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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

June 28 – 29, 2011
San Diego, CA

TUESDAY, JUNE 28, 2011

I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner Staggs called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.
Commissioner Davis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Roll Call and Establish Quorum

Commissioners Present: Havard Staggs, Donna Benton, Constance Chang, Rafael Cosio, James Davis, Lucille Fisher, Karen Josephson, Henry "Hank" Lacayo, Marian Last, Barbara Mitchell, Sharon Monck, Donna Ueland, Virgie Walker

Commissioners Absent: Bert Bettis, Mike DeNunzio, Richard Lundin

Staff: Sandi Fitzpatrick, Carol Sewell, Marcella Lopez

Guests: Claire Guevara, Georgia Morales, Luis Monge

A quorum was established.

III. Introductions

Commissioners and guests introduced themselves.

IV. Approve Agenda

The June 28-29, 2011 CCoA meeting agenda was reviewed.

M/S/C (Lacayo/Ueland)

TO APPROVE THE JUNE 28-29 CCOA MEETING AGENDA.

V. Welcome to the Gary and Mary West Senior Wellness Center

Paul Downey, President and CEO of Senior Community Centers (SCC), welcomed commissioners and guests to the Gary and Mary West facility. The center provides meals, case management, civic engagement and homeless assistance. SCC runs 10 centers across San Diego County and two senior housing facilities.

Erin Spiewak, Executive Director of Gary and Mary West Senior Wellness Center, described the vision for the center. Maureen Piwowarski, Chief Operating Officer for SCC, described the West Center's collaboration with San Diego State University. The program utilizes interns from the schools of social work, gerontology, nutrition, and exercise physiology to provide direct services to seniors with a primary focus on serving

low-income homeless seniors. SCC also collaborates with Mission Home Health for behavioral health services.

Kathy Parker, SCC's Vice President of Operations, is responsible for 1800 meals a day and oversees housing. SCC hopes to increase meals provided at the 10 sites.

Mr. Downy said he is half-way through his term as president of National Association of Senior Nutrition and Aging Services Programs. SCC is working to educate seniors on the importance of advocacy.

VI. Approve Minutes

The April 5-6, 2011 CCoA General Meeting minutes were reviewed.

M/S/C (Davis/Benton)

TO APPROVE THE APRIL 5-6, 2011 CCOA MINUTES.

VII. Public Comments

Luis Monge announced intergenerational program involvement at the Aging and Independence Services.

VIII. Chair's Comments

None

IX. Executive Committee Meeting Report

A. Appointment of Commissioner Fisher

Commissioner Staggs welcomed Commissioner Lucille Fisher of San Francisco, who was appointed by the Senate Rules Committee on June 1st.

B. Correspondence from the California Foundation on Aging

Commissioner Staggs reviewed foundation reports and noted CFoA contribution to the upcoming senior center forum.

C. Student Interns

Commissioner Staggs announced that CCoA currently has two student interns to assist staff in planning the senior center forum. Alexa Vu is an undergraduate Gerontology student at CSUS and Suzanne Anderson is a Gerontology graduate student at CSUS.

D. Meeting with Secretary Dooley

Fitzpatrick reported on meeting with Secretary Dooley.

E. Mission & Principles of the California Collaborative for Long-Term Services and Supports

Commissioner Staggs reported on the Committee's decision to authorize the Executive Director to express CCoA's interest in being a part of the California

Collaborative and to act, with the Chair's consent, on the CCoA's behalf to lend endorsement if principles are consistent with CCoA values.

MSC (Davis/Lacayo)

TO RATIFY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S ACTION TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXPRESS CCOA'S INTEREST IN BEING A PART OF THE CALIFORNIA COLLABORATIVE AND TO ACT, WITH THE CHAIR'S CONSENT, ON CCOA'S BEHALF TO ENDORSE THE PRINCIPLES IF THEY ARE CONSISTENT WITH CCoA VALUES.

F. Proposed revisions to the California Code of Regulations for the purpose of revising and recasting the "Notices to Consumers" that are required to be available in all California pharmacies.

Executive Committee recommended Commissioner Josephson and Commissioner Fisher to work with staff in crafting language to amend the proposed consumer notification regulation.

M/S/C (Lacayo/Mitchell)

TO APPROVE THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION FOR COMMISSIONERS JOSEPHSON AND FISHER TO WORK WITH STAFF IN CRAFTING LANGUAGE TO AMEND THE PROPOSED PHARMACY CONSUMER NOTIFICATION REGULATION.

G. Concept Paper: A Compilation of California Senior Center Innovations

Fitzpatrick reviewed the concept paper on the senior center innovation project.

M/S/C (Josephson/Lacayo)

TO APPROVE THE SENIOR CENTER INNOVATIONS PROJECT CONCEPT PAPER.

X. Presentation: *Policy Implications of the inadequacy of California's workforce to meet the current and future needs of older adults and persons with disabilities.*

Erin Westphal, Program Officer with The SCAN Foundation, described the organization's work to define experience/communications about long-term care and their goal of developing realistic policy options that align with older adults' preferences and needs. SCAN is working to guide implementation of the CLASS Act and is also working with dual-eligible issues to coordinate better care for that population. SCAN is developing a long-term care scorecard to rank states on delivery of long-term care services across the nation and fact sheets on direct care workers.

SCAN program funding areas include "Promising programs" to support new ideas focused on creating a social movement around aging issues. Strong focus on training direct care workforce; developed training curriculum on administering medication, falls, dementia, pain management, problem solving, death and dying.

XI. Lunch 12:15 p.m.

Meeting recessed at 11:46 for lunch.

XII. Full Commission Meeting

Meeting reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

XIII. Presentation: *San Diego County Aging & Independence Services (AIS)*

Pam Smith, Director, AIS, described the agency's integrated service model, which connects the spectrum of older adults from independence through dependence to services through the agency's call center.

