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GENERAL MEETINGS MINUTES

November 18 – 19, 2015

Ayres Hotel & Suites, Costa Mesa, CA

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2015

I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Vice Chair Marian Last called the meeting to order at 8:54 a.m. Commissioner Saenz led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Roll Call and Establish Quorum

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

Commissioners Absent: Betsy Butler

Staff: Sandi Fitzpatrick, Carol Sewell, Marcella Villanueva

Guests: Sherry Horn, Jim Levy, Elizabeth Busick, Lisa M. Gibbs, Maria Claver, Cynthia Enyard, Miriam Henan, Isabel McGraw, Montse Ruiz-Salvat, Oni Uyanne-Nwokedi, Amber Cutler, Meea Kang, Robert MacLaughlin, Esther Jimenez, Celeste Jardine-Haug, Micki Nozaki

A quorum was established

III. Introductions: Welcome to new Commissioner Randall

Commissioner Last welcomed new Commissioner Kathy Randall.

IV. Approve Agenda

The November 18-19, 2015 CCoA general meeting agenda was reviewed.

M/S/C (Rozanski/Downey)

TO APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 18-19, 2015 CCOA GENERAL MEETING AGENDA.

V. Approve Minutes from September 17-18, 2015 meeting

The September 17-18, 2015 CCoA general meeting minutes were reviewed.

M/S/C (Downey/Nickerson)

TO APPROVE THE SEPTEMBER 17-18, 2015 CCOA GENERAL MEETING MINUTES.

VI. Public Comments

None

VII. Nominating Committee Report

Commissioner Castle, Nominating Committee Chair, announced the Committee's nomination of Marian Last as Chair, Paul Downey as Vice Chair, and Donna Benton, Betsy Butler, Lucy Fisher, Jean Schuldberg and Ed Walsh for members-at-large.

VIII. Election of Officers

The Vice Chair called for nominations from the floor for CCoA Chair:
None offered.

M/S/C (Sanchez/Mitchell)

TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS.

Marian Last elected as Chair by acclamation.

The Chair called for nominations from the floor for CCoA Vice Chair:
None offered.

M/S/C (Sanchez/Reyes)

TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS.

Paul Downey elected as Vice Chair by acclamation.

The Chair called for nominations from the floor for Members-at-Large.
None offered.

M/S/C (Sanchez/Mitchell)

TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS.

Donna Benton, Betsy Butler, Lucy Fisher, Jean Schuldberg and Ed Walsh were elected as Members-at-Large by acclamation.

IX. Executive Committee Report

Commissioner Last reported on the Executive Committee's October 30, 2015 teleconference meeting.

X. Federal Policy Committee Report

Commissioner Mitchell provided the Federal Policy Committee meeting report.

A. Older Americans Act Reauthorization

In July the OAA was referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce. The OAA has not been heard.

B. Federal Budget

A two-year, \$40 million federal budget was passed, with details to be addressed through appropriations committee action in December.

XI. Staff Report

Fitzpatrick and Sewell provided the Staff Activity Report.

A. Activities

Fitzpatrick reviewed the activity report and noted that Commissioner Last had attended senior symposium at the Oasis Senior Center.

B. Legislative Update

Sewell provided a list of all the bills the Commission has positioned.

C. AARP Livable Communities Advisory Team

Fitzpatrick was invited to serve on AARP's Livable Communities Advisory Team.

D. Meeting Schedule

The 2016 meeting schedule is still in development.

XII. Unfinished Business

A. Caregiver Task Force (ACR 38)

Commissioner Benton provided an update on the Caregiver Task Force, which will be staffed by USC.

XIII. New Business

A. Ad Hoc Work Group: Funding for Gerontology Programs

Commissioner Schuldberg reported on the Ad Hoc Work group teleconference meeting on October 29th. The committee evaluated research on various approaches to funding programs strategies for restoring funds.

B. The SCAN Foundation Long-Term Services & Supports Summit

Commissioner Greenbaum reported on the SCAN Foundation LTSS Summit.

C. California Mental Health Planning Council

Commissioner Nickerson reported on the California Mental Health Planning Council.

XIV. Presentation: *Innovations in Addressing Elder Abuse and Neglect in Orange County*

Presenter: Lisa M. Gibbs, MD, Director, Center of Excellence on Elder Abuse and Neglect, UC Irvine School of Medicine

Dr. Gibbs reviewed the history, processes and innovations of the Center of Excellence on Elder Abuse and Neglect.

XV. Public Hearing: *Issues Impacting Older Americans*

Maria Claver, Associate Professor, Gerontology Program, California State University at Long Beach and Commissioner Steven Castle

Dr. Claver introduced the gerontology student presentations, which focused on advocacy around specific issues of concern to each student. Commissioner Castle reviewed the CCoA's role and policy initiatives and invited the students to offer ideas for addressing their concerns.

Presenters:

- **Cynthia Enyard**

Ms. Enyard advocated for increasing number of elders in the workplace to help boost their income and keep their visibility in society. She asked the Commission to look for ways to increase funding for organizations to employ seniors, offering the example of the National Employment Program for Aging Americans in L.A.

- **Miriam Henan**

Ms. Henan provides community college courses for elders in facilities. Hearing their confusion over the aging process, she created a curriculum to help them understand normal aging, chronic conditions and common treatments and self-advocacy.

