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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

January 20-21, 2015
Sheraton Grand Sacramento Hotel
Sacramento, CA

TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2015

I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

In Chair Walker's absence, Vice Chair Last called the meeting to order at 12:52 p.m. Commissioner Benton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Roll Call and Establish Quorum

Commissioners Present: Marian Last, Donna Benton, Bert Bettis, Steven Castle, Julie Conger, Paul Downey, Stuart Greenbaum, Barbara Mitchell, Gail Nickerson, Bob Petty, Carmen Reyes, Jane Rozanski, Rita Saenz, David Sanchez, Jean Schuldberg, Ed Walsh

Commissioners Absent: Lucy Fisher, Virgie P. Walker

Staff: Sandi Fitzpatrick, Carol Sewell, Marcella Villanueva

Guests: Senator Carol Liu, Joanne Handy, Assembly Member Cheryl Brown, Suzanne Reed, Chelsea Lee, Susan DeMarois, Corey Nitchke, Kendyce Manguchei, Gary Passmore, Leza Coleman

A quorum was established.

III. Introductions

Commissioners introduced themselves. Commissioner Last introduced guests Corey Nitchke Department of Finance and Kendyce Manguchei, Legislative Consultant, California Department of Social Services.

IV. Approve Agenda

The January 20-21, 2015 general meeting agenda was reviewed.

M/S/C (Conger/Sanchez)

TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 20-21, 2015 GENERAL MEETING AGENDA.

V. Approve Minutes from November 19-20, 2014 meeting

The November 19-20, 2015 CCoA general meeting minutes were reviewed.

M/S/C (Rozanski/Benton)

TO APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 19-20, 2015 CCOA GENERAL MEETING MINUTES.

VI. Public Comments

None

VII. Comments from the Vice Chair

Commissioner Last noted Commissioner Walker's absence.

VIII. Presentation: *Financing Long Term Services and Supports: A California Conversation*

Speaker: **Joanne Handy**, President and CEO, LeadingAge California
Commissioner Last introduced speaker Joanne Handy, who presented her organization's plan to work with partner organizations in developing solutions to the long-term services and supports financing crisis.

IX. Staff Report

A. Staff Activity Report

Fitzpatrick reviewed the Staff Activity report.

B. Financial Statements

Fitzpatrick reviewed the CCoA financial statements.

X. Executive Committee Report

Commissioner Downey provided the Executive Committee report.

A. Meeting of January 9, 2015

1. Legislative Advocacy Committee Action (ratification)

Executive Committee approved the Legislative Advocacy Committee recommendations to co-sponsor Elder/Dependent Adult Financial Abuse Victim Assistance legislation, the Adult Protective Services training budget increase and the Older Americans Act 50th Anniversary resolution. The Committee also recommended support for AB 11 (Gonzalez), AB 35 (Chiu), and SB 33 (Hernandez).

2. Legislative Briefing: co-sponsored with Congress of California Seniors

Fitzpatrick reported on plans for a legislative briefing co-sponsored by the Congress of California Seniors (CCS) for February 9, 2015. The briefing will present the policy and program implications of demographic changes over the next twenty years.

M/S/C (Downey/Bettis)

TO RATIFY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION TO PARTNER WITH CONGRESS OF CALIFORNIA SENIORS ON A LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING.

M/S/C (Saenz/Rozanski)

TO RATIFY THE JANUARY 9, 2015 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT.

3. Leading Age California: Request to participate in the Pathways Project

M/S/C (Conger/Benton)

TO RATIFY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S RECOMENDATON FOR A COMMISSIONER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PATHWAYS PROJECT.

B. Meeting of January 20, 2015

Commissioner Last reported on the January 20, 2015 Executive Committee meeting.

1. Senate Select Committee on Aging & Long-Term Care: Status

The Senate Select Committee on Aging has not been reinstated.

2. Assembly Aging & Long-Term Care Committee Membership

Commissioner Last reviewed the committee membership.

3. California Budget FY 15-16

Fitzpatrick reviewed the Governor's proposed 2015-16 state budget and the California Budget Project's analysis of the budget.

4. Request from California Elder Justice Coalition to collaborate on a grant submission to the Archstone Foundation

Sewell reported on the request from the California Elder Justice Coalition to collaborate on a grant submission to the Archstone Foundation. The proposal would establish an "A" team (advocacy) to provide guidance or expertise to legislators considering elder justice legislation.

M/S/C (Conger/Walsh)

TO APPROVE COLLABORATION AND PLANNING WITH CEJC TO ON GRANT SUBMISSION TO THE ARCHSTONE FOUNDATION AND DEFINE CCOA'S ROLE.

Commissioner Downey abstained

XI. Federal Policy Committee Report

Commissioner Mitchell provided the Federal Policy Committee Report.

A. Federal Budget Update

Commissioner Mitchell reported no change in federal program funding, with some minor sequestration restoration included in the new federal budget. Budget reduced the Low Income Heating and Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) by \$34 million. ACL program funding is flat: nutrition funding was restored, but came from cuts in other programs.

B. Elder Justice Funding

Federal budget includes \$4 million in budget for Elder Justice Funding.

C. Older Americans Act Reauthorization

New OAA Reauthorization bill introduced by Senators Alexander and Murray. The new bill revises Title III grant formula to better reflect geographic distribution and

transportation needs. Committee recommends CCoA support the reauthorization with funding.

M/S/C (Mitchell/Downey)

FOR CCOA TO SUPPORT THE OLDER AMERICANS ACT REAUTHORIZATION BILL WITH FUNDING.

