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GENERAL MEETINGS MINUTES

January 10-11, 2017

Residence Inn, Marriott Sacramento Downtown at Capitol Park
Sacramento, CA

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2017

I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Downey called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m. Commissioner Sanders led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Roll Call and Establish Quorum

Commissioners Present: Paul Downey, Joaquin Anguera, Donna Benton, Betsy Butler, Steven Castle, Julie Conger, Lucy Fisher, Stuart Greenbaum, Meea Kang, Gail Nickerson, Bob Petty, Kathy Randall, Carmen Reyes, Jane Rozanski, Rita Saenz, Sedalia Sanders, Jean Schuldberg, Ed Walsh

Staff: Sandi Fitzpatrick, Carol Sewell, Marcella Villanueva

Guests: Lora Connolly, Dean Fujimoto, Kevin Prindiville, Wendi Labban, Brenda Anderson, Cheryl Brown

A quorum was established.

III. Introductions

Commissioners introduced themselves.

IV. Approve Agenda

The January 10-11, 2017 CCoA General Meeting agenda was reviewed.

M/S/C (Sanders/Butler)

TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 10-11, 2017 CCOA GENERAL MEETING AGENDA.

V. Approve Minutes from November 15-16, 2016 meeting

The November 15-16, 2016 CCoA General Meeting minutes were reviewed.

M/S/C (Reyes/Benton)

TO APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 15-16, 2016 CCOA GENERAL MEETING MINUTES.

VI. Public Comments

Commissioner Downey invited Brenda Anderson, member of the public, to speak.

Ms. Anderson would like to bring awareness for the need for laws affecting unlicensed facilities. She would like protection for vulnerable seniors. Commissioner Downey thanked Ms. Anderson for her comments. Sewell will meet with Ms. Anderson separately to assist with her request.

VII. Chair's Comments Downey

A. Announcement of newly appointed Commissioner Brown

Commissioner Downey announced the appointment of Cheryl Brown to the CCoA by the Assembly Speaker and indicated that Commissioner Benton's term was ending. Cheryl Brown thanked Commissioner Benton for her service.

B. Bagley Keene Open Meeting Act Refresher

Commissioner Downey discussed key points of the Bagley Keene Open Meeting Act and reminded Commissioners that three or more members may not discuss pending decisions outside of a regular meeting.

VIII. Staff Report

A. Activity Summary

Fitzpatrick reviewed the CCoA staff activity report.

B. Gerontology Graduate Student Intern: Wendi Labban

Fitzpatrick introduced student intern Wendi who will start next week.

C. Meeting Schedule January – June 2017

Fitzpatrick reviewed CCoA schedule for the first half of the year.

D. iVOW (Voices Of Women)

Sewell provided information on iVOW, an organization that interviews elders who make a difference and offered the contact information to Commissioners who might want to be interviewed.

IX. Presentation: How Changes to Federally Funded Programs Could Impact Older Californians.

Presenter: Kevin Prindiville, Executive Director, Justice in Aging

Commissioner Downey introduced Mr. Prindiville to provide an overview of federal changes.

In California there are currently 5.8 million seniors on Medicare and 2.6 million seniors on Medicaid. There are 500,000 IHSS recipients of which 57% are seniors. 575,000 seniors are on SSI. The combined impact and scale of changes could be tremendous that will affect generations of seniors to come. The stakes are very high for older adults, family members and caregivers.

Justice in Aging is engaged with other national groups advocating against the potential repeal of the Affordable Care Act (ACA). The ACA is a tremendously important program for a lot of people and has been a huge success in California. Benefits include expanded Medicaid services; closed "donut hole" in Medicare and expanded the Medicare trust fund. The ACA included incentives such as the community first choice option - one that California took advantage of. In addition, California gets an extra match for those on IHSS. The ACA was the mechanism for delivery system reform through Cal-Medi Connect.

Republicans want to repeal the affordable care act immediately with a delay of 2-4 years to develop an alternative plan. Democrats argue you can't repeal with a replacement. A vote may take place in March. Another area of concern is the federal budget (current year and next year). The talk is for a large increase in defense and an equal size cut in discretionary programs like the Older Americans Act. After the ACA action is completed there may be changes proposed for Medicare, Medicaid (blocking grant and work requirement) and Social Security.

Working Lunch 12:00 (noon) – 12:45 p.m.

Commissioners continued discussion with Mr. Prindiville during lunch.

X. Executive Committee Report

Commissioner Downey provided the Executive Committee report.

