

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

**March 27, 2025**

Location: Hybrid on Zoom and 2880 Gateway Oaks Dr., Suite 395, Sacramento

### 1. **Call to Order, Roll Call, and Establish a Quorum**

Chair Lindeman called the meeting to order at 10:02 am.

Commissioners Present: Adriene "Alex" Davis, Ed.D., Janet Frank, Brendalynn

Goodall, Ben Jauregui, David Lindeman

Staff Present: Leza Coleman, Patrick Smith, Peter Anderson, Karol Swartzlander

Commissioners Absent: Dana Toppel, Erika Castile

Staff Absent: Marcella Villanueva, Marijke Melman

**A quorum was established.**

### 2. Public Comment

None.

### 3. Approve Executive Committee Minutes from December 20, 2024

**M/S/C: Davis/Frank**

**Motion to approve the December 20, 2024, Executive Committee Meeting Minutes.**

**APPROVED**

Abstentions: Jauregui

### 4. **March 12<sup>th</sup> Legislative Lunch and Capitol Visits Debrief**

Leza reviewed feedback received from Commissioners and staff, identifying processes that will be put in place to ensure better communication with and support for Commissioners when conducting future capital visits. Karol noted that checklists will be drafted with input from Commissioners. Karol highlighted the benefit of photo opportunities with Commissioners and Elected Officials to promote greater visibility of the Commission via social media. The potential for a subcommittee for event planning was discussed with input from Commissioners Frank, Davis, Tate, Martin, and Lindeman. Chair Lindeman expressed appreciation to the staff for a successful lunch event, with four legislators in attendance and stakeholders from the aging and disability community.

### 5. **Draft Program for the May 22 CCoA Meeting/Hearing in Los Angeles**

Patrick reviewed the proposed forum meeting structure, identifying the need for three panels made up of subject matter experts and individuals with lived experience. Karol updated the Commissioners on the challenges of securing a location for the event, informing the committee that they may wish to push the event back a week, if necessary, to obtain the ideal meeting location.

Commissioner Frank suggested that adding a mini-exhibit hall with tables for vendors, service providers, and agencies could be of value to those attending the forum.

## **6. Sponsored Bills Overview & Update**

### **A. SB 470 (Laird) Bagley-Keene Act**

Leza report that onn March 25th, SB 470 passed out of the Senate Governmental Operations Policy Committee with nine votes in support, one opposed, and five members registering no vote. The two witnesses in support were Ethan Rarick, Executive Director for the Little Hoover Commission, and Aaron Carruthers, Executive Director for the CA State Council on Developmental Disabilities. The bill faces ongoing opposition from the American Civil Liberties Union and the Media Association, among others. Their primary complaint is that allowing appointed members to hide behind a camera diminishes the public's opportunity to engage with them. The bill will be heard on April 8th in the Senate Judiciary Committee.

## **7. Sponored Budget Requests Overview and Update**

### **A. Proposed Funding Request from CA Elder & Disability Justice Coordinating Council (EDJCC) Conservatorship**

This item will be addressed at the next Executive Committee meeting.

### **B. Housing and Disability Advocacy Program (HDAP)**

### **C. Community Care Expansion Program (CCE)**

Leza provided an update on the status of the Commission's budget requests, sharing that on March 20th, the Senate Budget Health and Human Services Committee heard program overviews provided by Hanna Azemati, Deputy Director, Housing & Homelessness Division, California Department of Social Services. Azemati highlighted the success of HDAP and CCE programs and the ongoing need for funding support. Leza has continued to meet with legislative staff to promote support and identify funding champions.

## **8. Legislative Advocacy Committee (LAC) Legislative Platform- Action**

**M/S/C: Davis/Juaregui**

**Motion to amend the March 18<sup>th</sup> LAC record to indicate that AB 617 (McKinnor) has a "watch" status and to approve the remainder of LAC Recommendations.**

**APPROVED**

Abstentions: None.

## **9. Federal Advocacy**

Chair Lindeman led a discussion identifying the urgency for the Commission to proactively engage in Federal Advocacy efforts in light of the changing federal landscape and the resulting threats to California's safety-net services. Considering the additional work for staff, Karol recommended amending the CCoA work plan to delay activities specific to the older adult workforce and

communities for healthy living and independence to instead prioritize stakeholder engagement at a national level, promoting or cosponsoring educational webinars and potentially hosting a forum in late summer addressing the changes to the Administration of Community Living. Chair Lindeman suggested that given the significance of these potential threats, including them as a focus activity for the Executive Committee would be appropriate. This idea was met with support.

**10. 2025 WorkPlan/Committee Meeting Schedule**

Held for a future Executive Committee meeting.

**11. Public Comment**

None.

**12. Commissioner Comments**

Chair Lindeman will send staff links addressing the March 27th Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announcement to restructure the Administration for Community Living (ACL) by integrating critical programs into other HHS agencies like the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

Commissioner Goodall asked for an update on the status of potential appointments with the Workforce Investment Board. Karol reported the WIB appointments are pending a reorganization and that she would follow up, and come January 2026, Commissioner Frank will be formally appointed to the California Behavioral Health Planning Council. Commissioner Jauregui noted his upcoming event, introducing their local Master Plan for Aging. He extended an invitation to Commissioners and staff to attend.

**13. The meeting was adjourned at 11:04 am.**