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NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETING

Wilshire Grand Hotel, Los Angeles

November 13-14, 2007

Tuesday, November 13, 2007

1. Call to Order

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance

President Wilder led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call – Establish a Quorum

Present:

PSA 1 – Nancy Wilson

PSA 4 – Mary Jane Large

PSA 5 – Patricia Lewis

PSA 8 – May Nichols

PSA 12 – Marge Depew

PSA 15 – Sharon Lamagno

PSA 17 – Martin Tucker

PSA 18 – Tony Bellasalma

PSA 20 – David Wilder

PSA 21 – Erwin Fromm

PSA 23 – Johann Siders

PSA 25 – Edward Woods

PSA 32 – Robert Petty

PSA 33 – Marti Overfield

Guests: Sybil Boutilier, PSA 6 staff

Mel Silverberg, PSA 18

Nate Rudick, PSA 19

Raynetta James, PSA 27

Staff: Carol Sewell

A quorum was present.

4. Introductions, Announcements

Attendees were introduced.

5. Approve Agenda

The November 13-14, 2007 agenda was reviewed. Tucker moved; Overfield seconded the motion to approve. Motion carries.

6. Approve Minutes of September 26-27, 2007

The September 26-27, 2007 minutes were reviewed. Depew noted an error in her PSA number. Depew moved; Lamagno seconded the motion to approve the September 26-27 minutes. Motion carries.

7. Confirm Dates of March 26-27, 2008 Meeting

The dates for the March 26-27, 2008 meeting were discussed in regard to TACC's possible participation with the Coordinated Leadership Conference the following month. Overfield moved; Wilson seconded the motion to approve the March 26-27, 2008 meeting dates. Motion carries.

8. Decision about April Coordinated Leadership Conference

TACC members discussed possible TACC participation and attendance at the Coordinated Leadership Conference in April, 2008. Woods noted the typical low TACC attendance at C4A activities and the added budget constraints. A poll of the room showed eleven PSAs covered costs for the TACC members to meet during the November C4A conference, with seven covering costs for full conference attendance. Seven also had PSA support for April conference. General support was voiced for meeting in Sacramento. Bellasalma moved not to attend the Coordinated Leadership Conference in April; Overfield seconded. The motion carried with three abstentions.

9. Understanding and Leveraging Current PSA Priorities and Programs

Wilder distributed a matrix of workgroup goals from the September TACC meeting. Each Director was asked to identify and record their PSA's unique strengths and challenges. The completed matrix will be reviewed at the January meeting.

10. Bylaws Revision

TACC discussed the possible need to amend its bylaws to provide an alternate means for filling in the Nominating Committee membership when the immediate past president was no longer a member. It was noted that the bylaws (Article 5, Section 1, under Standing Committees, (b) 3.) currently allow the Executive Committee to make an appointment to fill a Nominating Committee vacancy. No further action needed.

11. Reporting out from groups

Dispensed with group reporting based on the morning's work on the Matrix.

12. Treasurer's Report

Tucker reported that the State had asked for a 12% reduction in all departments' budgets. He noted that because TACC and the Commission on Aging don't rely on State General Fund support, they would not likely be affected.

Tucker reported that the 2006-07 budget total of \$46,000 is approximately \$15,000 less than in the past and third quarter tax check-off contributions have been low. TACC's current travel budget of \$5,000 was dropped far below the \$25,000 budgeted in 2006. The organization has a \$70,000 carryover from 2005-06 and may face a \$20,000 shortfall soon.

Wilder appointed Tucker to chair a fundraising committee to explore various ways to increase funding and to investigate ways to reduce pro-rata payments to state. The group will also consider the impacts of reducing the number of meetings annually. Silverberg and Hutcherson were appointed to the committee.

Wilder reported that people filing state taxes electronically have problems finding the tax check-off lines and suggested the Tax Check-off California Campaign should address this problem. Other ways of publicizing the fund were also discussed.

13. California Senior Legislature Report/Session Update/Review of Priorities

Woods gave an overview of the top ten proposals from October 2007 session and reported on the October CSL session.

14. California Commission on Aging Report – Carol Sewell

Sewell reported that CCoA released its Annual Report and was about to publish the second progress report on SB 910. CCoA hearings for 2008 will focus on new priorities that will be determined at next CCoA meeting, scheduled for December 6-7, 2007. The meeting will be held in conjunction with the Fall Prevention Summit in Long Beach.

