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## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Renaissance Long Beach Hotel, Long Beach, CA  
December 4-5, 2012

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2012

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

Commissioner Bettis called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Commissioner Last led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### II. Roll Call and Establish Quorum

**Commissioners Present:** Bert Bettis, Donna Benton, Jim Davis, Paul Downey, Lucy Fisher, Karen Josephson, Marian Last, Richard Lundin, Barbara Mitchell, Carmen Reyes, Hav Staggs, Donna Ueland, Virgie Walker

**Commissioners Absent:** Sharon Monck, Rafael Cosio

**Staff:** Sandi Fitzpatrick, Carol Sewell, Marcella Lopez

**Guests:** Elsa Q. Quezada, Liz Pazdral, Teresa Favuzzi, Karol Swartzlander, Henry Claypool, Bob Blancato, Maria Aranda, Lorenza C. Sanchez, Assembly Member Bonnie Lowenthal, Derrell Kelch

A quorum was established.

#### III. Introductions

Commissioner Bettis introduced Commissioner Paul Downey.

#### IV. Approve Agenda

The December 4-5, 2012 CCoA meeting agenda was reviewed.

M/S/C (Benton/Mitchell)

**TO APPROVE THE DECEMBER 4-5, 2012 CCOA MEETING AGENDA.**

#### V. Approve Minutes from September 18 – 19, 2012 CCoA meeting

The September 18-19, CCoA meeting minutes were reviewed.

M/S/C (Staggs/Fisher)

**TO APPROVE THE SEPTEMBER 18-19, 2012 CCOA MEETING MINUTES.**

#### VI. Public Comments

None

**VII. Chair's Comments**

Commissioner Bettis thanked the Nominating Committee, Operational Procedures & Bylaws Committee and staff for their work between meetings.

**VIII. Executive Committee Report**

Fitzpatrick provided the Executive Committee meeting report.

**A. Financial Information System for California (FI\$Cal)**

CCoA was included in the pilot group testing a project to streamline and add efficiencies to the State's accounting, budget and contract systems.

**B. CCoA Budget**

Fitzpatrick reviewed the CCoA financial statements for October 2012.

**C. Membership**

Fitzpatrick reported the Administration is working toward new Commission appointments in April.

**IX. Staff Report**

**A. Activity Report**

Fitzpatrick briefly reviewed the staff activity report in Commissioner packets.

**B. Financial Statement**

Fitzpatrick reviewed the recent CCoA financial statements.

**C. Legislative Report**

Sewell reviewed the final outcome of legislation tracked during the 2011-2012 session and discussed efforts to recruit a legislator to carry a CCoA-sponsored bill.

**X. New Business**

**A. Appointment of CCoA 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee**

Commissioners Walker, Mitchell, Last and Reyes volunteered to work on a committee to recommend approaches to recognize the Commission's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

**B. Effect of the Election on Programs & Services for Older Californians**

Commissioner Bettis discussed expectations from the passage of initiatives on the November ballot.

**C. California Legislature: Special Session**

A special session of the Legislature to address Health Care Reform was postponed until January.

**XI. Unfinished Business**

**A. Coordinated Care Initiative/Duals Demonstration Project/Rural Expansion of Medi-Cal Managed Care**

Fitzpatrick reported on the Duals Demonstration project which is being initiated in eight counties.

**B. Elder Justice Initiative Update**

Sewell provided a report on the Elder Justice Initiative and plans for an Elder Justice Summit in September 2013.

**XII. Nominating Committee Report**

Commissioner Josephson provided the Nominating Committee Report and offered the Committee's recommendations for officers for 2013. The slate includes Bert Bettis, Chair; Virgie Walker, Vice Chair; and Members-at-Large Barbara Mitchell and Marian Last. The slate also included the chair's nominees Donna Benton and Lucy Fisher as standing committee chairs.

Commissioner Bettis requested a motion to approve the slate.

