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GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

February 21 – 22, 2012
Elk Grove, CA

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2012

I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner Bettis called the meeting to order at 10:42 a.m. Commissioner Staggs led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Roll Call and Establish Quorum

Commissioners Present: Bert Bettis, Karen Josephson, Donna Benton, Constance Chang, James Davis, Mike DeNunzio, Lucille Fisher, Marian Last, Richard Lundin, Barbara Mitchell, Sharon Monck, Havard Staggs, Donna Ueland, Virgie Walker

Commissioners Excused: Rafael Cosio, Henry "Hank" Lacayo

Staff: Sandi Fitzpatrick, Carol Sewell, Marcella Lopez

Guests: Patricia Beal, Lora Connolly, Diana Boyer

A quorum was established.

III. Introductions

Commissioners introduced themselves.

IV. Approve Agenda

The February 21-22, 2012 CCoA meeting agenda was reviewed.

M/S/C (Walker/Josephson)

TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 21-22, 2012 CCOA MEETING AGENDA.

V. Approve Minutes from November 14-15, 2011 CCoA meeting

The November 14-15, 2011 CCoA meeting minutes were reviewed.

M/S/C (Ueland/Lundin)

TO APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 14-15, 2011 CCOA MEETING MINUTES.

VI. Public Comments

None

VII. Chair's Comments

Commissioner Bettis thanked members of the commission for taking various chairmanships/responsibilities. She looks forward to meeting with seniors and staying current on their issues as well as meeting with service providers and those who provide assistance to policy makers on senior issues. Commissioner Bettis anticipates a challenging and exciting year and would like to continue to educate the commission on federal and state issues.

VIII. Executive Committee Meetings Report

A. Governor's Proposed Budget: Impact on CDA & CCoA

Commissioner Bettis reported there are recommendations to eliminate boards and commissions in the Governor's proposed budget; however, CCoA is not listed. Fitzpatrick reported on a 2011 briefing held with the Health and Human Service Agency Secretary where Fitzpatrick was asked to address CCoA's record on public hearings, quorum concerns and other validity issues. There are proposals to reduce CDA's budget.

B. CCoA Match Requirement

The CCoA receives federal funds that must be matched with a 25% state/local contribution. Traditionally, CDA has met the match requirement for CCoA, but with CDA's reductions it may be difficult in the future for CDA to meet that requirement. The CCoA is safe both this year and next year but may need to look elsewhere for funds in the future. CCoA's current budget is about \$350,000 per year.

C. Age of Champions

The Commission has been asked by Assembly Speaker Perez to participate in a screening of the "Age of Champions" documentary at the Crest Theater in Sacramento in May during Older Americans Month. The Older Americans Month theme this year is "never too old to play." Age of Champions is an inspiring documentary that chronicles a handful of seniors as they prepare for the senior games. If the agenda permits, the documentary will be shown at the next Commission meeting.

D. Future CCoA Meetings:

Commissioner Bettis announced the next three meetings will be held in Sacramento, with the June meeting focus on managed care in rural counties.

April	24-25	Sacramento
June	5-6	Sacramento informational hearing to study implementation of Medi-Cal managed care in rural counties.
September	18-19	Sacramento attending The SCAN Foundation Summit on Long-Term Care Services

E. December 2012 meeting – joint meeting with State Independent Living Council (Location – TBD – southern California)

CCoA met with SILC in 2010. CCoA looks forward to meeting with them again. Currently working on an agenda.

IX. Unfinished Business

A. Senior Center Forum Follow-Up

Commissioner Last discussed the responses received from the Senior Center Forum evaluations. Commissioner Walker reported about 1/3 of attendees completing the evaluation rated the conference as “good” or “excellent.”

B. Senior Center Innovations Publication

CCoA received national recognition for the publication of the senior center innovations book.

C. Older Americans Act Appropriations

Fitzpatrick reviewed the proposed federal Older Americans Act Appropriations for FY 2012-13.

D. Furlough Litigation Update

Fitzpatrick provided an update on the furlough litigation. The first litigation bill was \$2,000. The lawsuit has been settled and costs have been absorbed.

E. State Insurance Commissioner Jones’s Senior Stakeholder Meeting Report

Commissioner Fisher attended the Department of Insurance meeting in October. Insurance Commissioner Dave Jones discussed a senior fraud bill signed by Governor Brown and discussed educating seniors on fraud. The meeting was well attended; about 100 people, including attorneys, CSL and AARP representatives.

X. New Business

A. Operational Procedures & Bylaws Committee Report

Commissioner Davis provided the Operational Procedures and Bylaws Committee report. There will be one subcommittee assigned to design the Operational Plan and a second subcommittee assigned to review and revise the bylaws and standing rules. Commissioner Davis provided and reviewed results of the Commissioner Assessment Questionnaire. A draft of the Operational Plan will be provided at the next meeting with a final draft completed by the June meeting. The Bylaws and Standing Rules subcommittee will be chaired by Commissioner Walker.

B. Advocacy & Policy Committee Report

Commissioner Staggs provided the Advocacy & Policy Committee report.

