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TACC – TRIPLE-A COUNCIL OF CALIFORNIA
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
Vagabond Inn, 909 3rd Street, Sacramento, CA
July 25-26, 2007
10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, July 25, 2007

1. Call to Order

President Wilder called the meeting to order at 10:13 a.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Staggs led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call – Establish a Quorum

A quorum was present. Erman took roll and recorded on the attendance sheet.

Those in attendance were:

PSA 4 – Mary Jane Large	PSA 16 – Kathryn Williams
PSA 4 – Jacque Brown	PSA 17 – Martin Tucker
PSA 5 – Patricia Lewis	PSA 19 – Zelda Hutcherson
PSA 6 – George Schofield	PSA 20 – David Wilder
PSA 7 – Joanna Kim-Selby	PSA 21 – Erwin Fromm
PSA 8 – May Nichols	PSA 22 – Dee Erman
PSA 10 – Anne Mack	PSA 23 – Jonann Siders
PSA 12 – Marge Depew	PSA 25 – Ed Woods
PSA 12 – Hav Staggs	PSA 28 – Lauren Rolfe
PSA 13 – Bud Winslow	PSA 33 – Marti Overfield
PSA 15 – Sharon Lamagno	

Guests: Sara Rogers, Lynn Daucher, Violet Henry, Sandi Hartsock, Johnna Meyer, Denny Wight, and John Marklund.

Staff: Sandra Fitzpatrick, Carol Sewell, Lynn Nielsen

4. Introductions, Announcements

TACC Directors and Alternate Directors introduced themselves; many new TACC members have been selected.

5. Approve Agenda

The July 25-26, 2007 agenda was reviewed. Mack moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Nichols. Motion carries.

6. Approve Minutes of May 24, 2007

The TACC meeting minutes of May 23-24, 2007 were reviewed. Depew corrected the PSA 12 report to read "Stride to Breakfast" instead of "Strive to Breakfast." Tucker moved to approve. Seconded by Siders. Motion carries.

7. Confirm Dates of September Meeting

Winslow moved to approve the September 26-27, 2007 meeting dates. Overfield seconded. Motion carries.

8. SB 840 – Sara Rogers

Sara Rogers, representative from Senator Sheila Kuehl's office, made a presentation on the universal healthcare proposal, SB 840. She described the single-payer system, and gave an overview of funding methods. The premise of the universal healthcare proposal is based on an actuarially-sound reimbursement plan to cover complete patient care. Patients would not have deductibles or co-pays for services; physicians would negotiate for reasonable reimbursements. Rogers said that SEIU and retired employees' unions are in support of this plan. This healthcare system is financed by employed persons paying 3.78% of earned income and employers paying 8% of payroll, less \$7,000 from each employee's salary.

SB 840 sets up an Inspector General's office to investigate any fraud. In addition, a Consumer Advocate and Chief Medical Officer would assure the quality of the system. Rogers noted Canada has a universal healthcare system in place and reports high ratings in their Medicare for All, with costs aligned with the economy.

9. Treasurer's Report – Martin Tucker

Tucker distributed budget documents showing expenditures and income which indicated a shortfall of \$15,000 in tax check-off receipts. There was discussion about the reasons for the reduced tax-check off contributions and the possibility of expanding the contribution pool. Tucker asked for TACC members to boost their efforts to get PSA payment for TACC attendance at meetings. Wilder offered to send a letter to PSA directors regarding this request.

10. California Senior Legislature Report

Mack reported on CSL activities for the past two months. The Legislative Committee met and bills are moving. The next JRC meeting is in September; the CSL session is scheduled for October.

11. Annual Election of Officers

Staggs announced that elections for officers would be held one at a time. President – David Wilder was nominated. There were no nominations from the floor.

Winslow moved to close nominations and elect Wilder as President. Overfield seconded. Motion carries.

Vice President – George Scofield was nominated. There were no nominations from the floor. Approved.

Secretary – Dee Erman was nominated. There were no nominations from the floor. Approved.

Treasurer – Martin Tucker was nominated. There were no nominations from the floor. Approved.

Member at Large – Jacque Brown was nominated. There were no nominations from the floor. Approved.

12. Lynn Daucher – Director, California Department of Aging

Director Daucher gave a brief synopsis of her background. She expressed pleasure in her new capacity with CDA, where she has served since March

2007. Director Daucher has been visiting AAA's and gave examples of encounters she has had in her visits.

Director Daucher said that CDA receives numerous federal grant notices, but is unable to apply because the Department is short-staffed. The Department is pursuing grants that support evidence-based programs such as physical fitness and balance. Aging and Disability Resource Center grants are also being considered. She said there is a federal move to coordinate monies for disabled and seniors and cooperation is being encouraged. The Department of Aging has applied for a grant to increase legal services for seniors.