M/S/C (Downey/Staggs)

**TO ACCEPT THE REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE.**

**XIII. Election of Officers**

Commissioner Bettis opened nominations from the floor for Chair, Vice Chair, and Member-at-Large. No nominations offered from the floor.

M/S/C (Davis/Lundin)

**TO ELECT BERT BETTIS AS CHAIR, VIRGIE WALKER AS VICE CHAIR, BARBARA MITCHELL AND MARIAN LAST AS MEMBERS-AT-LARGE.**

**XIV. Proposed Revisions to Bylaws & Standing Rules**

Commissioners Davis and Walker provided the proposed revisions to the Bylaws and Standing Rules.

**A. Robert's Rules of Order, Definition of Committees**

No Discussion.

**B. CCoA Bylaws – Proposed Revisions**

Commissioner Davis introduced proposed changes to the CCoA Bylaws developed by a subcommittee chaired by Commissioner Walker. Commissioner Walker reviewed the Committee's recommended changes as follows:

Article IV, Section 2 – deleted obsolete code reference; replaced with Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act.

Article V – clarifies procedures for contested elections according to the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act.

Article VI, Section 1 – recommended change Advocacy and Policy Committee name to Legislative Advocacy.

Section 2 - deletes language allowing others than Commissioners to serve on committees.

Section 3 - deletes reference to “ad hoc” committees.

Section 4 - deletes reference to “ad hoc” committees.

Section 5 - removed vice chair from serving in an ex-officio capacity on committees.

M/S/C (Davis/Last)

**TO ACCEPT THE COMMITTEE’S RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AMENDING THE CCOA BYLAWS.**

**C. CCoA Standing Rules**

Walker reviewed the Committee’s recommended changes to the Standing Rules, which include:

Section 5 – deleted reference to updates on the Strategic Plan for an Aging California.

Section 6 – inserted new language outlining Commission expectations for commissioner attendance and participation.

Section 9 B – specifies that the Executive Director is responsible for authorizing Commissioner reimbursement in advance of approved travel.

Section 9 C – Clarifies the Chair’s authority to appoint Committee members. Authorizes committees to seek advice from outside experts. Deletes language regarding participation of non-Commission members as regular members of Commission committees.

Section 9 D – specifies that sub-committee may be created and dissolved by the Committee chair.

Section 9 E, A – Specifies that Executive Committee sets policy for the Commission.

B – Changes Advocacy and Policy Committee name to Legislative Advocacy Committee; clarifies committee’s role in tracking and positioning legislation; deletes committee role in setting policy.

Deletes reference to White House Conference on Aging and committee's role in outreach to other organizations.

Section 9 part E, D deleted.

M/S/C (Davis/Last)

**TO ACCEPT THE COMMITTEE'S AMENDMENTS TO THE STANDING RULES AS RECOMMENDED.**

**XV. Preview of today's joint meeting with the State Independent Living Council**

Commissioner Bettis and Director Fitzpatrick previewed the afternoon's agenda for the joint meeting with the State Independent Living Council.

**XVI. Joint Meeting of the California Commission on Aging and the State Independent Living Council**

**Welcome**

Elsa Q. Quezada, Chair, State Independent Living Council, convened the joint meeting at 1:10 p.m. CCoA Chair Bettis and Chair Quezada welcomed attendees.

**XVII. Introductions**

Members of the CCoA and the SILC introduced themselves.

**XVIII. Framing Our Work Together**

Sandi Fitzpatrick, Executive Director, California Commission on Aging, reviewed the history and goals of joint meetings of CCoA and SILC.

Liz Pazdral, Executive Director, State Independent Living Council described the purpose as looking for common interests of both organizations with the goal of identifying issues to work on.

