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**AAA ADVISORY COUNCIL  
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

Wednesday, April 11, 2018  
Carnelian Room  
10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Crista Chelemedos, Jim Redding, Ruth Robeson, Rabon Saip, Don Streeper, Alain Serkissian, Hav Staggs

**Absent:** Judith Eisen, Peter Holewinski, Bob Picker, Jani Sheppard, Joy Lovinger

**Guests:** Danielle Bradley, Senator Marc McGuire; Josh Horn, Mirabel Lodge; Ellissa Reiff, North Bay Regional Center (NBRC); Ed Sheffield, Assemblymember Jim Wood, Calum Weeks, Assemblymember Marc Levine

**Staff:** Rhiannon Coxon, Mike Humphrey

**Minutes:** Victoria González-Allen

- 1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS:** (Robeson) meeting called to order at 10:35 a.m. all welcomed and introductions made
- 2. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY MINUTES: (ACTION)** – A motion to approve the February 14, 2018 Legislative committee meeting minutes. Redding/Streeper (MSC) to approve as presented; minutes approved unanimously. AYES – 5, NOES - 0, no abstentions.
- 3. CHAIR REPORT** (Robeson)
  - Last meeting as chair of the Legislative Committee due to resignation from the Advisory Council this month. The committee will need to vote in a temporary chair for May and June. At September's meeting, the committee will nominate and vote on the chair for the next fiscal year.
  - CSL Application sent out to all AC members on Monday
    - o Applications due to AAA on 4/23/2018
    - o Election is on 5/18/2018

*Horn, and Serkissian joined the meeting 10:39 a.m.*

- 4. ADVOCACY UPDATE** (Coxon)
  - \$178 million to Older Americans Act program; \$35 million to IIIB Case Management, Transportation and Alzheimer's Day; Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP) and CSEP programs removed from elimination.
  - Diane Kaljian, Sonoma County Area Agency on Aging Director and Lee Pullen from Marin Aging and Adult Services will be in Washington, D.C. for the annual National Association of Area Agencies on Aging (n4a) Policy Briefing. Will be visiting the offices of Senator Dianne Feinstein, Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi, Senator Kamala Harris, and Congressmen Jared Huffman and Mike Thompson.
- 5. PRESENTATION ON SB1040: ADDITIONAL IHSS HOURS FOR STATE DECLARED NATURAL DISASTERS, Mike Humphrey IHSS Public Authority Manager**

- SB1040 – expands services for IHSS when an emergency is declared. Advisory Council voted and approved to send a letter of support during at the March 21<sup>st</sup> meeting. The bill passed the Senate Human Services Committee and has moved on to Senate Appropriations Committee. If approved the bill will move to senate floor, then assembly, then on to Governor’s desk – Sheffield advised this is a well-supported bill.

**6. LEGISLATIVE FIELD REPRESENTATIVE UPDATES (Legislative Aides)**

- Weeks (Asm. Levine) – temporarily filling in for Melissa Apuya while she is out on leave. Will have more to report for May’s meeting.
- Bradley (Sen. McGuire) - fire recovery bills are a priority. SB833 – mandates wireless emergency alerts, software, equipment and training, passed unanimously out of committee; going to appropriations. Sonoma County alert system is capable of alerting geographically/regionally.SB897 - Insurance Packet regarding itemization requirement. Mutual Aid Bill \$184 million for mutual aid systems including modernization. SB929 - Special Districts Transparency Act, requires a website with pertinent information, easier for constituents to see what is going on in their districts. The month of April is when many committees meet to vote on bills. All bills need to pass out of house of origin by then end of the month.
- Sheffield (Asm. Wood) – many bills are in the House Appropriations Committee so there will be more to report at next meeting. AB2233 was introduced by Asm Ash Kalra and Asm Wood is now a coauthor. This bill seeks to expand and update the Assisted Living Waiver (ALW) program. –ALW started in 2005 as a pilot program. Then in 2009 the program was extended another 5 years to 2014, and has been extended again through 2019. Asm Wood’s office made some modifications to the bill and is currently in review at the Appropriations Committee. Contact Asm Kalra or Asm Wood’s office for support of bill. Group discussion regarding reimbursement of ALW, including the billing process has to be out-sourced additional cost of 3-4%; reimbursement less than Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNF); stricter requirements share room only 2 and kitchenette. Improving the administrative services is addressed in this bill. . The bill would also increase the number of available beds from 3,700 to 18,500.

*Weeks left the meeting 11:30am*

- Senior Rally Day – May 8, 2018
- Chelemedos – AB234 – Elder or dependent adult abuse related to public shaming in care facilities. There has been some opposition from employers that do not want to be held liable for their employee’s decisions when not at work. Changes to the bill language are due on April 17<sup>th</sup>.

*Sheffield, and Reiff left the meeting 11:51*

**7. UPDATE OF LEGISLATIVE TOPICS OF INTEREST (Committee Members)**

- California Senior Legislature (CSL) – Area Agency on Aging (AAA) very interested in filling the two Sonoma County slots. Application process requires 25 signatures, candidate doesn’t have to be from Advisory Council.
- Serkissian – Linkages to Senior Housing (LTSH) pilot program ends in June. Presentation going to the board on 4-17-2018 on Linkages to Senior Housing and other grants received to serve homeless senior population. Encourages all Advisory Council members to Serkissian for information on program to advocate to the BOS to continue the program.

- California Association of Area Agencies on Aging (C4A) supported bills distributed by Coxon, Coxon will email link. Bolded items connect to Long Term Care committee topic. Coxon advised committee to review bills and advise on which bills to support. Coxon reviewed how to research bills on the website [www.leginfo.ca.gov](http://www.leginfo.ca.gov).

**8. ADJOURN** (Robeson) meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday May 9, 2018 – 10:30 a.m.