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GENERAL MEETINGS MINUTES

L.A. Hotel Downtown (Hyatt), Los Angeles,
March 17 – 19, 2014

MONDAY, MARCH 17, 2014

The following committees met: Executive Committee Meeting/Legislative Advocacy
Committee Meeting/Federal Policy Committee Meeting

TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 2014

Commissioners attended The Future of Aging: A California Conversation symposium at USC
Davis School of Gerontology Auditorium.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 2014

The following committees met: Operational Procedures Committee/Elder Justice Committee

I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner Walker called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m. Commissioner Petty led the
Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Roll Call and Establish Quorum

Commissioners Present: Donna Benton, Bert Bettis, Steve Castle, Julie Conger, Paul
Downey, Lucille Fisher, Stuart Greenbaum, Marian Last, Barbara Mitchell, Gail Nickerson,
Bon Petty, Carmen Reyes, Jane Rozanski, Rita Saenz, Jean Schuldberg, Virgie P. Walker,
Ed Walsh

Commissioners Absent: David J. Sanchez

Staff: Sandi Fitzpatrick, Carol Sewell, Marcella Lopez

Guests: Bruce Chernof

A quorum was established.

III. Introductions

Commissioners introduced themselves.

IV. Approve Agenda

The March 17-19, 2014 CCoA meeting agenda was reviewed.

M/S/C (Downey/Last)

TO APPROVE THE MARCH 17-19, 2014 CCOA MEETING AGENDA.

V. Approve Minutes of January 13 – 14, 2014 meeting

The January 13-14, 2014 CCoA meeting minutes were reviewed.

M/S/C (Fisher/Downey)

TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 13-14, 2014 CCOA MEETING MINUTES.

VI. Public Comments

None.

VII. Presentation: *Recommendations from the Commission on Long-Term Care Report to Congress, September 30, 2013*

Dr. Bruce Chernof, President and Chief Executive Officer of The SCAN Foundation and chair of the Commission on Long-Term Care, provided an overview of the work of the federal Long-Term Care Commission and the background behind its creation.

VIII. Comments from the Chair

Commissioner Walker thanked members of the Commission and staff for their efforts in preparing for the Future of Aging Summit and reviewed the meeting plans.

IX. Executive Committee Report

Commissioner Walker provided the Executive Committee meeting report. Commissioner Rozanski presented the CCoA with a resolution from the Camarillo Health Care District recognizing the CCoA's 40th Anniversary. Commissioner Walker also thanked and acknowledged the work of Commissioners and Vice Chair Last for their work on yesterday's symposium.

A. Meeting of February 21, 2014

Commissioner Walker reported on the Executive Committee's ratification of Legislative Advocacy Committee recommendations.

M/S/C (Last/Downey)

TO ACCEPT THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ACTION.

B. Senate Select Committee on Aging & Long-Term Care

Fitzpatrick reported on the creation of the new Senate Select Committee focused on aging issues. She reviewed the possibility of meeting in conjunction with the Select Committee's meeting in Los Angeles if the CCoA meeting was rescheduled to November 19th and 20th.

M/S/C (Benton/Conger)

TO CHANGE THE NOVEMBER CCOA MEETING DATES TO NOVEMBER 19-20, 2014.

The Executive Committee also, discussed the possibility of holding a Legislative Breakfast in February 2015.

M/S/C (Walsh/Saenz)

TO HOLD A LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST IN FEBRUARY 2015.

Commissioner Walker reported on the President's budget appropriation of \$3 million for a White House Conference on Aging (WHCoA) in 2015. The Executive Committee authorized staff to track developments and determine appropriate action for the Commission to take.

M/S/C (Saenz/Conger)

TO RATIFY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S AUTHORIZATION OF STAFF TO TRACK DEVELOPMENTS REGARDING A POSSIBLE WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE ON AGING IN 2015 AND DETERMINE APPROPRIATE ACTION FOR COMMISSION TO TAKE.

X. Legislative Committee Report

Commissioner Benton provided the Legislative Committee report.

A. Bill Updates: SB 847 (Block); Seniors' Financial Bill of Rights; SB 173 (Liu)

Commissioner Benton reported on the status of the Commission-sponsored legislation, SB 847 and the Seniors Financial Bill of Rights.

B. Consent Agenda Items

The Committee recommended the Commission support the following bills:

- AB 1628 – Fox – Visitation rights; grandparents
- AB 1687 – Conway -- Persons with Developmental Disabilities Bill of Rights
- AB 1689 – Conway -- CNAs; online registry
- AB 1703 – Hall -- IHSS; reading services
- AB 1868 – Gomez – Medi-Cal optional benefits; podiatric medicine
- AB 2139—Eggman -- End-of-life care: patient notification
- AB 2171 – Weikowski – RCFE Residents bill of rights
- AB 2214 – Fox – Emergency Room physicians – geriatric care training
- SB 1153 – Leno – RCFE violations; admission limitations SUPPORT

M/S/C (Conger/Fisher)

TO ADOPT THE COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS TO SUPPORT AB 1628, AB 1687, AB 1689, AB 1703, AB 1868, AB 2139, AB 2171, AB 2214, AND SB 1153.

The Committee recommended the Commission watch:

- AB 1833 – Garcia and AB 2012 – Morrell -- CSL Tax check-off.

