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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
Vagabond Inn, 909 3rd Street. Sacramento, CA
March 15-16, 2006

- I. Call to Order: The general meeting of the Triple-A Council of California (TACC) was called to order by President Havard Staggs at 9:05 am, March 15, 2006
- II. Pledge of Allegiance: Richard Lundin.
- III. Roll Call: A quorum was established. Those present were:
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| PSA 1 Thea Gast | PSA 13 George “Bud” Winslow |
| PSA 4 Jacque Brown | PSA 15 Leonard Smith |
| PSA 5 Roberta H. Romeo | PSA 17 Martin Tucker, Alternate |
| PSA 6 George H. Schofield | PSA 18 Don Hunt, Alternate |
| PSA 6 Bill Hollabaugh, Alternate | PSA 19 Peter McGrath |
| PSA 7 Joanna Kim-Selby, Alternate | PSA 20 David Wilder |
| PSA 8 Arline Elliott | PSA 22 Dee Erman |
| PSA 10 Anne Mack | PSA 23 Jack Duff |
| PSA 12 Joan Bowen, Alternate | PSA 25 Edward Woods |
| PSA 12 Havard Staggs, Alternate | PSA 28 Richard Lundin |

Guests present during the meeting included Lola Young, Session Planning Chair for the California Senior Legislature; Jim Romero and Claudine Duff, spouses of TACC members, and Betty Perry (briefly) of the Older Women’s League, as well as the speakers for the meeting.

- IV. Introductions, Announcements:
- Mack: May is California Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse Awareness Month. June 15 is World Elder Abuse Awareness Day.
- Selby: California by SCR85 (Alquist) has adopted May 2006 as American Stroke Month in California.
- Lundin: this is last meeting; he’s been termed out.
- V. Approve Agenda: Moved by Wilder, seconded by Mack: unanimous.
- VI. Approve Minutes of January 25-26, 2006: Correction: under attendance for PSA 15, the name Robert Petty should be Leonard Smith. Motion to accept with the correction by Wilder, seconded by Hunt; two abstentions.
- VII. Correspondence: None.

TEC Refresher Training: Sharon Jenkins was not able to attend. Sandi Fitzpatrick provided a handout during her report.

Presentation on California Foundation for Independent Living Centers

Wilder introduced Christina Mills-Hovious, Systems Change Network Statewide Community Organizer for the California Foundation for Independent Living Centers (CFILC). CFILC is the hub for 29 independent living centers. Ms. Mills-Hovious previously was Program Manager for the Access Center of San Diego.

Independent living centers serve people of all ages and disabilities, providing:

Advocacy – self advocacy,	Information and referral
community advocacy	Housing assistance

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Rental assistance	Peer counseling
Home modification	Benefits counseling
Section 8: providing mail boxes to ensure that mail is received	Healthcare questions
Personal assistance	Transportation referrals
Independent living skills assistance	Low income housing counseling

ILC's believe in keeping people out of nursing homes and in the community, and helping those in nursing homes find their way into the community.

The Systems Change Network is part of CFILC's community advocacy.

At the state level, CFILC priorities are housing, transportation, Olmstead decision implementation, and voter issues of registration and accessibility. Local issues vary from center to center, but can include home modification for accessibility and visitability, emergency preparedness, and education in addition to the state issues.

Useful websites are www.calsilc.org (California State Independent Living Council) and www.cfilc.org (CFILC).

VIII. California Commission on Aging

Lundin reported on the field hearing of the CCoA held in San Francisco February 1-2, 2006: "Meeting the Challenge: Disaster Preparedness for Residents of Long Term Care Facilities" including speakers from the State Department of Rehabilitation, the American Red Cross, and San Francisco. An issue raised was the possibility of training and mobilizing the National Guard. There were about 20 commissioners and 15 officials present.

Sandi Fitzpatrick, Executive Director of CCoA, reported on a number of items. The staff is currently doing some housecleaning – to organize materials in the office.

There will be a California follow-up conference on the White House Conference on Aging.

The Commission will meet next on Monday, April 24 at the Coordinated Leadership Conference of the California Association of Area Agencies on Aging (C4A) in Concord; that evening there will be a joint reception of the CCoA with TACC.

Ms. Fitzpatrick provided a number of handouts including rosters of TACC, CSL, CCoA, and the 33 area agencies on aging. She provided Travel Expense Claim forms and a guide on the reimbursement process.

She also reported that the CSL is likely to have the State Controller as its state agency for administrative duties. A worker's compensation claim will require a major part of CSL's budget.

- X. Treasurer's Report: Margaret Mooney was not present. Sandi Fitzpatrick provided copies of the report. We appear to be in satisfactory financial condition.

XI. California Senior Legislature Report

Senior Assemblymember Lola Young described the CSL, and reported that the October Legislative Session of the CSL will be scaled back to reduce expenses. She reported on SB1249 (Alquist) which would remove the indexing requirement for the California Fund for Senior Citizens so that line 54 can remain a part of the California income tax return as long as it raises \$250,000 each year; she requested that TACC and its members support this legislation.

- XIII. Presentation: Don Thomas, Housing Policy Analyst with the State Department of Housing and Community Development.

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Mr. Thomas presented "Planning 101" – an overview of the General Plan required of every city and county, and particularly the Housing Element of that General Plan. He spoke of demographics, the need for public participation, needs assessment, special needs, land inventory, housing programs, and HCD review.

Other topics included the Second Unit Law, universal design, and programs to assist seniors.

