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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Sheraton Grand Sacramento Hotel
Sacramento, CA
April 1- 2, 2015

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2015

I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Walker called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m. Commissioner Walsh led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Roll Call and Establish Quorum

Commissioners Present: Virgie P. Walker, Donna Benton, Betsy Butler, Steve Castle, Julie Conger, Paul Downey, Lucy Fisher, Stuart Greenbaum, Gail Nickerson, Bob Petty, Carmen Reyes, Jane Rozanski, Rita Saenz, Ed Walsh

Commissioners Absent: Marian Last, Barbara Mitchell, David Sanchez, Jean Schuldberg

Staff: Sandi Fitzpatrick, Carol Sewell, Marcella Villanueva

Guests: Kathy Smith, Scott Meahl

A quorum was established.

III. Introductions of New & Continuing Members

Commissioner Walker introduced and welcomed new Commissioner Betsy Butler. Commissioners introduced themselves.

IV. Approve Agenda

The April 1-2, 2015 CCoA general meeting agenda was reviewed.

M/S/C (Downey/Conger)

TO APPROVE THE APRIL 1-2, 2015 CCOA GENERAL MEETING AGENDA.

V. Approve Minutes from January 20-21, 2015 meeting

The January 20-21, 2015 general meeting minutes were reviewed.

M/S/C (Rozanski/Saenz)

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

VI. Public Comments

Scott Meahl, PhD candidate researching elder abuse, was interested in the Commission's work in elder justice.

VII. Presentation: SB 128: End of Life Option Act (Wolk, Monning, Eggman)

Kathy Smith, Senior Legislative Consultant for Senator Monning, discussed SB 128, the End of Life Option Act, under review at the Legislature.

VIII. Comments from the Chair

Commissioner Walker thanked staff for organizing the briefing for new legislative staff. She also thanked Commissioner Downey for participating in the briefing and Commissioners Greenbaum, Nickerson and Saenz for attending Capitol events. She also noted the work of the Legislative Advocacy Committee and the work of and Commissioners Walsh, Last and Downey for their work on updating the “Know Your Rights” brochure.

IX. Staff Report

A. Staff Activity Report

Fitzpatrick provided the staff activity report.

B. New Definition for Incidental Charges on Travel Expense Claims

Villanueva reviewed the new definition of incidentals as it relates to Travel Expense Claims.

C. Excess Lodging Rate Request

Fitzpatrick discussed the Excess Lodging form needed for the June CCoA meeting in San Diego and also reviewed the June CCoA meeting directions.

X. Executive Committee Report

Staff provided the Executive Committee report.

A. Collaborative grant application to Archstone Foundation

Sewell gave an update on the Archstone grant application submitted by CCoA and the California Elder Justice Coalition.

B. Senate Select Committee on Aging & Long-Term Care Press Conference

Nickerson reported on attendance at Senator Liu’s press conference announcing legislation developed from the work of the Senate Select Committee on Aging & Long-Term Care. Commissioners Greenbaum and Saenz also attended.

C. Senate Select Committee on Aging & Long-Term Care Appointed

Fitzpatrick reported on the reinstatement of the Senate Select Committee on Aging.

M/S/C (Downey/Nickerson)

**TO AUTHORIZE STAFF TO WIRTE A LETTER TO SENATE PRO TEM DE LEON
THANKING HIM FOR REINSTATING THE COMMITTEE.**

XI. Federal Policy Committee Report

Commissioner Walsh provided the Federal Policy Committee Report.

A. Federal Budget Update

Commissioner Walsh reported on the House & Senate budget proposals, which would make significant changes to Medicare, Medicaid, and other health and human service programs.

B. S.192: Older Americans Act Reauthorization: Status Report

Older Americans Act reauthorization bill has been introduced with broad support.

C. H.R. 988: Reauthorize the Elder Justice Act of 2009: Status Report

Elder Justice Act reauthorization bill introduced in the House.

M/S/C (Walsh/Downey)

TO SUPPORT THE ELDER JUSTICE ACT REAUTHORIZATION BILL.

XII. Legislative Advocacy Committee Report

Commissioner Downey provided the Legislative Advocacy Committee Report and discussed Commissioner sponsored and co-sponsored legislation.