Director Daucher said the Department is researching how to better assist Area Agencies on Aging. She noted the challenge is to choose the right priorities, such as increased nutrition services, large print street signage, and changing the rules for seniors to enroll in college courses for non-credit. She cited the great need to acknowledge the upcoming baby boomers and the services they will need. The goal is to monitor, oversee and educate for services that help all older adults.

Director Daucher said that the federal government just approved a revision of the Older Americans Act which includes new mandates. She will be meeting with state officials regarding the funding of these mandates. She encouraged TACC members to discuss their concerns and priority issues with their Area Agencies on Aging and encouraged TACC members to contact her directly.

13. Committee Reports

SB 910 LRSPA Monitoring Liaison Update – Anne Mack

Mack reported on progress of SB 910 Transportation Task Team (TTT). She reported that Linda Devins has been appointed the chair of the TTT, replacing Peter Steinert. Wilder mentioned that there will be a series of trainings on the Mobility Action Plan as part of the TTT.

Legislative Committee – Havard Staggs, Chair

Staggs reported that the Legislative Committee met this morning. Fourteen Assembly and Senate bills and one Senate Joint Resolution were reviewed. Of the 14 bills considered, the committee voted to

recommended TACC support 13, and one bill (SB 573 - annuities) was considered dead.

Staggs moved that TACC accept the report by the Legislative Committee. No second required. Approved.

Staggs said the Legislative Committee recommended support for Riverside County's increasing death certificate fees to fund senior programs. Approved.

14. California Commission on Aging Report – Sandra Fitzpatrick, Executive Director

Fitzpatrick welcomed new members to TACC and distributed her report. She asked that TACC members talk to their Area Agencies about reimbursing meeting expenses, and noted that many area agencies said they would be happy to cover TACC member costs if asked by the TACC representative.

She asked that all members read their Travel Expense Claim (TEC) agreements, sign Appendix C and return to CCoA. Rental cars need to be approved by CCoA before renting a car if reimbursement is desired. Until the State Budget is signed, no TEC's can be reimbursed for FY 2007-08. She asked that members have the tax waiver form completed to give to the hotel at check-out so that state taxes can be waived. Fitzpatrick noted that the updated TACC resource manual should be ready for distribution at the September meeting.

Fitzpatrick reported that the TACC financial statements indicate that expenditures outpaced revenue for Fiscal Year 2006-07. This situation is not desperate yet, but does need to be monitored.

Fitzpatrick reviewed recent legislation and status of bills. She encouraged TACC members to talk to their legislators and lend their individual support to bills CCoA supports.

15. PSA Reports

PSA 33 - Overfield reported that Senior Day at the county fair went well. She said that cooling centers are now open in designated areas. She said a Senior Appreciation Day, with certificates distributed for volunteer hours,

went well. Overfield noted the Kern County Department of Aging provides 500 meals a day in their nutrition program for seniors.

PSA 10 - Mack reported the PSA's election for officers will be completed in August. Yearly goals and funding have been approved to include senior transportation. A van has been purchased to transport seniors to senior centers, shopping malls, etc. The Meals on Wheels program is being maintained. The Advisory Council has had good speakers this past year on topics such as low income housing, nursing home reform, and prescription drug concerns.

PSA 8 – Nichols reported she is the new Commission on Aging Chair for PSA 8. San Mateo has several vacancies and is recruiting Commissioners. A conference was held on “Quality of Life” for older adults. The speaker stressed that seniors need to walk and keep as active as possible. The PSA is working on the Senior Day for the upcoming Fair, and planning a September forum on scams that target seniors.

PSA 12 – Depew reported Jack Lalanne attended their Stride to Breakfast event. The PSA has picked up seven new members to the Advisory Council due to massive recruiting. Two hot shot trucks have been purchased.

PSA 19 – Hutcherson reported that the PSA has 70 active members. Committees are designated for transportation and nutrition, and information shared.

PSA 13 – Winslow said the Area Agency on Aging (AAA) Board has requested the membership to re-appoint themselves when a vacancy occurs. The Annual meeting was held.

PSA 15 – Lamagno reported PSA 15 is investigating ways to stretch dollars for Meals on Wheels. Plans are being made for the “Getting Ready to Live Your Best Life” event which will be held in August.

PSA 6 – Scofield said that efforts have gone into staffing volunteers, budget, and getting a slate of officers before his term ends. This involves recruiting people with specific skills, such as budget and legal experience. Quarterly meetings are being conducted.

PSA 4 - Large reported that PSA 4 covers more counties than any other PSA in the state. There is an ongoing effort to do an aging boomer study. Large reported on the Older Californian Traffic Safety Task Force headed by the California Highway Patrol, where Driving Wellness and Carfit topics are being addressed. PSA 4 has hired an occupational therapist to help increase senior drivers safety.

