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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

January 21-22, 2016

Sheraton Hotel Sonoma County – Petaluma and Vintage House – Sonoma

THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 2016

I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner Last called the meeting to order at 10:18 a.m. Commissioner Rozanski led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Roll Call and Establish Quorum

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

Commissioners Absent: Kathy Randall, David Sanchez

Staff: Sandi Fitzpatrick, Carol Sewell, Marcella Villanueva

Guests: Jennie Chin Hansen, Diane Kaljian, Jill Ravitch, Ruth Robeson, Gary Fontenot, Ronit Rubinoff, James Davis, Hav Staggs, Anne Martin

A quorum was established.

III. Introductions

Commissioner Last introduced former Commissioners Jim Davis and Hav Staggs. Commissioners introduced themselves.

IV. Approve Agenda

The January 21-22, 2016 CCoA general meeting agenda was reviewed.

M/S/C (Conger/Rozanski)

TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 21-22, 2016 CCOA GENERAL MEETING AGENDA.

V. Approve Minutes from November 18-19, 2015 meeting

The November 18-19, 2015 CCoA general meeting minutes were reviewed.

M/S/C (Downey/Reyes)

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

VI. Public Comments

None.

VII. Staff Report

A. Activity Report

Fitzpatrick reviewed the staff activity report in Commissioner packets.

B. Form 700

Villanueva reminded Commissioners of the Form 700 Economic Interest reporting requirement and timeline for submission.

C. Reduction in mileage reimbursement rate

Villanueva reviewed the state's current vehicle mileage reimbursement rate. Effective January 1, 2016 the mileage rate is .54 cents per mile.

Villanueva also reviewed the process for completing Travel Expense Claims (TECs) and referenced the 2016 CCoA Reimbursement Process in Commissioner packets.

D. Bagley Keene Open Meeting Act Review

Commissioner Petty reviewed the Bagley Keene Open Meeting Act and referred members to the Bagley Keene Act Guide in the meeting packet.

VIII. New Business

A. Analysis of Governor's Budget FY 16-17

Fitzpatrick provided the analysis of the Governor's proposed budget for FY 2016-17.

IX. Executive Committee Report

Commissioner Last provided the Executive Committee meeting report.

A. Action Items From January 6, 2016 Meeting

- 1. To co-sponsor with the Congress of California Seniors legislation creating a tax credit for food producers' donations to senior nutrition programs.**

M/S/C (Downey/Rozanski)

RATIFY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION TO CO-SPONSOR WITH THE CONGRESS OF CALIFORNIA SENIORS LEGISLATION CREATING A TAX CREDIT FOR FOOD PRODUCERS' DONATIONS TO SENIOR NUTRITION PROGRAMS.

- 2. To continue working with the Congress of California Seniors on legislation to require managed care plans to provide medically-prescribed home-delivered meals to cci beneficiaries as part of a beneficiary's care plan.**

M/S/C (Benton/Walsh)

TO RATIFY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S DECISION TO WORK WITH THE CONGRESS OF CALIFORNIA SENIORS ON LEGISLATION TO REQUIRE MANAGED CARE PLANS TO PROVIDE MEDICALLY-PRESCRIBED HOME-DELIVERED MEALS TO CCI BENEFICIARIES AS PART OF A BENEFICIARY'S CARE PLAN.

3. To support SB 547 (Liu) as amended.

M/S/C (Downey/Saenz)

TO SUPPORT SB 547 (LIU) AS AMENDED.

B. Discussion Items from January 21, 2016 Meeting

1. Transition Planning

Fitzpatrick reviewed process for re-appointment to the Commission and the pending end of Commissioners Last and Mitchell terms of office. Commissioner Last reviewed the process for nominating and electing new officers following their term's end.

2. Future Meeting Update

Tentative 2016 CCoA meeting schedule is as follows:

- March 29-30, 2016 in Sacramento area (still looking for hotel).
- June 2-3, 2016 in Los Angeles – Older Women and Poverty event.
- August 2016 meeting in Sacramento - Exact dates TBD.
- November 2016 in Los Angeles, to be held in conjunction with C4A -Exact dates TBD.

3. California Senior Legislature Bill Proposal

Executive Committee discussed the California Senior Legislature proposal to secure General Funding to continue their operations.

X. Federal Policy Committee Report

Commissioner Walsh provided the Federal Policy Committee meeting report.

A. Older Americans Act Reauthorization

Commissioner Walsh reported there has been no action in the House on the OAA reauthorization.

B. Federal Budget Wrap Up

Commissioner Walsh reported progress on the federal budget including the doubling of Elder Justice funding. There will be no further sequestration in 2016.

C. White House Conference on Aging Final Report

Commissioner Walsh noted the report's closing line toward a new definition of aging; also included recommendations for supporting caregivers and promoting collaboration between agencies with senior programs.

D. S.2425, Patient Access and Medicare Protection Act

Legislation addressing Medicare fraud and improved data sharing between federal and state Medicare programs was signed by the President.

E. N4A Comments on Proposed Discharge Planning Rule

Federal Policy Committee discussed N4A recommendations regarding the need for hospitals to work with community-based programs to improve collaboration.

F. Older Americans Month 2016 Theme: *Blaze a Trail.*

Commissioner Walsh commented on the new theme for OAA month and the goal of highlighting Older Americans Month activities.

XI. Elder Justice Committee Report

Commissioner Fisher will provide the Elder Justice Committee meeting report tomorrow.

Meeting recessed for lunch at 11:28 a.m.

Meeting reconvened at 2:13 p.m.at the Vintage House Senior Center in Sonoma.