15. PSA Reports

PSA 4 – Large reported that a study of service needs of aging baby boomers will be published in January. The study and a working caregiver study done in Yolo County with U.C. Davis and the City of Davis will be available at A4AA.com. A4AA participated in an aging summit in Yolo County and recently heard from the Department of Motor Vehicles senior driver ombudsman.

PSA 33 – Overfield reported the PSA had a \$148,000 deficit due to salary increases, resulting in program cutbacks. A Harvest Festival was held recently; only 150 flu vaccines were given (250 available).

PSA 5 – Lewis noted that the Aging Commission’s Elder Abuse Committee received a federal grant and will train 30% of the area’s law enforcement in a two-day session on financial abuse.

PSA 1 – Wilson said the Area Agency sponsored Mobility Days to encourage more transit ridership. A Caregivers Day was held to share information. The agency’s Community Health Alliance received a Robert Wood Johnson Grant to study access to care.

PSA 28 – Rolfe said the PSA’s FAST team recruitment is very successful and had saved or recovered over \$20 million in two years. Napa County had received funds to begin a fall prevention program. The Advisory Council in Solano has been effective at organizing senior coalition and was able to get city funds and staff for a senior roundtable.

PSA 27 – James chairs the Sonoma County Senior Art Show, which received an award in 2007. The PSA also obtained a fall prevention grant and won an award for their work. A locally sponsored “Courtwatch” program sends advocates into court to help seniors through the legal process.

PSA 19 – Hutcherson reported the PSA has asked for accounting from providers in order to assess effectiveness. The home delivered meal program has a waiting list. The advisory council is working to balance effective advocacy and the availability of services.

PSA 15 – Lamagno said her PSA has a shrinking budget and increasing need. The Council was seeking ways to improve services, including visiting each city to ask for assistance in keeping program sites open.

PSA 18 -- Bellasalma reported that the County Supervisors had cut nutrition funds by \$50,000, giving the area agency six to eight months to develop a new approach. A special program was developed to hold a party for boomers.

PSA 8 – Nichols reported on the 21st annual Seniors on the Move Conference, which provided breakfast, lunch, and full program for seniors. The county youth commission was working on ways for youth to participate with aging commission activities. PSA 8 is proposing to assist with health fairs and other informational events. The area’s annual IHSS recognition ceremony was held recently. The PSA is planning a new orientation format for new commissioners.

PSA 12 – Depew reported the Area Agency’s building lease will not be renewed, requiring moving the Senior Center, AAA, meal program, etc., all of which are housed under one roof. A fall prevention program is being planned. Tuolumne County has used Community Development Block Grant funding for senior programs; she suggests that others look into that.

PSA 23 – Siders reported the IHSS council held Town Hall meetings to gather information on needs from providers and recipients with positive results. The group is hoping that automatic deposit for provider checks will be implemented soon.

PSA 17 – Tucker reported on a recent elder abuse information event and the distribution of transportation information. The AAA will be fundraising to pay off interest on a credit line used when there was no state budget.

PSA 21 – Fromm reported on the Elder Californian Equality & Protection Act, which requires PSAs to assure LGBT-equity in services. He said his AAA had a booth at the Gay Pride event this week which drew much interest and raised awareness of attendees.

PSA 25 –Woods reported plans were underway for the 6th Annual Senior Art Exhibit in May. The Fall Senior Focus newsletter had been distributed with information on the fall prevention program, medication management , the SCSEP program and other programs. Woods announced this was his final TACC meeting due to term limits on the advisory council. The new chair is Patricia Wilson; Woods will be the alternate.

PSA 20 - Wilder reported on a successful Senior Day in September, where over 2000 seniors were served breakfast and lunch, received vendor information and general outreach. The Senior Affairs Commission hosted a table. The series of Senior Day forums will continue in February in Victorville and in the Morongo basin. The events are funded by the County Supervisors’ discretionary funds and vendors. Wilder said he was recently term-limited from his Advisory Council, but that would not impact his seat on TACC.

16. Committee Report

Legislative Committee – Large reviewed a summary of 2007 legislation from the November 13, 2007 Legislative Committee meeting. She requested information on legislative advocacy efforts by individual PSAs, noting that the differences in PSA authorizations may impact participation in legislative advocacy and TACC's activities. TACC directors summarized their councils' involvement in legislation, with most taking an active advocacy role. The group will evaluate that information in January when identifying the committee's structure and member's contributions.

17. Public Hearing on Olmstead by Assembly Member Berg – Cancelled Dialogue with the Department of Aging; Lynn Daucher and Laura Connolly.

18. Adjourn

President Wilder adjourned the meeting at 10:15 a.m. The next meeting will be January 23-24, 2008 at the Vagabond Inn, Sacramento.