PSA 7 - Transportation continues to be a priority for PSA 7 with a yearly award presented to transportation providers. Kim Selby reported stroke education is being done through the "Every Generation" program. The disaster preparedness plan is being updated and will be out soon.

PSA 23 – Siders said there is representation from a member of staff at every ILS meeting who reports on what is being doing in relation to the area plan. The Vital Aging Conference was held with Edward J. Olmos as the keynote speaker. Video conferencing was available from the conference to reach more people.

PSA 5 – Lewis noted the PSA's focus last month was on disaster preparedness. The local volunteer center was involved, and this training will be followed up with the brown bag program. Disaster preparedness plans will be reviewed during the upcoming site monitoring.

PSA 11 - Elections were held and new officers will be in place by the September TACC meeting. Sonnefeld said this is his last meeting, and Joe Murphy will be replacing him as TACC Director. Sonnefeld reported the California State Fair will begin August 17th and end on Labor Day. The theme of the Fair is "Fun Never Grows Old." He requested TACC posters to hang on the booth he will man during the Fair.

PSA 16 – Williams said that a fundraising dinner was successful and included a silent auction. Two senior centers continue to run unstaffed. Williams said a prison and a school were asked to help cook food for senior nutrition programs; both turned down this request.

PSA 17 – The County of Santa Barbara has authorized painting a blue line on roadways so that people will know how high the water will rise when global warming occurs. Tucker showed a book which includes a compilation of stories from local WWII veterans. The response to this book, "The Voices of WWII" has been overwhelming. This publication is the result of a grant for the project.

PSA 21 – Fromm reported that Doris Morgan-Richards is the elected TACC Director, and he is the TACC Alternate. Methods and MOU's are being developed to consolidate programs which will better serve seniors. In June each county supervisor hosted an event with topics such as elder financial abuse, etc. There was no cost for seniors for the vendor information and lunch.

PSA 25 – PSA 25's annual senior art exhibit in May and June had great success. Woods said the health committee, in conjunction with Partners in Care, goes to various senior centers and performs blood pressure and diabetes checks. Information is also addressed regarding AIDS. The Caregiver and Kinship Committee is creating a comprehensive booklet with various topics for distribution.

PSA 22 - Erman reported the food servers for Meals on Wheels were on verge of bankruptcy so have merged with Community Seniors SERVE, and now food will be distributed from one location. The PSA had a booth at the local Fair for two weeks; advisory council volunteers and the Department of Aging staffed the booth. Funding is lacking and an individual on the council has been delegated the task of fundraising. MSSP funds have been cut.

PSA 20 - Wilder said many staff members have been lost due to promotions in the county system. An MOU has been developed with the health department to provide a nutritionist for San Bernardino County. There are 49 nutrition sites, and 61 senior centers to use the nutritionist. Wilder reported on a new senior center, built in conjunction with a new library located in Mentone. The Grand Opening will be August 11th.

Meeting was recessed at 4:53 p.m.

Thursday, July 26, 2007

16. Public Comment

None.

17. PSA Reports

All completed the previous day.

18. CDA – Area Plans and the Triple A Councils Presentation

Wilder introduced CDA planning staff. Team A – planning; Team B – monitoring, including Violet Henry, Sandi Hartsock, Johnna Meyer, Denny Wight, and John Marklund.

CDA's focus is client independence and the Area Plan elements are intended to support the senior in community. The Older Americans Act, Older Californians Act, and state and federal regulations guide area plan development. Advisory councils (AC) should represent demographics of community. ACs must review and approve the Area Plan prior to submission to CDA, as well as all updates and amendments. The ACs should assist AAA directors to be a community leader and to gain recognition for programs and services. Because of inadequate federal funding, state apportionments to AAAs cannot support all programs identified through local needs assessments.

Discussion ensued regarding reporting AAA requirements, local flexibility in planning, and the need for creativity in providing services. Resources used in the area plan development include AAA planners; advisory councils; public, private, volunteer and personal resources; 2005-09 Reference Guide for Development of the Area Plan; and relevant laws and regulations. ACs may assist with various parts of plan development, such as needs assessments, consultation and advice on the area plans, as well as serving as signatories. CDA provided technical assistance to AAAs in development of '05-09 area plans.

CDA's monitoring team advises ACs on functions and structures. Advisory Councils should represent the community and be a strong presence at senior program sites. Other roles include sponsoring public hearings to obtain community input on goals and objectives, review and evaluation of RFPs, accompanying CDA monitors during monitoring process, as well as conducting reviews of provider performance and follow-up.

19. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Sept 26- 27, 2007 at the Vagabond Inn, Sacramento.