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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Hyatt Regency Sacramento
January 13 – 14, 2014

MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 2014

I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner Walker called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m. Commissioner Sanchez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Roll Call and Establish Quorum

Commissioners Present: Donna Benton, Bert Bettis, Steven Castle, Julie Conger, Paul Downey, Lucy Fisher, Stuart Greenbaum, Marian Last, Barbara Mitchell, Gail Nickerson, Bob Petty, Jane Rozanski, Rita Saenz, David Sanchez, Jean Schuldberg, Ed Walsh, Virgie Walker

Commissioners Absent: Carmen Reyes

Staff: Sandi Fitzpatrick, Carol Sewell, Marcella Lopez

Guests: Lora Connolly, Katie Hirning, Blanca Castro-Paszinski

A quorum was established.

III. Introductions

Commissioners introduced themselves.

IV. Approve Agenda

The January 13-14, 2014 General Meeting agenda was reviewed.

M/S/C (Downey/Sanchez)

TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 13-14, 2014 GENERAL MEETING AGENDA.

V. Approve Minutes from November 12-13, 2013 meeting

The November 12-13, 2013 General Meeting minutes were reviewed.

M/S/C (Last /Conger)

TO APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 12-13, 2013 GENERAL MEETING MINUTES.

VI. Public Comments

None

VII. Comments from the Chair

Commissioner Walker thanked staff for their hard work and thanked Commissioner Saenz for her efforts with AARP. Staff is currently working to set up the March Commission meeting. All Committee assignments have been completed. Congress Member Karen Bass has agreed to present the federal resolution to the Commission. USC has offered meeting space.

VIII. Presentation: Priorities of AARP - California

Speakers: Katie Hirning, State Director and Blanca Castro-Paszinski, Advocacy Manager

AARP state director Katie Hirning reviewed the purpose of AARP which is to support and advocate for older Americans; with an emphasis on ages 50 – 60. Although, AARP advocates for both members and non-members; there are currently 3 million members in California and 38 million members nationwide. Ms. Hirning provided an overview of AARP's priorities for 2014 with Social Security being a strong focus.

IX. Staff Report

A. Staff Activity Report

Fitzpatrick reviewed the staff activity report and changes to the vehicle mileage reimbursement rate.

B. Financial Statements

Fitzpatrick reviewed the CCoA financial statements. There is new staff in both the Accounting and Budget Departments.

X. Executive Committee Report

Commissioner Walker provided the Executive Committee meeting report.

A. Hollywood Takes on Aging – deferred until future meeting

USC Davis School of Gerontology has expressed an interest in being a partner and a willingness to help obtain additional sponsors and funding. Commissioner Castle reported CCGG has also, expressed an interest. The Executive Committee recommended placing this issue as an agenda item for further discussion at the March meeting.

B. Future Meetings Preview

Fitzpatrick reviewed the future meetings preview handout. The vision for the March meeting in Los Angeles is a symposium with a 100 plus attendees. USC is a partner and offered to provide meeting space. Congress Member Karen Bass will present the CCoA with the federal resolution and discuss federal trends impacting California's older adults. There will be a speaker from the Institute for the Future, possibly Richard Adler, and three speakers in the afternoon including Dr. Dale Bredesen, a neurologist and founder of the Buck Institute for Research on Aging from UCLA. The Commission is currently investigating if the symposium can be made available online.

XIII. Federal Policy Committee Report

Commissioner Downey provided the Federal Policy Committee report.

A. S. 1028 “Older Americans Act Reauthorization”

Commissioner Downey provided an update on proposed amendment to S. 1028 that could reduce OAA funding for some states and a new straight-line reauthorization bill recently introduced in the House (H.R. 3850).

NO FURTHER ACTION RECOMMENDED.

B. HR 3616 “Protecting Seniors from Health Care Fraud Act of 2013”

The Committee recommends support for HR 3616, to provide information to seniors to prevent fraud & identity theft related to the Affordable Care Act.

M/S/C (Downey/Fisher)

TO SUPPORT HR 3616

C. S. 1734 “Seniors’ Financial Bill of Rights”

Federal Policy Committee recommended CCoA support S. 1734, the Seniors Financial Bill of Rights.

M/S/C (Downey/Saenz)

TO SUPPORT S.1734

D. HR 3102 “Nutrition Reform and Work Opportunity Act of 2013”

Downey reported the Federal Policy Committee recommendation to strongly oppose HR 3102, which would cut \$40 billion from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and send appropriate notice to appropriate Senate Agriculture and Forestry Committees in Congress.

