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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Humboldt Senior Resource Center
Eureka, CA

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2010

Lunch Speaker: Darrick Lam, AoA

Mr. Lam thanked the Commission for the invitation to speak. He stressed the importance of hearing directly from the public and stressed the need for more funding for Title VI. AOA is only a small part (\$1.4 billion) when compared to the budget for all Medicaid/Medicare Health and Human Services at \$9-10 billion. The Older Americans Act Reauthorization is one vehicle that can be used to increase funding.

Mr. Lam gave a brief overview of the Older Americans Act and the reauthorization process currently underway. He reported that input on reauthorization focused on two themes:

1. Structure and Administration – providing, streamlining capacity of network, technical assistance
2. Service Delivery and Expansion – increase funding for car programs

I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner Davis called the meeting to order at 12:35 p.m. Commissioner Lundin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Roll Call and Establish Quorum

Commissioners present: Bert Bettis, Connie Chang, Jim Davis, Mike DeNunzio, Karen Josephson, Richard Lundin, Sharon Monck, Cheryl Phillips, Tom Rowe, Hav Staggs, Donna Ueland, Benny Yee

Commissioners excused: Rafael Cosio, Hank Lacayo, Marian Last, Barbara Mitchell, Carlos Rodriguez, Virgie Walker

Guests: Darrick Lam, Maggie Kraft, Joyce Hayes, Emily Arents, Kathy Dillon, Cindy Denbo, Dorelee Heisler, Joan Rainwater-Gish, Todd Metcalf, Lisa Naef, Chris Martinek

Staff: Sandi Fitzpatrick, Carol Sewell, Marcella Lopez

A quorum was present.

III. Introductions

Commissioner Davis introduced Chris Martinek and invited introductions from Commissioners and guests.

IV. Approve Agenda

The September 14-15, 2010 meeting agenda was reviewed.

M/S/C (Phillips/Josephson)

TO APPROVE THE SEPTEMBER 14-15, 2010 MEETING AGENDA.

V. Approve Minutes from June 22-23, 2010 CCoA meeting

The minutes of the June 22-23, 2010 meeting were reviewed.

M/S/C (Josephson/Phillips)

TO APPROVE THE JUNE 22-23, 2010 MEETING MINUTES.

VI. Opening Comments (Commissioner Davis)

Commissioner Davis welcomed Commissioners and staff to Humboldt County. He expressed appreciation for the work of the Area 1 Agency on Aging (A1AA) in meeting preparations. Commissioner Davis noted that Commissioner Phillips was recently featured in the local newspaper for her work with Humboldt County’s PACE program and another on former Commissioner Goode on a recent nutrition talk at Humboldt Senior Resource Center (HSRC).

VII. Public Comments

None.

VIII. Welcome by Emily Arents, Board President, Humboldt Senior Resource Center

Ms. Arents welcomed the Commission to HSRC. She thanked Commissioners Davis and Rowe for their representation on the Commission and thanked Executive Director Sandi Fitzpatrick for keeping the rural north coast on the radar screen. She described the HSRC work on behalf of Alzheimer’s patients and caregivers and broad services to the older adult community.

IX. Special Presentation & Tour: Alzheimer’s Day Care & Resource Center: *One Community’s Journey*

Presenters: Joyce Hayes, RD, Executive Director, Humboldt Senior Resource Center and Maggie Kraft Director of Adult Day Health and Alzheimer’s Services

Ms. Hayes provided an overview of HSRC programming and development of the new facility. Commissioners toured the new center. 2002 capital campaign reflected community vision of raising awareness of and meeting needs of residents with Alzheimer’s. Ms. Kraft explained the innovations in building design that focus on client needs and the range of services provided.

X. State Alzheimer's Plan Presentation

Presenter: Maggie Kraft, Alzheimer's State Plan Task Force Member

Ms. Kraft reviewed the work of the Alzheimer's State Plan Task Force to plan for growth in the affected population. Plan goals include stigma reduction, affordable services, and a competent workforce. Ms. Kraft introduced Dorelee Heisler who spoke about participating in the State Alzheimer's Disease Committee as a person diagnosed with early onset dementia and the benefits of services received from HSRC.

