



## **CCoA Executive Committee Meeting**

Thursday, April 24, 2025

### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

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

#### **Committee Members**

Dana Toppel, Vice-Chair, Erika Castile, Alex Davis, Janet Frank, Brendalynn Goodall, Ben Juaregui

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

Chair Lindeman called the meeting to order at 9:04 am.

Commissioners Present: Erika Castile, Adriene "Alex" Davis, Ed.D., Brendalynn Goodall, Ben Juaregui, David Lindeman, Dana Toppel

Staff Present: Leza Coleman, Melman Melman, Karol Swartzlander

Commissioners Absent: Janet Frank

Staff Absent: Peter Anderson, Patrick Smith

**A quorum was established.**

#### **2. Public Comment**

None.

#### **3. Approve March 27, 2025 CCoA Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**

M/S/C (Davis/Goodall)

**Motion to approve the March 27, 2025 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes.  
APPROVED.**

#### **4. Chair/Executive Director Updates**

None.

#### **5. May 22 CCoA Meeting/Hearing in Los Angeles**

Swartzlander reviewed progress in planning the May 22 hearing, including identifying a location, the Braille Institute, and securing speakers. Melman provided a brief overview of the May 22 communications plan.

##### **A. Future Hearing – Federal impacts to California**

Chair Lindeman noted the intent to schedule an information webinar on the impacts of federal policy on California.

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

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

Legislation to Permanently Expand Public Participation and Disability Access on State Boards and Commissions -- seeks to remove the January 1, 2026, sunset date established by SB 544.

SB 470 passed the Senate Governmental Organization Committee 9-1 on March 25<sup>th</sup> and passed the Senate Judiciary Committee 10-1 on April 9<sup>th</sup>. The bill is scheduled to be heard in the Senate Appropriations Committee on April 28<sup>th</sup>.

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

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

Establish a statewide Office of the Public Guardian, a leadership position within the California Department of Social Services (a budget item from the December 10, 2024, Legislative Committee Meeting).

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

\$150M Funding request, one-time only, for three years of program support.

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

\$100M Funding request, one-time only, for five years of program support.

Both CCE and HDAP were discussed at an informational hearing with Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 1 on Health on April 9. We won't know until the May Revise expected May 9 if these two budget requests are included in the revised budget.

## **8. Legislative Advocacy Committee Legislative Platform - Action**

M/S/C: (Juaregui/David)

**Motion to approve the LAC legislation platform recommendations.**

**APPROVED.**

## **9. Federal Outreach and Education Subcommittee**

Strategies were discussed to communicate the importance of programs and services provided under the Administration for Community Living to older adults, individuals with disabilities, and caregivers in California. CCoA can focus on educating the public. On the state level, CCoA may need to be aggressive and assertive in working with CDA and the Governor's office to retain funding for programs here in California. Providing a statement to the Governor and other state leadership from the Chair about funding for CCoA was discussed.

## **10. 2025 Work Plan/Committee Meeting Schedule**

Swartzlander reviewed several changes to the 2025 work plan, including a new activity focused on outreach and education about federal aging and disability programs.

## **11. Staff Updates**

Swartzlander noted the CCoA would be establishing a new telework policy to conform with the Governor's Executive Order requiring state employees to return to the office four days per week, beginning July 1, 2024.

Swartzlander also reported that the recruitment of a new Administrative AGPA will commence in May.

**12. Public Comment**

None

**13. Commissioner Comments**

It was suggested that CCoA connect and coordinate outreach efforts with the CA Association of Health Facilities and local health plans in California.

**14. Review Action Items**

Staff will send the committee copies of the May 22 communication plans, and a link to a list of services impacted. Staff will schedule an additional Executive Committee meeting each month.

**15. The meeting adjourned at 9:28 am.**