- **Isabel McGraw**

Ms. McGraw also expressed interest in elders in the workforce and ageism in general. Only 4% of companies have strategies for retaining older adults and only 3% plan to hire them. Speaks to the need to improve focus of social services and other programs.

- **Montse Ruiz Salvat**

Ms. Ruiz Salvat works as an interpreter for medical providers and spoke on the issue of isolation and perceived loneliness for elders. She cited the need for research on preventing isolation and to increase awareness by the medical profession.

- **Onuora “Oni” Uyanne-Nwokedi**

Mr. Uyanne-Nwokedi is a first year gerontology master’s student with an MPH. His concern was the large numbers of elders turning to drugs and issues of health literacy. He cited the need for better monitoring by physicians and the need for legislative attention to help narrow the gap of drug use. How to educate ethnic communities?

Meeting recessed for lunch at 12:05 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 1:25 p.m.

XVI. Presentation: *An Update on the Coordinated Care Initiative*

Speaker: Amber Cutler, Senior Staff Attorney, Justice in Aging

Ms. Cutler provided an update on the Coordinated Care Initiative. Ongoing challenges include incorrect notification, few referrals for LTSS, including CBAS and MSSP services; and problems with continuity of care.

XVII. Presentation: *Connecting Housing and Community*

Presenter: Meea Kang, Founding Partner, Domus Development

Ms. Kang reviewed her professional goal of creating development projects that address multiple problems; focus on choices that bring amenities to the residents in both rural and urban areas and meeting needs of seniors, families, mixed use and adaptive re-use.

XVIII. Update from Assembly Committee on Aging and Long-Term Care

Presenters: Robert MacLaughlin, Consultant, Assembly Committee on Aging and Long-Term Care; Esther Jimenez, Senior Legislative Aide, Assemblymember Cheryl Brown

Mr. MacLaughlin discussed Assemblymember Brown's primary focus areas: increasing SSI/SSP for the poorest Californians; and increasing efforts to address Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), which her husband has.

XIX. Recess

Meeting recessed at 4:20 p.m.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2015

Meeting reconvened at 8:39 a.m.

XX. Presentation & Tour: *The Success of OASIS*

Presenter: Celeste Jardine-Haug, OASIS, Center Director

Mrs. Jardine-Haug discussed the success of the Oasis Center in basing programs on current seniors' needs and providing an intellectually stimulating environment and activities.

Commissioners toured the Oasis facility.

XXI. Presentation: *Medicare Fraud: A Crime Against Seniors*

Presenter: Micki Nozaki, Project Director, California Senior Medicare Patrol

Ms. Nozaki reviewed the problem of Medicare fraud and the work of the Senior Medicare Patrol.

XXII. Elder Justice Committee Report

Commissioner Conger provided the Elder Justice Committee report.

A. Proposed Legislation 2016

1. San Diego Victims Compensation Pilot Project

The Elder Justice Committee recommends the Commission co-sponsor the San Diego Victims Compensation pilot project. Assemblymember Waldron will author the pilot project legislation.

M/S/C (Conger/Sanchez)

TO SUPPORT THE ELDER JUSTICE COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION TO CO-SPONSOR THE SAN DIEGO VICTIM COMPENSATION PILOT PROGRAM LEGISLATION.

2. Banking holds on suspicious account activity

CEJC and CCoA have been asked to explore legislation expanding the ability for banks to freeze accounts to protect seniors' resources when suspicious activity is detected. (Information only)

B. Legislative Brownbags 2016

Commissioner Conger reported on legislative Brownbag sessions on elder abuse topics.

C. World Elder Abuse Awareness Day 2016

Commissioner Conger gave an update on the partnership with C4A and CEJC to develop a World Elder Abuse Awareness Day campaign. Both Commissioners Benton and Schulberg have volunteered to work with C4A on messaging.

XXIII. Legislative Advocacy Report

Commissioner Downey provided the Legislative Advocacy report.

A. Proposed Legislation 2016

Proposals being developed in partnership with the Congress of California Seniors (CCS).

1. Nutrition Programs

There will be additional discussions in December as to details of CCoA's nutrition funding proposal.

2. Access to Farm Produce

Two items: looking at legislation offering a tax credit for food producers who donate to senior nutrition programs. Also looking at proposal to work with managed care organizations to include meal delivery as part of care planning for newly discharged CCI beneficiaries.

B. Proposed Legislative Briefings 2016

1. Women & Poverty

Women and Poverty meeting will likely occur in March or May of 2016. Commissioner Butler is working with staff to set a date. Would like to attract some media attention and use as a launching point for women in poverty or poverty in general.

2. Senior Nutrition

Considering a legislative hearing on senior nutrition; will work with Assembly Aging & Long-Term Care.

XXIV. Next Meeting Overview: January 21-22, 2016 in Sonoma

The Sonoma meeting is January 21-22, 2016. Fitzpatrick reviewed the meeting directions for the January meeting.

XXV. Commissioner Comments

Commissioners commented on speaker presentations. Commissioner Castle suggested that the Executive Committee discuss ways to develop a more focused and accurate progressive vision of aging services.

XXVI. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 10:59 a.m.

M/S/C (Downey/Sanchez)

TO ADJOURN MEETING