M/S/C (Conger/Last)

TO WATCH AB 1833, AB 2012

C. Bills Reviewed Individually

The Committee recommended the following actions on bills listed individually:

- AB 1816 – Yamada – Long-term health care facilities; investigations
Support
- AB 1821 -- Gordon – Medical Foster Homes.
Watch
- AB 1863 – Jones – Home care services consumer protection act;
resident alien caregivers
Watch
- AB 1899 – Brown – RCFE; quality of care
Oppose unless amended
- AB 2025 – Dickinson – Medi-Cal: program for the aged and disabled Persons
Support
- SB 986 – Hernandez – Medi-Cal managed care; seniors and persons
With disabilities; continuity of care
Support
- SB 1004 – Hernandez – Health facilities; hospice care
Support
- SB 1218 – Yee – Residential care facilities for the elderly: civil penalties
Postpone action
- SB 1233 – Wyland – Theft: elder and dependent adults
Support
- SB 1238 – Hernandez– Healthcare: observation care
Support
- AB 1523 – Atkins – RCFE: liability insurance
Support
- AB 1554 – Skinner – LTC facilities; RCFE
Postpone action

M/S/C (Rozanski/Reyes)

TO SUPPORT AB 1816, AB 2025, SB 986, SB 1004, SB 1233, SB 1238, AND AB 1523.

M/S/C (Conger/Mitchell)

TO OPPOSE AB 1899 UNLESS AMENDED, TO WATCH AB 1821, AND TO POSTPONE ACTION ON SB 1218 AND AB 1554.

M/S/C (Walsh/Conger)

TO AMEND THE MOTION TO SUPPORT AB 1821.

XI. Operational Procedures & Bylaws Committee Report

Commissioner Fisher provided the Operational Procedures and Bylaws Committee report.

XII. Elder Justice Committee Report

Commissioner Conger provided the Elder Justice Committee report.

A. Adult Protective Services budget augmentation

Commissioner Conger reported on the Commission's co-sponsorship of a budget proposal to increase funding for APS training and for APS oversight staffing for at DSS. The Committee recommended the Commission resolve to support and work to increase support for APS Budget proposal.

B. New bills

The Committee recommended the following positions on elder justice legislation:

- **AB 1623** – Atkins – Family Justice Centers
SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENTS TO INCLUDE ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES
- **AB 2034** – Gatto – Conservatorships
WATCH
- **SB 914** – Liu – Small Claims Court
SUPPORT IF AMENDED TO REPLACE “PLAINTIFF” WITH “LITIGANT”
- **SB 940** – Jackson – California Conservatorship Jurisdiction Act
SUPPORT

M/S/C (Conger/Rozanski)

TO ACCEPT THE COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS TO SUPPORT SB 940; TO SUPPORT AB 1623 WITH AMENDMENTS TO INCLUDE ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, TO SUPPORT SB 914 IF AMENDED TO REPLACE “PLAINTIFF” WITH “LITIGANT,” AND TO WATCH AB 2034.

XIII. Federal Policy Committee Report

Commissioner Downey provided the Federal Policy Committee Report.

A. Bill Updates:

- **S. 1028 “Older Americans Act Reauthorization”**
Commissioner Downey reported S. 1028 had not moved and had not been set for hearing. CCoA supported – will keep watching
- **HR 3850 “Older Americans Act Reauthorization”**
AARP's alternative OAA “straight reauthorization” bill also is not moving and is not scheduled for debate.

- **HR 3616 “Protecting Seniors from Health Care Fraud Act of 2013”**
Commissioner Downey reported CCoA had sent a letter of support despite little chance of passage and questioned the process of weighing-in on bills with low prospects.
- **S. 1734 “Seniors’ Financial Bill of Rights”**
CCoA supported; no chance of passage.
- **HR 3102 “Nutrition Reform and Work Opportunity Act of 2013**
Commissioner Downey reported that CCoA’s opposition to H.R. 3102 was now moot, Congress having restored nutrition funding in the Farm Bill.

Commissioner Downey reported on HR 4122, a newly-introduced OAA re-authorization bill with additional nutrition program provisions. The Committee will bring the bill back for consideration at the June meeting.

B. Medicare Qualified Individual (QI) Program

The committee recommended CCoA defer action until specific legislation has been introduced.

C. Social Security Is a Critical Income Source for Older Americans: State-Level Estimates, 2010–2012

Commissioner Downey referenced a Social Security fact sheet provided by AARP in the agenda packet.

Commissioner Downey reported on the President’s budget’s inclusion of \$3 million for a White House Conference on Aging (WHCoA) in 2015. Despite reports that the 2015 event will not be a traditional WHCoA, the Leadership Council on Aging is pushing for a more traditional conference since 2015 is the 50th anniversary of Medicare. The Committee will continue to follow from a federal policy perspective.

XIV. Unfinished Business

None

XV. New Business

A. California Association of Area Agencies on Aging Budget Proposal

Fitzpatrick reported on a budget request sponsored by C4A to restore funding for AAA community based programs. The Executive Committee approved C4A’s request to support the restoration request.

M/S/C (Benton/Last)

TO SUPPORT THE CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF AREA AGENCIES ON AGING BUDGET PROPOSAL.

XVI. Staff Report

A. Staff Activity Report

Fitzpatrick reviewed the staff activity report.

B. Financial Statements

Fitzpatrick reviewed CCoA financial statements.

C. Form 700s

Fitzpatrick reminded Commissioners that Form 700s are due annually and must be submitted to the CCoA office no later than March 21, 2014.

D. Review of June 2014 meeting

The June meeting will be held in Monterey. The September meeting will be held in conjunction with the SCAN Foundation.

XVII. Commissioner Comments/Questions

Commissioners commented on yesterday's Future of Aging symposium.

XVIII. Next Meeting: June 2-3, 2014 in Monterey

The next CCoA meeting will be held in Monterey on June 2-3, 2014.

XIX. Adjourn

M/S/C (Bettis/Last)

TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 11:30 A.M.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.