M/S/C (Downey/Saenz)

TO OPPOSE HR 3102

E. Federal Budget Appropriation

The Federal Policy Committee discussed the possibility of prompt passage of a federal Appropriations bill, which may result in Older Americans Act funding getting close to the 2010 level. The Committee strongly recommends support for full restoration of sequester cuts to OAA programs and asks Commissioners to send letters individually.

M/S/C (Downey/Conger)

TO SUPPORT FULL RESTORATION OF SEQUESTER CUTS TO OAA PROGRAMS.

XIV. Legislative Committee Report

Commissioner Benton provided the Legislative Committee meeting report.

A. Proposed Commission-sponsored legislation

Commissioner Benton reviewed CCoA sponsored bills, including SB 847, and a new proposal based on the federal Seniors Financial Bill of Rights bill.

B. New bills

The committee took no action on two new bills, AB 1234, and SB 214.

C. Update: previously-positioned bills

Staff reviewed the status of bills positioned by CCoA in 2013.

XV. Unfinished Business

A. Legislative Breakfast

Sewell provided an update on the Legislative Breakfast.

B. Elder Justice Summit Recommendations – referred to Elder Justice Committee

Commissioner Walker reported that the Summit recommendations were referred to the Elder Justice Committee for consideration and discussion during tomorrow's meeting.

XVI. Recess

Meeting recessed at 3:04 p.m.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2014

Commissioners attended the Legislative Breakfast at the State Capitol.

Meeting reconvened at 9:40 a.m.

XVII. Presentation: California Department of Aging Update

Speaker: Lora Connolly, CDA Director

Director Connolly reviewed new federal funding agreements and ongoing questions about the pending Appropriations Committee actions. She reported on the Governor's focus on paying down State debt. She anticipated no changes to CDA's budget and said sequester restoration money to be disbursed soon.

XVIII. 40th Anniversary Committee Report

Commissioner Greenbaum provided the 40th Anniversary Committee report.

A. Review of 40th Anniversary Outcomes & Activities

Commissioner Greenbaum thanked staff for setting up Legislative Breakfast.

B. Media Advisory

A draft news release will be sent to members electronically for use with their local media.

C. March Symposium

A proposal for March symposium was reviewed.

D. Recommendations for future Committee meetings

Chair Walker thanked Commissioner Greenbaum and committee members for work on the 40th Anniversary Committee.

XIX. Operational Procedures & Bylaws Committee Report

Commissioner Fisher provided the Operational Procedures & Bylaws Committee Report.

A. 2012-2014 CCoA Operational Plan – Progress Report # 2

Commissioner Fisher provided the progress report on the Operational Plan and discussion of an action plan for expanding partnerships and funding additional projects. Several corrections/additions were proposed. The Committee recommended the Commission accept the progress report with changes.

M/S/C (Fisher/Conger)

TO ACCEPT THE 2012-2014 CCOA OPERATIONAL PLAN PROGRESS REPORT WITH RECOMMENDED CHANGES.

B. Bylaws Review

Committee will discuss bylaws proposals at upcoming meeting.

C. Standing Rules Review

No changes noted.

D. Development of Operational Plan for 2015 through 2016

The Committee will be working to develop the next Operational Plan.

XX. Elder Justice Committee Report

Commissioner Conger provided the Elder Justice Committee report. The Committee concurred with the Legislative Advocacy and Federal Policy committees on re-introduction of SB 847 and support for federal Seniors Financial Bill of Rights and recommends pursuing an author to introduce of a California legislative resolution on the Seniors Financial Bill of Rights.

M/S/C (Conger/Sanchez)

TO APPROVE THE ELDER JUSTICE COMMITTEE REPORT.

A. Elder Justice Workshop for legislative staff

Commissioner Conger reported on a legislative workshop held last fall on elder justice issues.

B. Recommendations from the Elder Justice Summit

The Committee recommends working to promote a legislative Blue Ribbon Panel on Elder Justice and an interagency coordinating council on elder abuse. The Committee recommends CCoA joins the CEJC as an organizational member.

M/S/C (Conger/Saenz)

TO APPROVE THE ELDER JUSTICE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS.

XXI. New Business

A. 2014 Meetings Preview

Fitzpatrick reported on March meeting plans, reviewed proposed Committee schedule and following day's symposium. Committee meetings are scheduled before and after the symposium.

XXII. Commissioner Comments/Questions/Debrief Breakfast

Commissioners discussed the legislative breakfast and proposed creating talking points for upcoming events so members send a consistent message. Several Commissioners reported on attendance at an LGBT Legislative Caucus reception Monday night.

XXIII. Next Meeting: March 18 – 19, 2014 in Los Angeles

The next CCoA meeting will be March 17, 18 &19, 2014 in Los Angeles.

XXIV. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

M/S/C (Last/Castle)

TO ADJOURN MEETING.