XI. Recess until 8:00 a.m. Tomorrow.

The meeting was recessed at 3:45 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2010

XII. Reconvene

The meeting reconvened at 8:44 a.m.

XIII. Chair's Comments

Commissioner Davis commented on the warm reception from the Humboldt Senior Resource Center and thanked the Commission for their response.

XIV. Executive Committee Meeting Report

A. Revised 2011 Meeting Schedule

Commissioner Davis reported on the Executive Committee recommendation to adopt a revised meeting schedule that moves the April 2011 meeting from San Francisco to Santa Cruz.

M/S/C (Josephson/Rowe)

TO APPROVE THE REVISED 2011 MEETING SCHEDULE.

B. Appointment of Nominating Committee

The Executive Committee recommended adoption of the Chair's nomination of Commissioner Monck as chair and Commissioners Phillips and Chang as members of the 2010 Nominating Committee.

M/S/C (Ueland/Lundin)

**TO ACCEPT THE CHAIR'S RECOMMENDATION FOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE:
COMMISSIONER MONCK AS CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS PHILLIPS AND
CHANG AS COMMITTEE MEMBERS.**

C. Financial Report

Fitzpatrick reviewed the CCoA financial statements and meeting travel expenses for FY 2009-2010.

1. Year End 2009-2010 Financial Statement

Fitzpatrick reported the Commission expenditures were within budget.

2. Meeting Travel Expense FY 2009-2010

Fitzpatrick noted that meeting travel expenses reflected in the FY 2009-10 expenditure report were tracked and retained throughout the year.

M/S/C (Josephson/Monck)

TO ACCEPT THE FINANCIAL REPORT.

D. Senior Center Forum 2011

The Committee endorsed staff's proposal to form a new Senior Center planning effort around a follow-up Senior Center forum in 2011 in conjunction with the C4A November conference.

M/S/C (Phillips/Josephson)

TO DIRECT STAFF TO PURSUE AND ESTABLISH A PLANNING GROUP TO WORK WITH THE SENIOR CENTER INITIATIVE COMMITTEE IN FORUM PLANNING.

E. Correspondence from Lesbian and Gay Aging Coalition

Executive Committee acknowledged receipt of correspondence from the Lesbian and Gay Aging Coalition and referred the issue to the Advocacy and Policy Committee for possible follow-up.

XV. Unfinished Business

A. Legislation Update

Sewell provided an update on legislation awaiting Governor's action. A final report for the 2009-2010 legislative session will be delivered in December.

XVI. New Business

A. AgeWatch

Commissioner Davis reported on the Executive Committee review of a staff proposal to develop an occasional advocacy alert called "AgeWatch" to be distributed electronically to aging advocates.

M/S/C (Josephson/Ueland)

TO DIRECT STAFF TO PURSUE AGEWATCH NEWSLETTER.

XVII. Executive Director's Report

A. Staff Activity Report

Fitzpatrick reported on staff activities.

XVIII. Special Presentation: *Area 1 Agency on Aging (A1AA): Advocacy Efforts and Volunteerism*

Presenters: Joan Rainwater-Gish, A1AA Board President; Cindy Denbo, A1AA Executive Director; and Todd Metcalf, A1AA Director of Programs I

Area 1 Agency on Aging Board President Joan Rainwater-Gish thanked the CCoA for coming to Humboldt County and announced the agency's upcoming 30th anniversary. A1AA Director Denbo provided an overview of agency accomplishments and recent efforts to increase program visibility. Program director Todd Metcalf provided an overview of volunteer programs.

XIX. Next Meeting: December 8, 2010

Fitzpatrick announced that the next meeting would be December 7-8, 2010 in Burlingame.

XX. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 10:37 a.m.