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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

October 30, 2015
Via Teleconference

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2015

I. Call to Order, Roll Call and Establish Quorum

Vice Chair Marian Last called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.

Commissioners Present: Marian Last, Donna Benton, Paul Downey, Lucy Fisher, Gail Nickerson, Ed Walsh

Staff: Sandi Fitzpatrick, Marcella Villanueva, Carol Sewell

A quorum was established.

II. Approve Agenda

The October 30, 2015, Executive Committee Teleconference Meeting agenda was reviewed.

M/S/C (Downey/Fisher)

TO APPROVE THE OCTOBER 30, 2015 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TELECONFERENCE MEETING AGENDA.

III. Approve Minutes: August 26, 2015 meeting

The August 26, 2015 Executive Committee meeting minutes were reviewed.

M/S/C (Downey/Fisher)

TO APPROVE THE AUGUST 26, 2015 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES.

IV. Public Comment

None

V. Unfinished Business

A. Meeting Schedule 2016

The meetings for 2016 are proposed as follows:

- Sonoma/Petaluma in January
- A joint meeting with the California Commission on Status of Women and Girls in March. There will be about 200 people in attendance; will seek foundation sponsorship to support the event.

- Sacramento in May - May is Older Americans month – will look at topics specific to perspective on wellness and longevity.
- Sacramento in September –to meet in conjunction with The SCAN Long-Term Services and Supports summit.
- Los Angeles County in November – With the possibility of meeting in conjunction with C4A.

B. Statewide Initiative re: World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

Sewell provided an update on the statewide World Elder Abuse Awareness Day initiative. The CCoA has met with C4A, CEJC and CWDA; a planning committee will be organized to plan the campaign. C4A has money for a PR firm to disseminate information. There is an opportunity for CCoA to partner with CEJC on a World Elder Abuse Awareness Day event in San Francisco on June 9th.

C. Commission Appointees: Assembly Speaker & Governor

Fitzpatrick announced that the Assembly Speaker had appointed Kathy Randall to the seat vacated by Commissioner Walker. The process for Governor’s reappointments was reviewed.

D. Women & Poverty Event

The three sponsoring organizations have met twice and continue to brainstorm ideas.

E. Caregiver Task Force Update

Commissioner Benton provided the Caregiver Task Force update reporting that USC is working on a budget and AARP has committed \$60,000. The Caregiver Task Force will consist of 12 appointed members.

VI. New Business /Information

A. Ad Hoc Workgroup on Gerontology Programs

Commissioner Walsh reported on the ad hoc workgroup’s first meeting. Members include Commissioners Schuldberg, Benton, Butler and Walsh. The group discussed the numbers of boomers and the lack of attention paid to their needs in social work and other educational programs. The committee reviewed prior legislation requiring gerontology courses be offered, but noted the programs had been dropped when funding was cut. The group will work to identify gerontology programs in the state, certificate programs, funding levels, and gerontology tracks in other fields, as well as outside of California.

Commissioner Butler will draft a letter to be sent to the Governor regarding the Commission’s concern over the dearth of gerontology professionals and educational opportunities.

B. Legislative Directions for 2016

Sewell reported that Assembly Member Marie Waldron of north San Diego County wants to carry CCoA’s victim compensation pilot program bill next year. Sewell has been working with San Diego officials to get accurate estimates and guidance on the

proposal. CCoA was also approached by Assembly Member Jacqui Irwin's office for ideas related to elder financial abuse and the ability of banks to freeze accounts when abuse is suspected.

Staff has been working with CCS on a 2016 initiative focused on elder food insecurity. Initiative may include a legislative resolution calling on Congress to change the formula for cash-out on SSI, SSP, as well as other approaches to increasing older adults' access to fresh foods.

Staff is also considering two legislative briefings: one with CCS on senior hunger and a second briefing that would follow the Women in Poverty event in March.

The Assembly Aging & Long-Term Care Committee is also discussing a legislative resolution urging Congress to maintain the current increased in the amount of VOCA funds released for victim assistance grant programs.

VII. Staff Report

Fitzpatrick reminded Commissioners that several students out of Long Beach will be attending our meeting; many of the students have multiple degrees or are skilled professionals. As a reminder students have identified certain Commissioners as mentors and will be joining them for lunch.

VIII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 10:21 a.m.

M/S/C (Fisher/Walsh)

TO ADJOURN MEETING