Commissioner Last introduced Cynthia Scarborough Executive Director Vintage House. Mrs. Scarborough welcomed board members and Commissioners to Vintage House.

Commissioner Last introduced and welcomed former commissioners and current CFoA members Jim Davis, Hav Staggs and Donna Ueland. Also welcomed Sonoma AAA Director Diane Kaljian and members of the Sonoma County AAA Advisory Council.

XII. Guest Presentation: *Reframing Aging*

Presenter: Jennie Chin Hansen, RN, MS, FAAN

Ms. Hansen discussed a new study by the Frameworks Institute requested by the CEOs of eight National aging organizations seeking a new kind of research. Identified little public awareness of an aging society, an absence of attention to social determinants (such as quality of education, employment opportunities, race, gender, residential location, immigration status), and lack of awareness of ageism. Experts view ageism as a serious concern and challenge, whereas the public does not see ageism as an issue.

XIII. Presentation: *Innovations at the Sonoma County Area Agency on Aging*

• **Diane Kaljian, Sonoma County Adult and Aging Services Director**

Ms. Kaljian thanked the Commission for returning to Sonoma and introduced members of her Advisory Council and staff. Ms. Kaljian spoke of the agency's growth in the areas of APS and IHSS, plans to develop satellite offices and strong community partnerships.

• **Jill Ravitch, Sonoma County District Attorney**

District Attorney Ravitch discussed the county's increase in elder abuse cases and the importance of gaining victim's trust in order to prosecute. D.A.'s multi-disciplinary team helps to gather evidence to support prosecutions. A new family justice center coordinates relevant programs and gives victims immediate access. The county utilized a \$400,000 Office for Violence against Women grant to train staff to work with elder abuse cases.

• **Ruth Robeson, AAA Advisory Council Chair**

Ruth Robeson reviewed the work of the local Advisory Council.

Presentation: *Sonoma County Elder Justice Coalition*

Gary Fontenot, Adult and Aging Services Section Manager presented information on APS' efforts to increase outreach, and to develop a coordinated community response through Sonoma Elder Justice Coalition. The county's 2014 Elder Justice Summit led to development of a structure for financial abuse specialists team (FAST) in Sonoma.

Presentation: *Elder Outreach Program*

Ronit Rubinoff, Executive Director, Legal Aid of Sonoma County, discussed new outreach efforts in the area of elder abuse focused on increasing reports. New outreach coordinator travels throughout the county to investigate and open cases, new funding to provide a range of available services and establishment of an elder court has made it easier for cases to come to resolution.

XIV. Meeting recessed at 4:42 p.m.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 22, 2016

Meeting reconvened at 8:05 a.m.

XV. Presentation: *California Foundation on Aging Overview* Presenter: James Davis, Chairman, California Foundation on Aging

Commissioner Last introduced Jim Davis, chair of the CFoA. Mr. Davis discussed the CFoA's purpose, operations, new bylaws and organization, and its affiliated organizations.

XVI. Unfinished Business

Elder Justice Committee Report

Commissioner Fisher provided the Elder Justice Committee report. Assemblymember Marie Waldron (San Diego) will carry CCoA's San Diego Victim Compensation Pilot Project bill. Continuing Elder Justice Brown Bags with support from the Assembly Aging & Long-Term Care Committee and CEJC. Commissioners Fisher and Schulberg participate in C4A's planning efforts for an Elder Abuse Awareness Month campaign for June.

XVII. Legislative Advocacy Committee Report

Commissioner Benton provided the Legislative Advocacy Committee report.

A. Update on Commission-sponsored or co-sponsored legislation

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

The Victims Compensation Pilot bill was discussed by Commissioner Fisher in the Elder Justice report.

2. Tax credit for food donations to senior nutrition programs (AB 1577)

Proposal would create a tax credit for food producers that donate products to senior nutrition programs.

3. Home delivered meals; Managed care benefit for Medi-Cal beneficiaries with medically-prescribed nutrition requirements

Proposing to work with managed care plans to provide physician-prescribed meals to CCI beneficiaries as part of a beneficiary's care plan. Working with Assemblymember Autumn Burke on the proposal.

4. Nutrition funding budget augmentation

Partnering with Congress of CA Seniors and C4A to increase state matching funds for OAA senior nutrition programs.

5. Gerontology Education initiative

Janet Frank, past president of the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education (AGHE) will participate in an upcoming Gerontology Education Workgroup call with an update on AGHE's progress toward accreditation.

B. New bills

1. AB 1553 – Irwin. Consumer credit reports: Security freezes: protected person

No position at this time.

2. AB 1584 – Brown. Public social services: SSI/SSP

Legislative Advocacy Committee recommends CCoA support AB 1584.

M/S/C (Downey/Conger)

TO APPROVE THE LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY'S RECOMMENDATION TO SUPPORT AB 1584.

XVIII. Operational Procedures & Bylaws Committee Report

Commissioner Petty reported the Operational Procedures and Bylaws committee did not meet but will continue to work with staff and the Executive Committee. Report anticipated for the next CCoA meeting.

XIX. Reactions to the *Reframing Aging* Presentation and implications for the Commission: A Brainstorming Session

Commissioners discussed and provided feedback on Jennie Chin Hansen's Reframing Aging presentation. The Executive Committee will review the comments.

XX. Next Meeting Overview: March 29-30, 2016 in Sacramento

The next CCoA meeting will be March 29-30, 2016 in Sacramento. Meeting directions will be sent at a later date.

XXI. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 9:42 a.m.