A. Commission-sponsored or co-sponsored Legislation

1. *Elder and Dependent Adult Financial Abuse; Victims Compensation Pilot Project* Downey reported no progress on identifying funds to support this proposal.
2. Adult Protective Service Workers; Training Budget Augmentation & Long Term Care Ombudsman Funding Augmentation Presentation of the budget request has been well received in both houses.
3. Caregiver Task Force Resolution ACR 38 (Brown) set for hearing by the Assembly Aging & Long-Term Care Committee.
4. Older Americans Act Reauthorization Resolution AJR 8 (Brown) set for hearing in the Assembly Aging & Long-Term Care Committee.

B. Meeting of March 6, 2015: bills for individual consideration

SB 128 (Wolk/Monning), AB 97 (Weber), AB 332 (Calderon), AB 348 (Brown), SB 190 (Beall), SB 199 (Hall)

M/S/C (Downey/Conger)

TO APPROVE THE LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY COMMITTEE'S MARCH 6, 2015 RECOMMENDATION TO SUPPORT AB 97 (WEBER), AB 332 (CALDERON), AB 348 (BROWN), SB 190 (BEALL), SB 199 (HALL)

M/S/C (Downey/Petty)

TO ADOPT THE LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY COMMITTEE'S MARCH 6, 2015 RECOMMENDATION TO SUPPORT SB 128 (WOLK & MONNING)

Commissioners Castle & Walker opposed.

C. Meeting of March 25, 2015: consent agenda

AB 470 (Chu), AB 614 (Brown), AB 1122 (Brown), AB 1231 (Wood), AB 1261 (Burke), AB 1436 (Burke), SB 613 (Allen), SB 675 (Liu), SB 648 (Mendoza), AB 601 (Eggman), SB 243 (Hernandez) and AB 366 (Bonta).

M/S/C (Downey/Conger)

TO APPROVE LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY COMMITTEE'S MARCH 25, 2015 CONSENT AGENDA.

D. Meeting of March 25, 2015: bills for individual consideration

AB 211 (Gomez), AB 502 (Chau), AB 601 (Eggman), AB 1211 (Mainschein), SB 243 (Hernandez) (also AB 366 (Bonta), AB 377 (Beall), SB 492 (Liu), SB 648 (Mendoza)

M/S/C (Downey/ Saenz)

TO APPROVE LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY COMMITTEE'S MARCH 25, 2015 RECOMMENDATION TO SUPPORT AB 211 (GOMEZ), AB 601 (EGGMAN); TO WATCH AB 502 (CHAU), AB 1211 (MAINSCHIEIN) AND SB 377 (BEALL); AND TO SUPPORT SB 492 (LIU) IF AMENDED TO REQUIRE DISSEMINATION AND LANGUAGE INTERPRETATION.

E. Meeting of April 1, 2015: consent agenda

AB 474 (Brown), AB 637 (Campos), AB 664 (Dodd), AB 918 (Stone), AB 1235 (Gipson), SB 390 (Bates), SB 406 (Jackson), AB 244 (Eggman & Brown), SB 571 (Liu) and SB 779 (Hall).

M/S/C (Downey/Rozanski)

TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA FROM APRIL 1, 2015 MEETING.

F. Meeting of April 1, 2015: bills for individual consideration

AB 244 (Eggman & Brown), AB 563 (Lopez), AB 782 (Dababneh), AB 1468 (Baker), SB 547 (Liu), SB 571 (Liu), SB 575 (Liu), SB 779 (Hall)

M/S/C (Downey /Saenz)

TO APPROVE LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY COMMITTEE'S APRIL 1, 2015 RECOMMENDATION TO SUPPORT AB 244 (EGGMAN A& BROWN), AB 563 (LOPEZ), AB 782 (DABABNEH), SB 547 (LIU), SB 571 (LIU), SB 575 (LIU), AND TO OPPOSE AB 1468 (BAKER).

XIII. Special Presentation to former Commissioner Bert Bettis

Commissioner Walker presented former Commissioner Bettis with a plaque and thanked her for her service to the CCoA and her commitment to the Commission's work.

XIV. Operational Procedures & Bylaws Committee Report

Commissioner Nickerson provided the Operational Procedures & Bylaws Committee report.

A. 2012-2014 CCoA Operational Plan – Progress Report # 3

Commissioner Nickerson presented on progress on the 2012-2014 Operational Plan.

