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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, November 9, 2023

PROPOSED AGENDA

Cheryl Brown, Chair

1. Call to Order, and Pledge of Allegiance

Vice Chair Lindeman called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. Vice Chair Lindeman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call, and Establish a Quorum

Commissioners Present (Virtual): Marcy Adelman, Joaquin Anguera, David Campos, Erika Castile, Anni Chung, Joe Cislowski, Janet Frank, Meea Kang, David Lindeman, Shelley Lyford, Debbie Meador, Timothy Perry, Faisal Qazi, Sedalia Sanders, Ellen Schmeding, Dana Toppel

Commissioners Present (In-person): None

Commissioners Absent: Cheryl Brown, Brendalynn Goodall

Staff Present (In-Person): Leza Coleman, Marijke Melman, Patrick Smith, Karol Swartzlander, Marcella Villanueva

Staff Present (Virtual): Peter Anderson

Guests (Virtual): Samuel Leale, Christopher Green, Cindy Vang, Kit Katz, Lorenzo Hernandez, Michael Sigala, Emily Tran, Kimberly Pitts, Afshan Baig, Alila Kurashi, John Pointer, Jerlyn Stapleton, Maria Ortega

Chair Brown was absent due to attendance representing the CCoA at a 10 State Cohort who are developing an MPA.

A quorum was established.

3. Approve Agenda

M/S/C (Lyford/Schmeding)

TO APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 9, 2023, GENERAL MEETING AGENDA.

APPROVED.

Abstentions: None

4. Approve the CCoA General Meeting Minutes from September 11, 2023

M/S/C (Adelman/Lyford)

TO APPROVE THE SEPTEMBER 11, 2023, GENERAL MEETING MINUTES.

APPROVED.

Abstentions: None

5. Nominating Committee Report

Commissioner Schmeding, Chair of the Nominating Committee, provided the report. The Committee met on October 9th and reviewed candidate statements of interest and developed the following slate: Chair, Cheryl Brown; Vice Chair, David Lindeman; Members-at-Large: Marcy Adelman, Joe Cislowski, Debbie Meador, and Dana Toppel.

6. Elections of Officers

Vice Chair Lindeman reviewed the election process for voting via OnBoard. The following members of the Executive Committee were elected by the membership:

- Chair, Cheryl Brown
- Vice Chair, David Lindeman
- Members-at-Large: Marcy Adelman, Joe Cislowski, Debbie Meador, Dana Toppel

7. Presentation: Older Adult Workforce Development Pilot

Karen Boyd, Director of Research, and **Kim Ta**, Program Supervisor, of the San Diego Workforce Partnership, presented the workforce development pilot program which is two months in and already showing overwhelmingly positive results. Kim Ta discussed the Individual Placement and Support (IPS) model they are using, combined with a social element of group cohorts. The IPS model allows each cohort to pivot and receive a custom curriculum according to the group's unique needs. The goal is to get participants back into the workforce. When recruiting participants, barriers such as homelessness or substance abuse are not considered. Daniel Enemark was not able to attend.

8. Presentation: Statewide Adult Protective Services (APS) Master of Social Work Training Program

E. Maxwell Davis, Ph.D., Director, Integrated Behavioral Health Program, Acting Director, Adults and Aging Services Program, California Social Work Education Center (CaSWEC), U.C. Berkeley School of Social Welfare, presented on this two-year pilot. Under the program, stipends are offered to qualifying Master of Social Work (MSW) students at participating programs throughout the state. Students must be enrolled in a participating MSW program, in good academic standing, and cannot have accepted any other CDSS scholarship funds to qualify. Students complete aging-focused courses provided by the MSW program, participate in field placements with Adult Protective Services (APS), complete pre- and post-graduation surveys, and commit to 24 months of service at APS. The purpose of the pilot is to increase the number of MSWs working in county and tribal APS. Currently, participating programs are in the Superior, Bay Area, Central, Los Angeles, and Southern regions of California. The goal is to expand to 200 MSW student trainees at 20 programs throughout California by the 2027-28 school year. Full-time students receive two \$10,000 stipends in two disbursements each year; part-time students receive \$5,000 stipends. CaSWEC tracks all training program

participants after completion of the program and hopes to demonstrate retention of MSWs working in county and tribal APS units throughout California.

9. Public Comment

None.

10. Chair's Comments

In the absence of Chair Brown, Vice Chair Lindeman thanked former Commissioner Rita Saenz for her service and introduced new Commissioner Tim Perry.

11. Executive Committee Report

No report given.

12. Legislative Advocacy Committee Report

Legislative Director Coleman reviewed the following sponsored bills. AB 770 (Kalra) Residential care facilities for the elderly

CCoA is pursuing this bill again. Staff have met with the California Department of Social Services Community Care Licensing Division. Confirmation from Kalra's office about continuing the bill is pending.

AB 820 (Reyes) State boards and commissions

Reyes will continue to sponsor this bill. CCoA and Reyes' staff will meet with various boards including the Department of Health Care Access and Information, which associated a \$100,000 cost for the addition of two seats to their CA Health Workforce Education and Training Council. CCoA and the CA Alzheimer's Association staff will meet with Reyes and Aguilar-Curry staff to discuss options for harmonizing AB 820 and AB 387, the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Advisory Committee expansion effort.