AIS's current initiative is health improvement, built around the "3-4-50 concept," defined as:

- Three behaviors – tobacco use, poor diet, no exercise
- Four diseases – heart disease, type 2 diabetes, lung disease, cancer
- 50 percent - percent of deaths (national figure)

AIS initiative to build a better health framework includes system improvements, healthy choices and creating safe, walkable communities. Funded with a \$16 million CDC grant.

XIV. Presentation: *The San Diego Aging & Disability Resource Center Partnership between the Area Agency on Aging and the Independent Living Center*

Brenda Schmitthenner, Aging Program Administrator, AIS, and Louis Frick, Director of Access to Independence, described the strong partnership between the Independent Living Center and Area Agency on Aging in operating the San Diego Aging and Disability Resource Center. The program provides "no wrong door" for information on long-term services and supports. Three core services offered include information and assistance, short-term service coordination, and options counseling. A fourth service, assistance with care transitions is unique to San Diego ADRC. The ADRC is part of the State Plan for Independent Living and benefits from funding from the California Department of Aging.

XV. BREAK 2:15 – 2:30 p.m.

XVI. PUBLIC HEARING 2:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Topic: **Celebrating Caregiving in California**

Donna Benton, PhD, Research Assistant Professor, USC, and Director of the Los Angeles Caregiver Resource Center

Roberto Velasquez, MSG, Director of Development/Multicultural Services, Southern Caregiver Resource Center

Martha Rañon, Southern Caregiver Resource Center's Weinberg grant project, "Partners in Caring" client

Martin Dare, MSW, San Diego County Caregiver Support Program Manager

Speakers discussed the multi-cultural outreach efforts of the local Caregiver Resource Center, providing resources and support for long-distance caregivers, the role of social networking as a resource for caregivers, and the hardships faced by sandwich-generation caregivers.

XVII. RECESS UNTIL 8:30 a.m. tomorrow

Meeting recessed at 4:10 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29, 2011

Meeting reconvened at 8:35 a.m.

XVIII. Executive Director's Report

A. Staff Activity Report

Fitzpatrick referred Commissioners to the report included in their packets.

B. Financial Statements

Fitzpatrick reviewed financial statements.

XIX. Unfinished Business

A. Advocacy & Policy

1. Committee recommendations from meeting of May 2, 2011

Sewell reviewed the Advocacy and Policy Committee recommendations from the May 2, 2011 teleconference meeting. The Committee recommended that CCoA take the following actions:

Support:

AB 332, Butler. Elder abuse;
AB 354, Silva. Estates and trusts: property: wrongful taking;
AB 518, Wagner. Elder and dependent adult abuse: mandated reporters.
(Support if amended to direct funds to go to victim.);
AB 1288, Gordon. Public guardians and conservators: authority: property held in trust; and SB 718, Vargas. Elder abuse: mandated reporting.

Watch:

AB 96; Blumenfield. Adult day health care;
AB 1293, Blumenfield. Elder abuse: theft or embezzlement: forfeiture; and
SB 73, DeSaulnier. Adult day health care: community-based services.

And to hold for further consideration:

AB 641, Feuer. Long-term health care facilities: civil penalties.

Sewell reported that AB 419 (Mitchell), AB 579 (Monning), AB 1415 (Blumenfield), AB 899 (Yamada), SB 345 (Wolk), and SB 717 (Walters) were no longer active.

M/S/C (Josephson/Cosio)

TO APPROVE THE ADVOCACY AND POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS TO SUPPORT AND WATCH ACTIVE BILLS.

2. Discussion & Positioning of AB 641 (Feuer)

Sewell presented information on legislation to amend the nursing home citation review process and to update the citation fee structure.

M/S/C (Josephson/Lacayo)

TO SUPPORT AB 641.

3. Status Report on Bills Positioned by CCoA

Sewell referred the status report in Commissioners' packets.

B. Status Report on State Budget

Fitzpatrick reported on latest action on state budget.

C. Status Report on KAFI Program

Fitzpatrick reported on prospects for passage of the KAFI program to replace ADHC.

D. Senior Center Forum Update

Commissioner Last reported on the work of the Senior Center Advisory Panel she chairs and on plans for the Senior Center Stakeholder Forum.

E. Older Americans Act Reauthorization

Fitzpatrick reported on status of Older Americans Act discussions in Congress.

XX. New Business

A. Senator Alquist's Senate Joint Resolution related to Social Security

The Commission reviewed a request from Senator Alquist to support a proposed resolution asking Congress to make no changes to Social Security. Following lengthy discussion, the Commission in a split vote moved to write a letter thanking Senator Alquist for her interest in senior programs and Social Security but to express the CCoA's reservations about endorsing the resolution in its current form.

M/S/C (Davis/Josephson)

TO WRITE A LETTER THANKING SENATOR ALQUIST FOR HER INTEREST IN SENIOR PROGRAMS AND SOCIAL SECURITY BUT TO EXPRESS THE CCOA'S RESERVATIONS ABOUT ENDORSING THE RESOLUTION IN ITS CURRENT FORM.

B. Future/Potential Roles & Responsibilities of the California Commission on Aging

Postponed until September meeting.

XXI. Presentation: “So it will take a village.”

Leane Marchese, Executive Director, ELDERHELP of San Diego, described the home- and community-based services provided through her organization. Elderhelp provides fee-based services modeled after the village movement with a mix of services, including high level case management, problem solving, referrals to trusted providers, door-to-door volunteer transportation to doctor appointments and other activities.

XXII. Adjourn

Next meeting is September 13-14 in Roseville.

The meeting adjourned at 10:52 a.m.