1. Position New Legislation

AB 1560 (Fuentes) CalFresh: categorical eligibility

Committee recommendation: **WATCH**

SB 970 (De Leon) Health Care Reform: Eligibility Coordination

Committee recommendation: **WATCH**

2. Update on Previously Positioned Legislation

SB 345 (Wolk) State Long-Term Care Ombudsman
Committee recommendation: **WATCH**

AB 62 (Monning) Medi-Cal: Dual Eligibles: Pilot Projects
Committee recommendation: **WATCH**

3. Caregiver Resource Center Proposed Elimination

The Committee recommends the Commission advocate against elimination of the Caregiver Resource Centers.

4. Competency Form Changes

Commissioner Josephson discussed proposed changes to court forms used during competency proceedings. Staff to research avenues for changing court forms.

5. Victims Compensation Fund Audit Proposal

Staff met with Victim's Compensation Board administrators and has possibly identified a mutually agreeable solution to funding victim's compensation for victims of elder and dependent adult financial abuse.

M/S/C (Staggs/Davis)

TO APPROVE THE ADVOCACY & POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS TO WATCH AB 1560, SB 970, SB 345, AND AB 62, AND TO AUTHORIZE STAFF TO FOLLOW-UP ON COMPETENCY FORM CHANGES AND VICTIM'S COMPENSATION FUNDING FOR VICTIMS OF ELDER AND DEPENDENT FINANCIAL ABUSE.

XI. Executive Director's Report

A. Staff Activity Report

Fitzpatrick provided staff activity report.

B. Financial Statements

Fitzpatrick reviewed financial statements.

Meeting recessed for lunch at 11:57 a.m.

Meeting reconvened at 1:18 p.m.

XII. Strategic Planning Session

[Operational Plan 2010-2011, Aging Commission Summary and Statutory Responsibilities included in mailing]

Commissioner Bettis reviewed the outline for the Strategic Planning Session. Fitzpatrick reviewed highlights of the Operational Plan and objectives.

Break at 2:40 p.m.

Meeting reconvened 3:04 p.m.

XIII. Recess until 8:00 a.m. tomorrow. Dinner is “on your own.”

Meeting recessed at 4:15 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2012

Meeting reconvened at 8:13 a.m. Commissioner Bettis introduced Pat Beal, Executive Director of the Senior Center of Elk Grove.

XIV. Welcome to the Senior Center of Elk Grove

Patricia Beal welcomed Commissioners to the Senior Center of Elk Grove.

XV. California Department of Aging Update

Lora Connolly, CDA Acting Director, reported on program changes resulting from settlement of the Adult Day Health Care lawsuit and transition to the new Community-Based Adult Service program. She described CDA’s role in processing provider applications and reviewed the new program requirements. Ms. Connolly reported that CDA appears unaffected by the proposed state budget and discussed plans to review the proposed Caregiver Resource Center elimination. Ms. Connolly also reviewed the President’s proposal for the 2012-2013 FY federal budget and expressed concern over proposed flat funding for OAA programs and Sec. 202 housing.

XVI. State Budget 2012: Impact of Governor’s Budget on older Californians

Diana Boyer, Senior Policy Analyst, County Welfare Directors Association of California

Ms. Boyer reviewed state budget impacts on the Department of Social Services and Department of Health Care Services. Counties serve over 460,000 IHSS recipients – primarily Medi-Cal. Administration is moving aggressively toward 10 integrated service pilots to target dual eligibles. County advocates are urging slowing the roll-out of the program and pulling back to originally planned four pilots.

Commissioner Donna Benton, Director, Los Angeles Caregiver Resource Center,

reported on the Governor’s proposed elimination of \$2.9 million for the Caregiving Resource Centers (CRC). There are 36 CRCs scheduled to close, affecting low- income caregivers, ethnic and underserved communities.

XVII. Break - refreshments courtesy of the Senior Center of Elk Grove

Meeting reconvened at 10:07a.m.

**XVIII. Federal Policy and Community Partnerships Committee Meeting Report
(Commissioner Fisher)**

A. Committee Charge

Commissioner Bettis thanked Commissioner Fisher for assuming responsibility as chair of the Federal Policy and Community Partnerships Committee. Commissioner Fisher reviewed the committee’s responsibilities, which include identifying, reviewing and monitoring proposed changes in the Social Security Act; educating Commissioners on issues at the federal level that affect seniors at the local level; monitoring the reauthorization of the Older American’s Act; reporting findings to the Commission.

B. Top 6 Policy Issues

Fitzpatrick reviewed six policy issues affecting seniors in 2012, including Older Americans Act reauthorization, extensions of Medicare Low-Income protections, senior program funding cuts, long-term care, access to preventive care benefits, and hunger/food insecurity.

C. Older Americans Act 2011 Amendments

Fitzpatrick reviewed Senator Sanders' Older Americans Act 2011 Amendments.

XIX. Fall Prevention Partnership of Solano County

Commissioner Sharon Monck, a member of the Senior Coalition in Solano County and a member of the Fall Prevention, shared a falls prevention DVD preview sponsored by Solano County and provided important Solano County falls statistics.

XX. Next Meeting: April 24-25, 2012 in Sacramento

The next commission meeting will be held April 24-25, in Sacramento.

XXI. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.