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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

February 1-2, 2011
Sacramento, CA

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2011

I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner Staggs called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.
Commissioner Lundin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Roll Call and Establish Quorum

Commissioners Present: Havard Staggs, Donna Benton, Bert Bettis, Connie Chang, Jim Davis, Mike DeNunzio, Karen Josephson, Marian Last, Richard Lundin, Cheryl Phillips, Donna Ueland, Virgie Walker, Benny Yee

Commissioners Excused: Rafael Cosio, Sharon Monck, Hank Lacayo, Barbara Mitchell

Staff: Sandra Fitzpatrick, Marcella Lopez, Carol Sewell

Guests: Robert McLaughlin, William Dean, Celia J. Esquivel, Deanna Lea, Will Tift, Lora Connolly, Maggie Winn, Mariko Yamada, David Ishida, Darrick Lam, Jane Stan, Donna Yee, Derrell Kelch, Ed Long, Kathleen Kelley, Peggy Rossi, Gary Passmoore

A quorum was established.

III. Introductions

Commissioners introduced themselves.

IV. Approve Agenda

The February 1-2, 2011 CCoA meeting agenda was reviewed.

M/S/C (Ueland/Lundin)

TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 1-2, 2011 CCOA MEETING AGENDA.

V. Approve Minutes from December 7-8, 2010 CCoA meeting

The minutes from the December 7-8, 2010 CCoA meeting were reviewed.

M/S/C (Last/Josephson)

TO APPROVE THE DECEMBER 7-8, 2010 CCOA MEETING MINUTES.

VI. Public Comments

None

VII. Chair's Comments

Commissioner Staggs welcomed Commissioner Benton and announced the end of Tom Rowe's service on the Commission. Mr. Rowe will continue as chair of the Foundation on Aging. Commissioner Staggs announced Cheryl Phillips' acceptance of a position in Washington DC and her resignation from the Commission. He noted recent deaths in the families of Commissioner Last and Commissioner Lacayo.

VIII. Executive Committee Meeting Report

A. Public Hearings for February & April: Celebrating California's Caregivers

Fitzpatrick announced the public hearings on Caregiving at this and the April meeting. CCoA will produce a position paper following the hearings.

B. State Budget Impact on CCoA

Fitzpatrick reported there was no discussion regarding CCoA budget cuts.

C. California Department on Aging 2010 Accomplishments

Handout provided to Commission in packet.

IX. Advocacy & Policy Committee Meeting Report

Commissioner Bettis reported on committee actions.

A. New Legislation for Positioning

AB 40 (Yamada)

M/S/C (Bettis/Benton)

To support AB 40.

AB 52 (Feuer)

M/S/C (Bettis/Josephson)

To support AB 52.

AB 59 (Swanson)

M/S/C (Bettis/Last)

To support AB 59.

AB 62 (Monning)

M/S/C (Bettis/Josephson)

To watch AB 62.

AB 69 (Beall)

M/S/C (Bettis/Josephson)

To Support AB 69.

AB 70 (Monning)

M/S/C (Bettis/Josephson)

To Support AB 70.

AB 138 (Beall)
M/S/C (Bettis/Josephson)
To Support AB 138.

SB 21 (Liu)
M/S/C (Bettis/Last)
To Support SB 21
M/S/C (Davis/Bettis)
To amend the motion to add language to the legislation to include standards and trainings for case managers.

SB 33 (Simitian)
M/S/C (Bettis/Josephson)
To Support SB 33.

SB 51 (Alquist)
M/S/C (Bettis/Josephson)
To Support SB 51.

B. VOCA Update

Sewell reported on process to begin working group to open Victim's Compensation Fund benefits to elderly and disabled victims of financial crimes.

C. Senior Center Resolution Update

Sewell reported on progress in obtaining an author for the Senior Center Resolution.

X. Presentation: 2011 Transitions, Budget and Legislative Outlook
Robert MacLaughlin, Consultant, Assembly Committee on Aging and Long-Term Care.

Mr. MacLaughlin provided an overview of Assembly Member Yamada's background and commitment to civil rights. He summarized budget procedures underway at the Legislature. He announced the Aging & Long-Term Care Committee's plans for a hearing on elder abuse reporting/investigations and reviewing licensing roles of DSS and DHS and status of APS at the local level. Will be partnering with Assembly Public Safety Committee on the hearing.

XI. Presentation: Overview of the Legislative Process
Carol Sewell, CCoA, Program Analyst on Aging

Postponed until April meeting.

XII. Executive Director's Report

Fitzpatrick reported on budget negotiations regarding Adult Day Health Care and MSSP. She reviewed plans for April 5-6 meeting in Aptos.

A. Staff Activity Report

Fitzpatrick reported on staff activities since the December 2010 meeting.

B. Financial Statements

Fitzpatrick reviewed the CCoA financial statements.

Lunch 12:00 (noon) – 1:15 p.m.