XIV. Committee Reports

Legislative Committee: Wilder reported for the Legislative Committee which had met prior to this meeting, and requested action on several bills:

Bill	Summary	Action proposed and accepted
AB1929 Berg Shirley Horton	Provides that CDA should distribute funds electronically to area agencies	Support
AB1928 Berg	Provides for pass through of federal funds to area agencies prior to passage of state budget	Support
SB1451 Kehoe	Would establish a permanent state advisory committee to provide advice on emergency preparedness	Support
AB2536 Montañez	Would place personal attendants and household employees (whether live-in or not) under state overtime pay requirements	Letter of Concern regarding live-in help receiving board and room
AB2407 Salinas	Spot bill regarding mature driver improvement course	Watch
AB2542 Daucher	Spot bill relating to driver licenses	Watch
SB1249 Alquist	Remove indexing of minimum requirement for line 54 contributions for CSL	Support

It was also agreed that a summary of legislation of interest to seniors should be on the web site.

SB910 LRSPA Monitoring Update Committee: Hunt reported on the California Mobility Council which is working on a consolidated paratransit service that can cross county boundaries.

- XII. Older Adult Traffic & Safety Task Force Report: Staggs reported on an Independent Transportation Network (ITN) and ITNAmerica, a 501(c)3 charitable organization which supports local ITN affiliates which provide automobile transportation at nominal cost for seniors using volunteer or paid drivers; ITNAmerica also provides scheduling software to assist. There's more information at www.itnamerica.org.

XV. PSA Reports

Wilder, PSA 20

- CSL elections: they have 2 applicants for 4 openings. There are many rumors about the demise of CSL.
- ADA workgroup: county offices must be accessible. There are meal sites that are not accessible.

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Woods, PSA 25

- Need to renew the voting rights act which expires 8/6/07. Woods distributed a background report on the act and the need to renew.

Tucker, PSA 17

- CSL elections: they have 3 incumbents and 9 applicants for 3 openings.
- Holding workshops to discuss a proposal to split Santa Barbara County.

Hunt, PSA 18

- CSL elections: they have 3 incumbents and 2 applicants for 3 openings.
- They are examining the role of the AAA.

Romeo, PSA 5

- CSL elections: 1 incumbent running, 2 openings.
- RFP for nutrition sites got no responses on first try; second try got two.
- Marin County has a significant shortage of nurses.
- Project Independence has extended its reach from discharge planning and assistance to day surgery assistance.

Elliott, PSA 8

- CSL elections: 1 incumbent running, 3 openings
- Working to get better attendance at congregate meals.

Bowen, PSA 12

- CSL elections: 2 incumbents running and 1 applicant, 2 openings.

Lundin, PSA 28

- CSL elections: 2 incumbents running for 2 openings.
- They now have Financial Assistance to Seniors Team (FAST).

Gast, PSA 1

- CSL elections: 2 incumbents may run, no applicants, 2 openings.
- P. G. & E. is closing local offices making it difficult for seniors who must conduct business by telephone or computer.

Smith, PSA 15

- CSL elections: 2 incumbents running, 2 openings.
- The Council has new bylaws and a new brochure.

Winslow, PSA 13

- CSL elections: 1 incumbent running, 3 others interested, 2 openings.
- Two nutrition sites are merging creating travel problem.

The meeting was suspended until Thursday, March 16, 9:04am.

XVII. Public Comment: there was none.

XVIII. AB12: Mary Pat Toups, lobbying for Revocable Transfer-on-Death Beneficiary Deed.

Ms. Toups has lobbied for a law permitting the creation of this form of deed which is a way to ensure that property is passed on to a beneficiary with as little fuss as possible. It has several advantages:

- The property owner remains owner, and can easily change his/her mind about the beneficiary.
- No probate would be involved upon the death of the owner.
- The cost would be far less than that of a living trust.
- No capital gains tax is paid by the beneficiary (the cost basis for the beneficiary is the value at the death of the owner).

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AB12 (DeVore) [Chaptered 9/30/05] directs the California Law Revision Commission to study the issue, and, if warranted, suggest content for a statute to implement same. Ms. Toups is asking for support in the form of a petition that she passed out and letters to
California Law Revision Commission
4000 Middlefield Road, Room D-1
Palo Alto, CA 94303-4739

The objective is to have such a statute before both houses of the legislature in 2007. The web site at www.transfer-on-death-deeds.com provides additional information and links to related web sites.

XV. PSA Reports, continued

Mack, PSA 10

- The Area Agency on Aging has received an Archstone Foundation Grant.
- Mack distributed a handsome outreach mailer celebrating 30 years of Serving.

McGrath, PSA 19

- CSL elections: hope to fill all [15] openings, but there's lots of apathy with the public and the AAA.

Erman, PSA 22

- CSL elections: 70 applicants, 7 openings.
- The advocacy issue reported at previous meetings is still open as evidenced by a recent memorandum that she distributed.

Schofield, PSA 6

- There is a lot of cost cutting going on in San Francisco, and there is a cost to such. Unfortunately, the process is budget-driven, not service-driven.
- Advisory Council is recruiting members.
- The Mayor announced on a Friday the need to cut \$500K by the following Monday. The Commission withheld approval of the budget.

Duff, PSA 23

- CSL is important.
- Call Center gets 5000 to 6000 calls per month.
- An intergenerational program where seniors live on the campus of a foster home for about 150 children 14-17 years old has been very successful.
- Vital Aging conferences have been held; Jack LaLanne and Debbie Reynolds have been keynote speakers.

Selby, PSA 7

- CSL elections: have 4 applicants, 3 openings.
- No issue with Advisory Council control by supervisors, now.

Woods, PSA 25

- There are 5 CSL districts in Los Angeles City.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bill Hollabaugh, Recording Secretary

Next Meeting: Monday, April 24 prior to the Coordinated Leadership Conference in Concord.