D. White House Conference on Aging Update

Commissioner Mitchell reported on plans for 5 regional WHCoA conferences. Commissioners discussed the ways that an upcoming CCoA meeting could be used as a small regional conference if appropriate.

XII. Legislative Advocacy Committee Report

Commissioner Downey provided the Legislative Advocacy Committee report and discussed commission-sponsored and co-sponsored legislation, new bills and previously positioned bills.

A. Commission-sponsored or co-sponsored Legislation

Downey provided update on co-sponsored bills/initiatives.

1. Elder and Dependent Adult Financial Abuse; Victims Compensation Pilot Project

Staff is seeking an author to carry the San Diego Elder/Dependent Adult Financial Abuse Victim Compensation pilot project.

2. Adult Protective Service Workers; Training Budget Augmentation

CCoA is working with the County Welfare Directors Association to develop the 2015 APS training proposal.

3. Long-Term Care Ombudsman Funding Augmentation

CCoA will be part of a coalition working to support a funding increase for the Long-Term Care Ombudsman program.

4. Caregiver Task Force Resolution

No new information available on the AARP/CCoA a resolution supporting establishment of a Caregiver Task Force.

5. Request to co-sponsor Older Americans Act Anniversary Resolution

Legislative Advocacy Committee recommended accepting C4A's request to co-sponsor an Older Americans Act resolution on condition that the language is amended to express support for Older Americans Act reauthorization. Without the amendment, would consider support, but not co-sponsorship.

Commissioner Greenbaum suggested an additional amendment to delete the term "avoiding institutionalization" in paragraph 5.

TO APPROVE THE LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS TO CO-SPONSOR THE VICTIM COMPENSATION PILOT PROJECT BILL, THE APS TRAINING BUDGET REQUEST, THE LONG-TERM CARE OMBUDSMAN FUNDING REQUEST, AND A CAREGIVER RESOLUTION.

B. New Bills

1. **AB 72 (Bonta/Atkins) - Medi-Cal: 1115 waiver renewal**
Identical bill to SB 36 – also needs ratification.
2. **AB 74 (Calderon) - Care facilities: regulatory visits**
3. **SB 19 (Wolk) - POLST Registry**

M/S/C (Downey/Rozanski)

TO SUPPORT AB 72 (AND SB 36), AB 74, AND SB 19.

C. Update: previously-positioned bills

No activity on new bills to-date.

XIII. Operational Procedures & Bylaws Committee Report

A. 2012-2015 CCoA Operational Plan – Progress Report # 3

Commissioner Nickerson reported on the Committee’s review of the 2014-2015 Operational Plan. Staff will incorporate recommendations and will bring back for approval at next meeting. Commissioner Nickerson also reported on the committee’s review of possible amendments to the Bylaws.

XIV. Elder Justice Committee Report

Commissioner Conger reported on Elder Justice Committee’s endorsement of CCoA’s co-sponsorship of San Diego Victims Compensation pilot project, APS training budget request, and A-Team grant proposal. Commissioner Conger also reported on participation in elder justice events throughout the fall and winter months.

XV. Unfinished Business

A. Legislative Breakfast

Commissioner Last reviewed plans for tomorrow’s Legislative Breakfast.

B. 2015 Meeting Schedule

Commissioner Last reviewed the 2015 meeting schedule.

XVI. New Business

A. 2015 Meetings Preview

Fitzpatrick reported on meeting plans for 2015 and referenced the March-April meeting directions. The September 2015 meeting will be in Chico; considering an Orange County location for November 2015.

B. Form 700 – Due to CCoA office no later than March 25, 2015

Fitzpatrick reminded Commissioners to submit Form 700 to the CCoA office by March 25th.

XVII. Presentation: *Recommendations from the Senate Select Committee on Aging & Long-Term Care*

Senator Carol Liu reported on the work of the Senate Select Committee on Aging & Long-Term Care and presented copies of the full report. The Senator reviewed the recommendation to re-all aging programs under one department with a “czar” appointed under the HHS secretary and her request for establishment of a standing Senate Committee on Aging & Long-Term Care.

Senator Liu will ask the Legislative Women’s Caucus to carry legislation based on the report and the recommendations will be taken to the Commission on the Status of Women for support.

XVIII. Recess

Meeting recessed at 4:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2015

Commissioners attended the Legislative Breakfast in the State Capitol Basement at 7:30 a.m. In Chair Walker’s absence, Immediate Past Chair Bettis reconvened meeting at 10:10 a.m.

XIX. Presentation: *What’s Ahead for the Assembly Aging & Long-Term Care Committee*

Speaker: **Assembly Member Cheryl Brown**, Chair Assembly Aging and Long-Term Care Committee

Assembly Member Brown described her experiences as a caregiver; identified her legislative priorities and spoke of the states need to prepare for the “silver tsunami”.

XX. Presentation: *California Council of the Alzheimer’s Association Policy Areas for 2015*

Susan DeMarois, State Policy Director, California Council of the Alzheimer's Association discussed public policy concerns. The Association has jointly applied with Department of Aging and Department of Health Care Services, for a three-year, \$8,000 grant to work on dementia care management.

XXI. Commissioner Comments/Questions/Debrief Breakfast

Commissioner Bettis thanked commissioners and staff for their work on this morning’s Legislative Breakfast and noted that this could be her last meeting.

XXII. Next Meeting: April 1-2, 2015 in Sacramento

The next CCoA meeting will be April 1-2, 2015 at the Sheraton Grand Hotel in Sacramento. The Executive Committee meeting is set for March 31.

XXIII. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 11:03 a.m.

M/S/C (Downey/Walsh)

TO AJOURN MEETING