**XIX. Panel # 1 The Coordinated Care Initiative – How will the Governor's CCI impact the local independent living and aging networks?**

Teresa Favuzzi, Executive Director of the California Foundation for Independent Living Centers gave a brief overview of the role of ILCs and discussed the ways ILCs were participating in the state's move toward integrating services for older adults and persons with disabilities.

Karol Swartzlander, Project Director, California Community Choices, California Health and Human Services Agency, reviewed changes at the federal Health and Human Services Agency and the Veteran's Administration to establish Aging and Disability Resource Connections to provide long-term support services.

Lorenza C. Sanchez, Assistant Director, Los Angeles County Community & Senior Services Department, Aging and Adult Services Branch and representing C4A, described her agency's collaboration with LA Care & Healthnet to provide service to dual eligibles and

to inform the Managed Care plans about AAA services and integral role the area agency plays.

**XX. Break**

**XXI. Panel # 2 How the election results will change the landscape in Washington D.C. and what it might mean for California's aging and independent living networks.**

Henry Claypool, Principal Deputy Administrator, Administration for Community Living & Secretary Greenlee's senior advisor for disability policy discussed ongoing uncertainties in Washington and concerns over 'fiscal cliff.' Mr. Claypool reviewed creation of the Administration for Community Living, benefits of the Affordable Care Act, and the importance of better integration of services for everyone needing care.

Bob Blancato, President of Matz, Blancato and Associates, commented on the effects of the 2012 election on Congress and the White House and the potential risks programs face with the possibility of the budget sequester. He highlighted the pending debate over such issues as Medicare eligibility means testing, block grants for Medicaid, and the overdue Reauthorization of the Older Americans Act.

**Recess**

Meeting recessed at 4:15 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2012**

Meeting reconvened at 8:35 a.m.

**XXII. Presentation: What's ahead for California's older adult population?**

Assembly Member Bonnie Lowenthal reviewed ongoing efforts in her district to develop supportive services, village projects and to improve long-term services and supports (LTSS) in the region. Re-design of the LTSS system happening through the budget process – has raised awareness of the topic in the eyes of the Legislature.

**XXIII. Federal Policy & Community Partnerships Committee Meeting Report**

Commissioner Fisher provided the Federal Policy & Community Partnerships Committee Meeting Report.

**A. SPRINT Act**

Commissioner Reyes reported on the status of SPRINT Act to accelerate research into chronic conditions, including Alzheimer's and dementias. Committee recommends no action until the bill is reintroduced.

**B. Older Americans Act Reauthorization**

Commissioner Downey reported on Senator Sanders' reauthorization bill, which he anticipated would be reintroduced in new Congress.

**C. Sequestration**

No new report.

**D. Medicare Settlement**

Commissioner Fisher reported on the settlement of a class action lawsuit against CMS regarding a decision to not pay for rehabilitation and skilled nursing services unless individual was expected to improve.

**XXIV. Presentation: *The Mental Health & Substance Use Workforce for Older Adults: In Whose Hands?***

Maria Aranda, PhD, MPA, MSW, USC School of Social Work, discussed her work with IOM's Committee on the Mental Health Workforce for Geriatric Populations on development of the mental health workforce and CMS reimbursement models for mental health services.

Viviana Criado, Executive Director, California Elder Mental Health and Aging Coalition (CEMHAC), was represented by Barbara Mitchell. Commissioner Mitchell reviewed the economic and social costs of untreated mental illness in the older adult population. She discussed the need for mental health professionals to be trained in geriatric proficiency and in cultural competency and reiterated the need for a geriatric mental health workforce.

**XXV. Reactions/Comments/Follow up from Joint Meeting with SILC**

Commissioners provided comments from the joint meeting with the SILC.

**XXVI. Next Meeting: February 28 and March 1, 2013 in Palm Springs**

The next CCoA meeting will be Thursday, February 28 and Friday, March 1, 2013 in Palm Springs.

**XXVII. Adjourn at 10:30 a.m. to closed session**

Meeting adjourned at 10:33 a.m.