M/S/C (Nickerson/Saenz)

TO ADOPT THE 2012-2014 CCOA OPERATIONAL PLAN – PROGRESS REPORT # 3

B. Proposed Changes to Bylaws

Commissioner Nickerson reviewed the proposed changes to the Bylaws. Commissioner Conger asked the Operational Procedures & Bylaws Committee to consider making the Elder Justice Committee a standing committee.

M/S/C (Nickerson/Conger)

TO APPROVE THE BYLAWS CHANGES AS PROPOSED.

XV. Elder Justice Committee Report

Commissioner Conger provided the Elder Justice Committee recommendations.

A. New Elder Justice Legislation for review

Commissioner Conger presented the Elder Justice Committee’s recommendations on the following bills:

- AB 436 (Jones) -- Guardian or conservator: powers and duties. SUPPORT
- AB 441 (Wilk) -- Identity theft: seniors: enhancements. WATCH
- AB 1085 (Gatto) -- Personal representatives: conservators and attorneys-in-fact. OPPOSE UNLESS AMEND
- SB 196 (Hancock) Elder abuse: protective orders. SUPPORT
- SB 224 (Liu) Elderly Parole Program. SUPPORT
- SB 338 (Morrell) Elder abuse; unjustifiable mental suffering. SUPPORT
- SB 352 (Block) Elder abuse. SUPPORT
- SB 519 (Hancock) Victim Compensation. NO ACTION

M/S/C (Conger/Fisher)

TO APPROVE THE ELDER JUSTICE COMMITTEE’S RECOMMENDATIONS.

B. CCoA, CEJC and Assembly Aging & Long-Term Care Elder Justice Legislative Brown-bag Sessions

Commissioner Conger reported on legislative Brown Bag sessions on elder justice issues. Upcoming sessions will be held on April 10th and May 8th.

C. Adult Protective Services (APS) Professional Qualifications; equivalency

The Elder Justice Committee requested Sewell research qualifications for APS workers to identify level of gerontology training required.

XVI. Unfinished Business

A. White House Conference on Aging

Commissioner Downey reported on the WHCoA listening session held in Phoenix, Arizona. There were 200 participants in attendance; most from Arizona; mostly senior advocates; half group were professionals in the aging field; speakers heavy emphasis on volunteering, caregiving and Alzheimer's.

B. Re-cap CCoA & CCS Legislative Briefing

Several Commissioners commented on the Legislative Briefing.

XVII. Presentation: State Aging Program Update

Speaker: Lora Connolly, Director, California Department of Aging

Director Connolly discussed of the Older Americans Act Reauthorization bill and programs CDA is working on, including SNAP-Ed, community and education outreach, evidence based programs at congregate sites. CDA is actively involved in the CBAS transition process to meet the new community based program requirements. Director Connolly also provided an update on the Coordinated Care Initiative and noted that a grant from the Alzheimer's Foundation is designed care managers in the CalMedi-Connect plans have a better understanding of needs of Alzheimer's patients and connect them with the necessary resources.

XVIII. New Business: State Aging Program Update

A. Olmstead Committee

Commissioner Walsh reported on the Olmstead Committee and Olmstead initiative. A universal assessment tool is being developed and sent to stakeholders in May. CCI is moving forward in 6 counties and as of March 21st had 120,000 enrollees. The opt-out rate is high and has been a concern. Looking at a consolidated Home and Community-Based waiver.

B. State Budget Proposals

Sewell reported on CCoA co-sponsored budget requests to increase funding for APS training and the Long-Term Care Ombudsman. CCoA is also tracking budget requests for caregiver resource centers and a timeline extension on the MSSP transition.

XIX. Recess

Meeting recessed at 5:21 p.m.

THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 2015

Commissioners attended the Community of Constituents Conference hosted by The SCAN Foundation.

Meeting reconvened at 10:22 a.m.

XX. Commissioner Comments

Commissioners commented on the Community of Constituents Conference.

XXI. Next Meeting: June 16-17, 2015 in San Diego

The next CCoA meeting will be held June 16-17, 2015, at the Embassy Suites Hotel in San Diego.

XXII. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

M/S/C (Conger/Walsh)

TO ADJOURN THE MEETING.