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CALIFORNIA COMMISSION ON AGING FEDERAL POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

**Tuesday, May 21, 2019
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

**Via Teleconference
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PROPOSED AGENDA

Ed Walsh, Chair

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Joaquin Anguera, Bob Petty, Betsy Butler (ex-officio)

All listed times are approximate and are subject to change. Agenda items are scheduled for consideration by the Committee which may or may not choose to take action.

1. Call to Order, Roll Call and Establish Quorum

2. Approve Agenda
3. Public Comments for items not on the agenda

The Committee may not discuss or take any action on any item raised during this public comment section, except to decide whether to place the matter on the agenda of a future meeting. In the interest of time, the Committee requests that speakers limit their comments to no more than 3 minutes.

4. Older Americans Act Reauthorization

EW - Ahead of the game – N4a recommenda and LCOA and census recommendation for OAA – coalition carries a lot of weight. Sent letters to key delegations in Congress welcoming them for advocacy and referred them to the consensus document on reauthorization.

Also learned about re-org proposed for AoA. Won't do OAA listening sessions; plan to use old data for the reauthorization. Also pulling regional staff back to D.C. – will leave only Was discussed in Sen. Aging Committee last week – have usually gotten approval, but didn't this time. How will a single person handle oversight of all SUA & agencies.

Also proposing to eliminate right of 1st refusal to local governments taking over the AAAs.

** Send Ed's n4a announcement to the committee.

5. Money Follows the Person/Spousal Impoverishment Act

EW – had discussed MFP in past and in support of ongoing funding. Just realized that spousal impoverishment is tied to MFP – has been historically designed to protect the spouse still in the home. Have added HCBS to the protections. Extended thru Dec. 2019 and will need to pass in a package of program bills this fall.

** send JIA announcement and n4a bulletin from Ed.

6. Non-Emergency Medical Transportation

Currently part of the standard benefit package; CMS want to make it optional. Important to keep access to medical care, access to other CB services. Critical to have access to this service; most medical transport won't do irregular appt. transportation.

* Send out Ed's brief on this – CMS may not have the authority to make this change – may be a legal challenge. Need to watch for further action on this.

7. Adjourn

Joaquin/Bob – adjourned at

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