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## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

March 28-29, 2017

Holiday Inn Express & Suites Modesto-Salida  
Modesto, CA

### TUESDAY, MARCH 28, 2017

#### I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Downey called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m. at Salida County Library.

#### II. Roll Call and Establish Quorum

**Commissioners Present:** Paul Downey, Joaquin Anguera, Cheryl Brown, Betsy Butler, Steve Castle, Julie Conger, Lucy Fisher, Stuart Greenbaum, Meea Kang, Gail Nickerson, Bob Petty, Kathy Randall, Carmen Reyes, Jane Rozanski, Rita Saenz, Jean Schuldberg, Ed Walsh

**Commissioners Absent:** Sedalia Sanders

**Staff:** Sandi Fitzpatrick, Carol Sewell, Marcella Villanueva, Wendi Labban (Student Intern)

**Guests:** Margie Palomino, Stacie Morales, Joyce Gandelman, Simona Rios, Jill Erickson, Linda Lowe, Erlinda Bourcier, Jeri Johnson, Joanne Lyons, Mickey Peabody, Heather Woodward, Maggie Mejia, Martha Martinez, Lupe Aguilar, Ken Hanigan, Monica Ramos, Lil Castigliano, Dianna Olsen, Adriana Breugem, Carolyn Hill, Katie Darling

A quorum was established.

#### III. Introductions: Commissioners & Guests

Commissioners and guests introduced themselves. Commissioner Downey welcomed guests.

#### IV. Approve Agenda

The March 28-29, 2017 CCoA General Meeting agenda was reviewed.

M/S/C (Brown/Conger)

**TO APPROVE THE MARCH 28-29, 2017 CCOA GENERAL MEETING MINUTES.**

#### V. Approve Minutes from January 10-11, 2017

The January 10-11, 2017 CCoA General meeting minutes were reviewed.

M/S/C (Brown/Butler)

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

#### VI. Public Comments

None

## **VII. Comments from the Chair**

Commissioner Downey provided a brief overview of CCoA's mission and expressed the Commission's appreciation for the opportunity to visit Stanislaus County in order to learn the challenges faced by aging programs there.

## **VIII. Welcome to Stanislaus County**

### **Margie Palomino, Director, Stanislaus County Department of Aging and Veterans Services**

Ms. Palomino thanked the Commission for coming to Stanislaus County and thanked her staff for help with arrangements for the meeting.

## **IX. Presentation: Transportation that Changes Lives**

### **Presenter: Stacie Morales, Program Manager, MOVE**

Ms. Morales reviewed the work of the Stanislaus Mobility Management program (MOVE), which is funded locally by a transportation tax. The program provides travel training, bus service throughout rural communities, BRIDGES volunteer driver and Veterans van program.

## **X. Executive Committee Report of February 17 and March 24 Meetings**

Commissioner Downey provided the Executive Committee reports.

### **A. Legislative Action Taken at 3/17/17 meeting**

The Executive Committee on February 17 ratified recommendations of the Legislative Advocacy Committee to support AB 30 (Caballero), AB 189 (Low), SB 62 (Jackson), SB 136 (Leyva), SB 147 (Dodd), and SB 177 (Nguyen), and to watch AB 85 (Rodriguez), AB 148 (Mathis), AB 164 (Arambula), SB 61 (Hertzberg).

### **B. Letter opposing repeal of the Affordable Care Act**

CCoA's letter opposing repeal of the Affordable Care Act was sent to Congress.

### **C. Telehealth Policy Convening**

Commissioner Schulberg reported the Telehealth Policy Convening was cancelled and would be rescheduled.

### **D. Senior Rally Update**

The Senior Rally will be May 11, 2017 at the State Capitol. CCoA will handle online and on-site registration.

### **E. Workgroup Letter re: 2017-18 Budget and Coordinated Care Initiative**

Executive Committee reviewed and approved signing onto a LTSS workgroup letter endorsing continuation of aspects of the Coordinated Care Initiative.

## **XI. Unfinished Business**

### **A. Elder Abuse Awareness Month**

Staff reported on plans for an Elder Abuse Awareness Month event, which coincides with next CCoA meeting.

#### **1. Resolution**

Aging & Long-Term Care Committee Chair Kalra agreed to carry the resolution recognizing Elder Abuse Awareness Month in the state.

## 2. Event – June 1, 2017

The statewide Elder Abuse Awareness Month Kick-off Event is planned for June 1<sup>st</sup>.

### B. Nutrition Funding Update

Sewell provided an update on the nutrition budget request.

## XII. New Business

### A. Congress of California Seniors' Legislative Reception

The Congress of California Seniors' Legislative reception will be on April 19, 2017.

### B. National Compassion Holiday Proclamation

The Executive Committee discussed a request to endorse a National Compassion Holiday Proclamation. Staff will submit to Governor on requestor's behalf; if Governor declines, Commission will consider alternate approaches.

Meeting recessed at 10:45 a.m. for travel to the Riverbank Community Center for lunch.