A. FrameWorks Institute Update

Commissioner Downey stated there is no update at this time. CCoA has indicated that we are eager to work and collaborate with them but to date no response.

B. Assembly Aging and Long-Term Care Committee and Senate Select Committee on Aging and Long-Term Care Update

Commissioner Downey announced that the newly appointed Chair of the Assembly Aging and Long-Term Care Committee will be at the Legislative Breakfast tomorrow. Commissioner Butler stated there is not a decision on a Senate Select Committee on Aging and Long-Term Care.

C. Senior Rally 2017

Senior Rally 2017 is set for May 11. TACC's meeting date has been moved to coincide with Senior Rally date and CDA's state plan hearing.

D. California Collaborative for Long-Term Services and Supports Legislative Briefing

The Collaborative's annual Legislative briefing will be held later this month. Fitzpatrick and Sewell will attend.

E. Summary of November's Informational Hearing

Commissioner Downey thanked Commissioners for facilitating round table discussions at the hearing. The major findings were summarized and included in the agenda packet. Executive Committee recommended a word change on page 9; change "resistance" to "reluctance".

XI. Presentation: Election Results and the Potential Impact on California's Services and Programs

Presenter: Lora Connolly, Director, California Department of Aging (CDA)

Director Connolly introduced Dean Fujimoto who is CDA's new Deputy Director for Aging and Long-Term Care. The Governor's budget has been released where he spoke about the Administration's policy commitments to a very inclusive and diverse population in the state. Mrs. Connolly reviewed the proposal to eliminate IHSS from the CCI.

Mrs. Connolly provided handout on Older Americans Act funded programs in California for 2016. She highlighted some programs that may be at-risk in the President's budget including: HUD housing, Community Development Block Grants, and senior employment. Work is underway on the State Plan on Aging. CDA is updating demographics, goals and objectives. The plan will be ready for the hearing in mid-May.

XII. Commission Discussion: Federal Impacts on Older Californians

Commissioners reviewed comments heard earlier in the day. Commissioner Downey will try to arrange a follow-up with both speakers at the June meeting.

XIII. Federal Policy Committee Report

Commissioner Petty provided the Federal Policy Committee report.

A. Reference Materials

Commissioner Petty reviewed enclosed reference materials.

B. Committee Prioritization and Process

The committee will initially be focusing on 4 areas: (1) Affordable Care Act and Medi-Cal; (2) Retirement Planning including transportation and housing; (3) Community Living and the Older Americans Act; (4) Medicare and Social Security.

The Committee recommends that a letter go to the California Congressional Delegation opposing an outright repeal of the Affordable Care Act. Commissioner Petty will draft a letter which will go to Committee members and then to Executive Committee.

XIV. Elder Justice Committee Report

Commissioner Schulberg provided the Elder Justice Committee report.

A. Elder Financial Abuse: Victim Compensation

Commission is again co-sponsoring legislation creating a San Diego pilot project to study cost and benefits of limited victim compensation for elder/dependent adult financial abuse victims.

B. Elder Abuse Awareness Month Resolution

Sewell is working with Assemblymember Kalra who will carry the resolution announcing June as Elder Abuse Awareness Month.

C. Elder Abuse Awareness Month Event, June 1, 2017

CCoA is part of the planning group for an Elder Abuse Awareness Month event on June 1st. Plans include dissemination of C4A's Know Abuse/Report Abuse banner, introduction of legislative resolution acknowledging the month, along with a two-day policy-focused event to be held in the Secretary of State's auditorium.

XV. Unfinished Business

A. CCoA MOU with California Foundation on Aging

Last meeting CCoA approved a two-year Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the California Foundation on Aging. The Foundation is now requesting a five year MOU.

M/S/C (Conger/Saenz)

TO ACCEPT A FIVE YEAR MOU WITH THE CFOA.

B. California Task Force on Family Caregiving

Commissioner Benton reported the taskforce had a second meeting by phone to review the interim report due to the Legislature on January 1st. Commissioner Benton will remain on the taskforce even after her term as Commissioner has ended.

XVI. New Business

A. Call for Nominations to the California Foundation on Aging Board of Directors

The California Foundation on Aging Board will have two vacancies by the end of the calendar year. The Foundation Board makes the decision as to who is elected to the Board. Commissioners can self-nominate or nominate another qualified individual. Fitzpatrick will send an email informing commissioners of the call for nominations.