Working Lunch

Location: Hilton Garden Inn, Pine Room

Speaker: Maggie Winn, Legislative Director, Office of Assembly Member Linda Halderman, M.D., Vice Chair, Assembly Aging and Long-Term Care Committee

Ms. Winn spoke in the Assembly Member's absence and relayed Assembly Member Halderman's concerns regarding quality of life issues and reported on principles directing the work of the Aging and Long-Term Care Committee, including treating older adults with respect and dignity, ensuring a safe environment, and supporting the mutual obligation of family and government to provide care.

Meeting recessed at 12:45 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 1:36 p.m.

XIII. Presentation: *Area 4 Agency on Aging*

Deanna Lea, Executive Director, A4AA

Ms. Lea presented an overview of the A4AA and the services provided under the agency's seven-county joint powers authority (JPA) agreement.

XIV. Presentation: *The Dual Challenge*

Will Tift, Planner, A4AA

Mr. Tift provided an overview of the demographic study completed by A4AA.

XV. Senior Center Initiative Committee Meeting Report

Commissioner Last reported on the Senior Center Initiative Committee meeting.

A. Background: 2009 Event

Fitzpatrick reviewed the outcomes and response to the 2009 event.

B. Senior Centers in California: Fact Sheet and Concept Paper

Fitzpatrick provided a Fact Sheet and Concept Paper for a 2011 Senior Center Forum to be used by funders.

M/S/C (Last/Josephson)

TO APPROVE THE CCOA CONCEPT PAPER AS AMENDED, ADDING THE WORD "SUSTAINABILITY" IN PLACE OF "FUNDER."

C. Advisory Panel

Fitzpatrick referenced the list of advisory panel members and noted that Commissioner Walker has offered to serve on the panel as well.

D. Preliminary Overview of 2011 Forum

Fitzpatrick reviewed preliminary plans for the Forum.

E. NISC Older Americans Act recommendations on senior centers

Fitzpatrick commented on the National Institute on Senior Center's Older Americans Act recommendations for senior centers.

F. Sacramento Bee, Senior Center Article

Fitzpatrick referenced a Sacramento Bee article on senior centers which discussed the 2009 Senior Center Stakeholder Forum.

XVI. Unfinished Business

A. Follow Up from December's joint meeting with the State Independent Living Council

Sewell reported on initial steps toward forming a working group on expanding Victims Compensation Fund benefits to victims of elder/dependent adult financial abuse.

B. Older Americans Act Reauthorization Update (Sewell/Fitzpatrick)

No Congressional hearings set at this point.

XVII. New Business

A. State Budget

Commissioners were referred to a Legislative Analyst's Report in their packet.

B. National Year of the Family Caregiver

AoA declaration intended to raise awareness and identify policy implications for caregivers in the future.

XVIII. Presentation: *Budget Impacts on Area Agencies on Aging and Local Service Providers*

Derrell Kelch, Executive Director C4A

Mr. Kelch reported that N4A had hired Bill Benson to lobby for a 12 percent increase in Older Americans Act funding and discussed efforts to assure the pass-through of OAA funds to area agencies during California budget stalemates. He reviewed the purpose of C4A and the C4A Annual Conference and discussed the range of state budget cuts to aging programs over the years, including current proposals to eliminate Adult Day Health Care and Multipurpose Senior Service Program funding.

XIX. Presentation: *What's Ahead for the Aging Network*

Lora Connolly, Acting Director, California Department of Aging (CDA)

Ms. Connolly reported that Health and Human Services Agency (CHHS) Secretary Diana Dooley had named her Acting Director of CDA. She noted that the department is working with CHHS on a leadership workshop to implement a new CMS assessment tool for nursing home residents' possible return to the community. Regional collaborations between the AAAs and the Independent Living Centers will be developed in the process. Ms. Connolly reported that AoA is hoping to involve California AAAs in a new client-directed program providing cash benefits to veterans. CDA was asked to testify before the Mental Health Oversight and Accountability Commission. She mentioned that Older Americans Act reauthorization is stalled.

XX. Next Meeting: April 5-6, 2011, Santa Cruz County

The next CCoA meeting will be April 5-6, 2011 Aptos, Santa Cruz County.

Commissioner Davis presented Commissioners Yee, Walker and Phillips with a certificate of appreciation.

XXI. Recess until 9:00 a.m. tomorrow.

Commissioner Staggs recessed meeting at 4:45 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2011

Meeting reconvened at 8:53 a.m.

Commissioner Staggs thanked Donna Yee for hosting the CCoA public hearing at Asian Community Center. Donna Yee welcomed the commission and introduced AoA Regional Administrator David Ishida

XXII. Public Hearing – Celebrating Caregiving in California

David Ishida, Administrator, Region IX, Administration on Aging, Assembly Member Mariko Yamada, Chair, Assembly Aging and Long-Term Care Committee, Ed Long, Deputy Director, California Department of Aging, Donna Yee, PhD, Chief Executive Officer, Asian Community Center, Jane Stan, Program Manager, Area 4 Agency on Aging, Kathleen Kelly, Executive Director, Family Caregiver Alliance

Speakers discussed the growing federal focus on informal caregiving, programs to support caregivers, and on-going caregiving needs. A variety of public comments were received.

XXIII. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.