticipated budget shortfalls requiring cuts from all programs. Chairman Nazarian is particularly interested in LTSS financing and addressing the housing shortage.

Public Comment
None

10. Alzheimer's Prevention and Preparedness Task Force Recommendations

Susan DeMarois, Director of Public Policy, Alzheimer's Association, and Daisy Castellon, Director, Lucas Public Affairs, reviewed the recommendations released by the Governor's Alzheimer's Prevention and Preparedness Task Force, which call for a leadership position in the Governor's Office, prioritizing Alzheimer's research, addressing issues around LTSS funding, caregiver and workforce training, and development of a model standard of care for Alzheimer's clients.

Public Comment
None

11. Operational Procedures and Bylaws Committee Report

a. CCoA Operational Plan Progress Report

Commissioner Schuldberg reported on amendments to the 2018-2020 Operational Goals language as included in the Progress Report. Members discussed posting the Progress Report on the CCoA website and opportunities for distribution.

M/S/C (Schuldberg/Schmeding) TO APPROVE THE CHANGED WORDING IN THE OPERATIONAL PLAN PROGRESS REPORT AND TO POST AND DISTRIBUTE THE REPORT AS DISCUSSED.

Public Comment
None

12. 2020 California Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS)

Christina Mills, Executive Director, California Foundation for Independent Living Centers and Ana Acton, Executive Director, FREED Center for Independent Living, reviewed the disaster preparedness work being done by the Nevada County Aging & Disability Resource Connection. The work has pointed to problems making sure the disability community has clear information during disasters, transportation systems that do not accommodate durable medical equipment, and the need for emergency shelters providing fully integrated support services.

• Public Comment None

13. Review of Election Procedures

Swartzlander reviewed the process for voting via email.

14. Nominating Committee Report

Commissioner Saenz announced the slate of nominees which includes Ellen Schmeding, Chair, Marcy Adelman, Vice Chair, and Joaquin Anguera, Sedalia Sanders, Kim Carr and Rita Saenz for Members-at-Large.

15. Election of Officers

No nominations were offered from the floor.

• Discussion while votes are being counted.

Swartzlander announced that Ellen Schmeding was elected CCoA Chair, Marcy Adelman as Vice Chair, and Joaquin Anguera, Kim Carr, Rita Saenz, Sedalia Sanders. Members-at-Large.

16. Comments from Outgoing Chair Betsy Butler

Outgoing Chair Betsy Butler expressed appreciation to the Commission members for their support.

17.Comments from Incoming Chair

Incoming Chair Ellen Schmeding thanked the members for their vote of confidence. She will be meeting with staff and invited members to let her know which committee they are interested in for the coming year.

18. Acknowledgement of Outgoing Chair Butler and Former Commissioners' Service

Members of the Commission presented Butler with a commemorative gift and offered wellwishes to former Commissioners Ed Walsh and Jane Rozanski, who joined as guests at the end of the meeting.

19. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.