XVII. Overview of Legislative Breakfast

Commissioner Downey provided an overview of the legislative breakfast to be held tomorrow.

XVIII. Recess

Commissioner Downey recessed the meeting at 4:15 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2017

Legislative Breakfast & Media Availability

Commissioners attended the Legislative Breakfast from 7:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m. at the State Capitol.

The CCoA meeting reconvened at 9:46 a.m.

XIX. Operational Procedures & Bylaws Committee Report

Commissioner Walsh provided the Operational Procedures & Bylaws Committee report.

A. CCoA Reframing Aging Initiative

Commissioner Walsh reviewed the reframing aging document as approved by the Commission September 2016. Commissioner Greenbaum was thanked for his work on this document.

B. Proposed CCoA Statement: Now is Time to Reframe Longevity

Commissioner Walsh had Commissioner Greenbaum present the statement.

M/S/C (Walsh/Rozanski)

TO APPROVE THE CCOA STATEMENT: NOW IS TIME TO REFRAME LONGEVITY. TO HAVE THE STATEMENT APPEAR ON THE CCOA WEBSITE.

C. Welfare & Institutions Code 9200-9205

Commissioner Walsh reviewed the W&I Code as background for discussion about the new Operational Plan.

D. New Operational Plan

Operational Procedures & Bylaws Committee will be developing a new Operational Plan. Committee recommends a three-year plan covering January 2018 – December 2020. Commissioner Greenbaum will develop a draft Plan that incorporates language from the CCoA Reframing Aging Initiative and the CCoA Statement: Now is Time to Reframe Longevity.

E. State Plan on Aging 2017-2021

Commissioner Walsh will be CCoA's liaison to the California Department of Aging's State Plan on Aging process. Three hearings have been scheduled: May 10th in Sacramento; May 18th in Los Angeles; and May 22nd in Fresno.

XX. Legislative Advocacy Committee Report

Commissioners Reyes provided the Legislative Advocacy Committee report.

A. Review of New Legislation

1. Housing bills

- AB 59 – Thurmond. Local Housing Trust Fund Matching Grant Program.
WATCH
- AB 71 – Chiu. Taxes: Credits: low-income housing; allocation increase.
WATCH
- AB 72 – Santiago. Attorney General: enforcement: housing laws
SUPPORT as a priority
- AB 74 – Chiu/Santiago. Housing.
SUPPORT as a priority
- SB 2 – Atkins. Building Homes and Jobs Act.
SUPPORT
- SB 3 – Beall. Affordable Housing Bond Act of 2018.
SUPPORT as a priority
- SB 35 – Weiner. Planning and Zoning: affordable housing streamline.
WATCH
- SB 46 – Leyva. Mobilehomes: enforcement actions: sunset provision.
SUPPORT

2. Healthcare bills

- AB 15 – Mainschein. Denti-Cal program: reimbursement rates
SUPPORT with recommendation to include language addressing on older adults

- SB 17 – Hernandez. Prescription drugs: pricing: notification.
WATCH

3. Retirement Security

- SCA 1 – Moorlach. Retirement savings plans: funding prohibition:
General Fund.
WATCH

4. Elder Protection

- SB 33 – Dodd. Contracts for goods or services: waiver: fraud, identity theft, and wrongful use of personal identifying information.
SUPPORT

M/S/C (Reyes/Rozanski)

TO WATCH AB 59, AB 71, SB 35, SB 17, SCA 1; TO SUPPORT AS PRIORITY AB 74 AND SB 3; TO SUPPORT AB 72, SB 2, SB 46, SB 33; AND TO SUPPORT AB 15 WITH RECOMMENDATION TO ADD LANGUAGE PERTAINING TO OLDER ADULTS

B. Senior Nutrition Funding Request

Sewell reported that C4A is requesting \$12.5 million for senior nutrition. CCoA supports the request.

XXI. Preview of March Meeting

The next Commission meeting will be held March 28-29, 2017 in Modesto. Fitzpatrick reviewed travel plans and hotel and meeting arrangements for the meeting. Commissioner Downey commented on need to visit the rural central valley area and value of learning about programming there.

XXII. Commissioner Comments

Commissioners commented on the overall meeting and success of the Legislative Breakfast reception.

XXIII. Recognition of outgoing Commissioner Donna Benton

Commissioner Downey thanked Commissioner Benton for all her work on the Commission and presented her with a gift of appreciation.

XXVI. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

M/S/C (Sanders/Benton)

TO ADJOURN MEETING.