Meeting reconvened at 1:05 p.m.

## XIII. Panel Presentation: *Challenges for Senior Services in Rural Areas of Stanislaus County*

### Moderator: Margie Palomino, Director, Stanislaus County Department of Aging and Veterans Services

Ms. Palomino introduced the panel and previewed the programs to be featured.

#### Presenters:

- **Joyce Gandelman, Esq., Director Senior Advocacy Network and provider for the Senior Law Project**  
Senior Law Project, a non-profit providing legal services for up to 1100 clients per month, faces challenges of funding and range of difficult cases.
- **Simona Rios, Senior Services Coordinator, Catholic Charities**  
Ms. Rios reported on Catholic Charities and Diocese of Stockton's partnerships with local aging programs, resulting in enhanced services for older adults.
- **Jill Erickson, Manager, Area Agency on Aging and R.D. for the Senior Meals Program**  
Ms. Erickson discussed challenges confronting the meal programs in Stanislaus County, including lack of financial support and staffing.
- **Linda Lowe, Planner, Area Agency on Aging and Coordinator of the Family Caregiver Support Project**  
Ms. Lowe outlined the difficulty of providing support for caregivers in rural areas. Needs include additional providers, more providers with diverse language skills and support for very low-income individuals.

**XIV. OPEN FORUM to hear from Stanislaus County Commission on Aging and Community Members**

Ken Hanigan, Lupe Aguilera, Maggie Mejia, Martha Martinez, Mickey Peabody

Members of the local Aging Commission invited suggestions from CCoA for solutions to issues presented. The CCoA suggestions include:

- Parcel tax – local bond measures
- AARP Livable Communities (i.e. Live Well San Diego)
- Cost effective alternatives / showing Board of Supervisors alternatives

**XV. Presentation: Senior Coalition of Stanislaus County**

**Presenter: Erlinda Bourcier, Coordinator, Senior Coalition of Stanislaus County**

Ms. Bourcier reviewed the purpose and mission of the Stanislaus Senior Coalition.

**XVI. Federal Policy Committee Report for February 28 and March 23 Meetings**

Commissioner Petty provided the Federal Policy Committee report.

**A. Federal Budgets: 2016-17 and 2017-18**

Commissioner Petty provided an update on the Federal Budget for fiscal years 2016-17 and 2017-18.

**B. Affordable Care Act Update**

Commissioner Petty provided an update on the Affordable Care Act.

**C. Proposed Changes to Medicaid**

Commissioner Petty reviewed the proposed changes to Medicaid.

**D. Proposed Changes to Medicare and impact on those who are pre-Medicare age**

Commissioner Petty reviewed articles regarding the impact of proposed Medicare changes.

M/S/C (Saenz/Rozanski)

**TO EMPOWER THE FEDERAL POLICY COMMITTEE AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO ACT QUICKLY TO RESPOND TO FEDERAL PROPOSALS THAT MERIT APPROPRIATE RESPONSE.**

**XVII. Staff Report**

**A. 2017 mileage reimbursement rate reduced to 0.535 cents/mile**

Villanueva reminded Commissioners that as of January 1, 2017 the state mileage rate is 0.535 cents per mile.

**B. Alzheimer's Association Policy Day**

Staff arranged for TACC members to attend the Alzheimer's Advocacy Day.

**C. Activity Report**

Fitzpatrick provided the staff activity report.

## **XVIII. Recess**

Commission meeting recessed until March 29<sup>th</sup>.

## **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29, 2017**

Meeting reconvened at 8:05 a.m.

## **XIX. Operational Plan & Bylaws Committee Report**

Commissioner Walsh provided the Operational Procedures and Bylaws Committee report and reviewed the Operational Plan.

### **A. Operational Plan January 2018 – December 2020**

The Draft Operational Plan was circulated and members were invited to submit questions, edits and comments to the CCoA office.

### **B. State Plan on Aging Hearings**

The State Plan public hearing dates were reviewed.

## **XX. Legislative Advocacy Committee Report**

### **A. Home and Community-Based Services**

Commissioner Reyes reviewed the committee's recommendations on Home and Community-Based Services legislation.

#### **1. AB 164 – Arambula. Food Assistance (for re-consideration).**

*Recommend SUPPORT*

#### **2. AB 614 – Limón. Area Agency on Aging. Alzheimer's and dementia specialist.**

*Recommend SUPPPORT IN CONCEPT*

#### **3. AB 1200 – Cervantes. Aging and Disabilities Resource Connection program.**

*Recommend SUPPORT*

#### **4. AB 1500 – Maienschein. Elders Living with Dignity, Empathy, Respect, and Security (ELDERS) Bond Act of 2018.**

*Recommend SUPPORT*

M/S/C (Brown/Saenz)

**TO RATIFY LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION TO SUPPORT AB 164, AB 614, AB1200, AB 1500.**

### **B. Health Care**

Commissioner Saenz reviewed the committee's recommendations on Health Care legislation.

