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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Hilton Los Angeles North/Glendale & Executive Meeting Center
Glendale, CA

WESNEDAY, MAY 11, 2022

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Schmeding called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. Chair Schmeding led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call and Establish Quorum

Villanueva called roll.

Commissioners Present: Joaquin Anguera, Kim Carr, Joe Cislowski, Janet Frank, Brendalynn Goodall, David Lindeman, Debbie Meador, Faisal Qazi, Ellen Schmeding, Dana Toppel

Commissioners Absent: Marcy Adelman, Cheryl Brown, Erika Castile, Anni Chung, Meea Kang, Shelley Lyford, Rita Saenz, Sedalia Sanders

Staff: Karol Swartzlander, Leza Coleman, Marcella Villanueva

Guests: Michael Costa, Susan DeMarois, Carol Sewell, Sara Steenhausen

A quorum was not established.

3. Approve Agenda

No action taken.

4. Approve the CCoA General Meeting Minutes from March 25, 2022

No action taken.

5. Public Comments

None

6. Chair's Comments

Chair Schmeding thanked Swartzlander and the CCoA Workforce Committee for their work on today's forum. CDA's Wednesday Webinars have been very successful. Commissioner Schmeding thanked Commissioners Castile, and Frank for their participation and Commissioner Toppel for agreeing to attend the upcoming June

webinar. Chair Schmeding would like to set up regular meetings with Kim McCoy Wade to determine her priorities.

a. Executive Committee Report

The Executive Committee held a Special Committee meeting on April 15th and ratified the CCoA Legislative Advocacy Committee recommendations. The bills will be reviewed during the Legislative Committee report.

7. Self-Introductions

Commissioners and guests introduced themselves. Commissioners discussed which of the four top issues areas for CCoA resonated the most. Top four areas include: 1. Older Adult Behavioral Health; 2. Housing and Homelessness; 3. Workforce Development: direct care, Gerontology, Geriatrics, and related fields; 4. Innovative Models: increase access to and coordination of long-term services and supports.

8. Legislative Committee Report: Chair Schmeding

The Legislative Advocacy Committee held a Special Committee meeting on April 13th and took positions on 14 bills. Coleman reviewed the CCoA legislative platform.

- Support for nine funding requests, including \$212,000 for behavioral health leadership position
- Waiting for the release of the Governor's May Revise Budget
- Support 14 bills and following an additional eight policy items
- Coleman provided an update on AB 2619- RCFE: capacity. The Legislative Advocacy Committee recommended that it be pulled by author, rather than die in the Human Services committee.

9. Master Plan for Aging (MPA) Committee and Workgroup Reports

a. Elder and Disability Justice Coordinating Council

Chair Schmeding shared about CARE Court and the need to enhance programs to reduce the over utilization of conservatorship.

b. Disability and Aging Community Living Advisory Committee (DACLAC)

Swartzlander shared the focus of the Disability and Aging Community Living Advisory Committee is on accessible transportation. Debbie Toth and representatives from the California Department of Transportation attended and followed up by meeting with the DACLAC transportation subcommittee.

c. Equity in Aging Advisory Group – No report given

d. Data Exchange Framework Stakeholder Advisory Group Meeting

Commissioner Lindeman shared that the collection and exchange of data will create a framework for data sharing driven by healthcare providers and consumers.

e. Aging and Disability Resource Connection Advisory Committee

Swartzlander provided the Aging and Disability Resource Connection Advisory Committee report. CDA Program Memo (PM) 22-08 details the FY 22-23 ADRC Infrastructure Grants Allocation for Designated and Emerging ADRC Programs and has been approved for release.

- **Discussion**

None

- **Public Comment**

None

10. Legislative Update

Coleman provided the legislative update.

- **Discussion**

None

- **Public Comment**

None

11. Staff Report

Swartzlander provided the staff report.

a. Bagley-Keene Refresher

No Report Given due to time constraints

b. Commissioner Responsibilities

No Report Given due to time constraints

c. General Meeting Schedule 2022 and 2023

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- September 20-21, 2022, Sacramento
- November 2022, (exact date TBD), San Diego
- 2023: Commissioners and staff discussed ideas and expectations

d. World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD) Event

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD) Event will take place on June 2, 2022. The theme is Loneliness.

e. CCoA Work Plan and Priorities Update

Swartzlander provided CCoA Work Plan and Priorities Update.

f. Administrative Update

Villanueva provided administrative update.

- **Discussion**

None

- **Public Comment**

None

12. California Association of Area Agencies on Aging (C4A)

Michael Costa, Executive Director, C4A

Costa discussed C4A's state funding budget request priorities and the benefit of C4A collaboration with CCoA. Swartzlander would like to continue a more intentional collaborative relationship with C4A. Costa encouraged Commissioners to engage with their local AAAs.

- **Discussion**

It was identified that the funding request for nutrition did not reflect the recent increased costs of food and labor. It was pointed out the need to establish a baseline of minimum services for every region, "core services"

- **Public Comment**

None

13. California Department of Aging (CDA) Update

Susan DeMarois, Director, CDA

Director DeMarois discussed CDA priorities; workforce development, enhanced behavioral health services for older adults, greater support for informal unpaid caregiving, the need for "GAP" analysis including special focus addressing isolation, inequity of services and the need for greater integration of services throughout the state.

- **Discussion**

None

- **Public Comment**
None

14. CCoA Workforce Development Forum Goals

Swartzlander previewed the CCoA Workforce Development Forum (afternoon session) and directions for breakout sessions and roles of Commissioners and Staff.

- **Discussion**
None
- **Public Comment**
None

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Commissioners attended the CCoA Workforce Development Forum from 2:00 p.m.- 5:30 p.m. and were invited to attend an optional C4A-sponsored reception immediately following the Forum.