SB 544 (Laird Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act

The success of this bill has led the California Senior Legislature to seek a Legislator to sponsor a similar revision bill to the Brown Open Meeting Act.

13. Federal Advocacy Committee Report

Commissioner Castile announced that the committee agreed to pursue the creation or promotion of a caregiver trauma-informed care curriculum that includes culturally competent standards. The committee is conducting research to identify available curricula that could potentially be endorsed as a statewide Trauma Informed Care Curriculum and Assessment tool.

14. Special Committee Reports

a) 50th Anniversary Planning Committee

Executive Director Swartzlander provided an update. Alex Davis and Monique Parrish from the California Foundation on Aging are serving on the committee with Commissioners and staff. The committee envisions a sit-down dinner event with a program and a well-known keynote speaker at the Sheraton Grand Sacramento ballroom on the evening of June 26, 2024, with a capacity of 400 guests. An ambitious goal of securing \$400,000 in

donations has been set, to cover the costs of the event, establish educational scholarships, and secure seed money for future CCoA endeavors. Sponsorship packages are being developed and Commissioners will be asked to make direct appeals to donors. The theme for the event is: “Get Loud! Let’s Celebrate Aging for all Californians.”

- b) Behavioral Health Committee
Commissioner Frank acknowledged the work of Laura Trejo and Lisa Mancini, who have joined as non-Commissioner members. Several letters were written to the legislative sponsor of the Behavioral Health Modernization Bill regarding ensuring that older adults are included in the proposal. Proposition 1 in the March 2024 election, if passed, will provide funding via bonds for the Bill.

15. Master Plan for Aging (MPA) and Related Stakeholder Advisory Committees

- a) Aging and Disability Resource Connection Advisory
Executive Director Swartzlander noted that while there has not been a recent meeting, the Association of Area Agencies on Aging (C4A) has prioritized funding for the ADRC Initiative in the next legislative cycle. C4A is proposing an additional \$26 million in the Budget Year 24-25 and an additional \$52 million thereafter.
- b) Behavioral Health Task Force
Commissioner Adelman reported the October Task Force meeting focused on the master plan for children and the mental health initiative, a 5-year program with \$7.8 million. The 988 crisis system for suicide updates are unfolding smoothly. There has not yet been much discussion about aging.
- c) California Aging and Disability Research Partnership
Commissioner Lindeman shared that the committee is looking at key metrics for moving the MPA Forward.
- d) California 2030 Steering Committee
Executive Director Swartzlander provided an update and noted that recommendations will be released in December. Susan Demarois, Director of the California Department of Aging, recently emphasized the importance of California 2030 in shaping the future of the 33 Area Agencies on Aging service delivery.
- e) Elder and Disability Justice Coordinating Council
Commissioner Schmeding provided an update, including support of the Office of the Long-Term Care Patient Representative and recognizing its value, especially in terms of informed consent. The Victims of Crime program also assists older Californians and provides a liaison with the public guardian program.

- f) Equity in Aging Advisory Group
No report.

16. Staff Report

Executive Director Swartzlander invited Commissioners to add to a CCoA 2023 Achievements document and noted that once finalized, it will be distributed. Numerous advocacy wins are highlighted among 2023 achievements, including recognition by the Governor's Office regarding older adult behavioral health funding augmentations. Also included are the enactment of SB 544 regarding state advisory and decision-making bodies; enhanced communication efforts, that expanding CCoA's outreach via social media, a monthly newsletter, and the implementation of the OnBoard management tool. CCoA is now a member of 16 separate stakeholder groups and will continue to expand representation.

Swartzlander also reported:

- Commission Chair Brown, Past Chair Schmeding, and Swartzlander provided a CCoA keynote presentation to the California Welfare Directors Association Annual Conference in October.
- TACC members voted on November 2 to use TACC's limited travel funds to support in-person attendance at the C4A Annual Conference in May 2024. The 2024 TACC general meeting schedule will be determined soon with Chair Bobbie Wartson.
- Background research has begun on a proposed K-14 Community College Lifespan Curriculum.
- In administrative updates, the CCoA is developing a policy focused on personal assistant services for Commissioners who need support or an attendant either at Commission meetings or when representing the Commission.
- Operational Plan updates will begin in January and will be brought to the Commission at the January meeting.
- Patrick Smith is developing recommendations gleaned, in part, from the CCoA May 2023 Housing forum focused on older adult housing and the target date for release is January 2024.

Marijke Melman reported AgeWatch now has 851 subscribers, LinkedIn has 582 including many aging stakeholders and experts, and the website received 456 users in the last month. Public-facing social media channels currently include Instagram (120), Facebook (90), and Twitter (111). CCoA is posting five days a week on social media, AgeWatch is released once a month, and press releases are distributed as needed.

17. Review Action Items

Input is requested on the CCoA 2023 Achievements document and recommendations to address older adult housing and homelessness.

18. Commissioner Comments

The hard work of the CCoA staff, and specifically Marcella Villanueva, was highlighted.

19. Public Comment

None.

20. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 12:56 pm.