#### **1. AB 937- Eggman. Requests regarding resuscitative measures: resolution of conflicting order.**

*Recommend SUPPORT*

**2. AB 753 – Caballero. Denti-Cal: improved access.**

*Recommend SUPPORT*

**C. Long-Term Care**

**1. AB 275 – Wood. Long-term care facilities: requirements for changes resulting in the inability of the facility to care for its patients.**

*Recommend SUPPORT*

**2. AB 286 – Gipson. Medi-Cal: beneficiary maintenance needs: home upkeep allowances: transitional personal needs funds.**

*Recommend SUPPORT*

**3. AB 550 – Reyes. State Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program: funding.**

*Recommend SUPPORT*

**4. AB 806 – Kalra. Personal income taxes: credit: family caregivers.**

*Recommend SUPPORT*

**5. AB 940 – Weber. Long-term health facilities: notice.**

*Recommend SUPPORT*

**6. SB 202 – Dodd. Medi-Cal: beneficiary maintenance needs: personal needs allowance.**

*Recommend WATCH*

**7. SB 219 – Wiener. Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Long-Term Care Facility Residents' Bill of Rights.**

*Recommend SUPPORT*

**8. SB 449 – Monning. Skilled nursing and intermediate care facilities: training programs.**

*Recommend SUPPORT*

**9. SB 481 – Pan. Long-term health facilities: informed consent.**

*Recommend SUPPORT*

M/S/C (Kang/Rozanski)

**TO RATIFY LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS TO SUPPORT AB 753, AB 275, AB 286, AB 550, AB 806, AB 940, SB 219, SB 449, SB 481 AND TO WATCH SB 202.**

M/S/C (Saenz/Rozanski)

**TO RATIFY LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION TO SUPPORT AB 937.**

Commissioner Fisher opposed AB 937.

M/S/C (Fisher/Saenz)

**TO CHANGE POSITION ON AB 937 FROM SUPPORT TO WATCH.**

**D. Economic Security**

Commissioner Reyes reviewed the committee's recommendations on Economic Security legislation.

**1. AB 796 – Kalra/Thurmond. Public Social Services: SSI/SSP.**

*Recommend SUPPORT*

**2. SB 218 – Dodd. Medi-Cal: claw-back: Cal-ABLE savings.**

*Recommend WATCH*

**3. SB 598 – Hueso. Public utilities: gas and electric service disconnections.**

*Recommend SUPPORT*

M/S/C (Walsh/Butler)

**TO RATIFY LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION TO SUPPORT AB 796, SB 598 AND TO WATCH SB 218.**

**E. CCoA-sponsored Legislation – Update**

Sewell provided update on AB 502.

**XXI. Elder Justice Committee Report for March 6 and March 17 Meetings**

Commissioner Schulberg provided the Elder Justice Committee report.

**A. "Home Safe" Budget Request by California Welfare Directors Association (CWDA)**

Recommendation TO CO-SPONSOR

M/S/C (Schulberg/Butler)

**COMMISSION TO CO-SPONSOR HOME SAFE BUDGET REQUEST.**

**B. Federal Elder Justice Initiatives**

**1. Senior \$afe Act**

Recommend WATCH

**2. Elder Justice Act**

Information only; will watch for legislation.

M/S/C (Schulberg/Rozanski)

**TO WATCH SENIOR SAFE ACT**

**C. Legislative Proposals**

The Commission reviewed new legislation.

**1. AB 516 – Maienschein. Sex offenses: disabled victims.**

*Recommend SUPPORT*

**2. AB 575 – Jones-Sawyer. Elder and dependent adult abuse mandated reporters: substance use disorder counselors.**

*Recommend SUPPORT*

**2. AB 611– Dababneh. Mandated reporters of suspected financial abuse of an elder or dependent adult: powers of attorney.**

*Recommend – NO POSITION - TABLED*

**3. AB 728 – Waldron. Crimes ineligible for expungement: elder abuse.**

*Recommend SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENT- LANGUAGE WOULD NEED TO BE CHANGED AND LIMITING TO 10 YEARS*

Commissioner Saenz recommends CCoA watch AB 728.

**4. AB 874 – Lackey. Identity theft.**

*Recommend WATCH*

**5. SB 416 – Anderson. Elder abuse: isolation.**

*Recommend OPPOSE*

M/S/C (Reyes/Nickerson)

**TO SUPPORT AB 516, AB 575, TO WATCH AB 611, AB 874 AND TO OPPOSE SB 416.**

M/S/C (Saenz/Reyes)

**TO WATCH AB 728 WITH COMMITTEE TO COME BACK WITH MORE INFORMATION.**

## **XXII. Commissioner Comments**

Commissioners shared comments on the preceding day's presentations and overall meeting.

## **XXIII. Next Meeting: June 1-2, 2017 in Sacramento**

The next Commission meeting will be held June 1-2, 2017 in Sacramento at the Residence Inn, Marriott.

## **XXIV. Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.