



# Human Services Department

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## AAA ADVISORY COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

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Wednesday, March 14, 2018  
Carnelian Room  
10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

### DRAFT MINUTES QUORUM NOT PRESENT – MEETING CONTINUED UNOFFICIALLY

**Present:** Crista Chelemedos, Bob Picker, Jim Redding, Alain Serkissian, Hav Staggs, Don Streeper  
**Absent:** Judith Eisen, Peter Holewinski, Joy Lovinger, Rabon Saip, Ruth Robeson, Jani Sheppard  
**Guest:** Eloise Tweeten, Tweeten Eldercare/Public; Steve Panages, Senator Dodd  
**Staff:** Rhiannon Coxon  
**Minutes:** Victoria González-Allen

- 1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTITONS:** (Coxon) meeting called to order at 10:37am, all welcomed and introductions made.
  - **Quorum not present – meeting continued unofficially.**
- 2. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY MINUTES:** (ACTION) quorum not present, minutes will be approved at the next meeting where quorum is present.
- 3. CHAIR REPORT:** (Robeson) chair not present, no report.
- 4. ADVOCACY UPDATE:** (Coxon)
  - California Association of Area Agencies on Aging (c4a) Capitol Day 2-22-18 – Chelemedos, Coxon, Kaljian, Repp, and Robeson attended. The morning session was a series of presentations from c4a staff, the Director of Finance, Legislative Analyst's Office, Office of the Governor, Assembly Budget Committee, and Special Assistant to the Speaker. During the afternoon met with legislative aides of all local legislators and with Assemblymember Aguiar-Curry. Topics discussed –c4a nutrition budget request, Home Safe; a 3-year demonstration grant for Adult Protective Services (APS) that would assist homeless population, at risk seniors, or are in process of becoming homeless. It is important to attend these functions and speak with the legislators. c4a is creating infographics, Coxon can send document electronically.
  - May 8, 2018 - Senior Rally Day, organized by Seniors Count Coalition; large event with attendees from around the state. Morning session is reserved for speakers, afternoon session meet with representatives. Coxon in process of setting up visits with representatives to speak with them about Sonoma County and aging issues.
  - Sheffield will be presenting at Advisory Council meeting next week; 3-21-2018.
- 5. PRESENTATION ON SB 1040:** Additional IHSS Hours - For State Declared Natural Disasters. (IHSS Public Authority Manager) **CANCELLED.** Presentation will occur during April's meeting.

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

- Panages –SB1040 - In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS): Allows for additional IHSS hours to be assessed on a temporary basis when a natural disaster results in a state of emergency. Also expedites reissuing paychecks to IHSS providers during a state of emergency if the paycheck is lost or damaged. This is part of the legislative package addressing fire relief and recovery.

**7. Update of Legislative Topics of Interest (Committee Members)**

- Chelemedos – testified last week at Health & Human Services Senate Subcommittee and provided a recap. California Long-Term Care Ombudsman Association (CLTCOA) - budget request and bill to raise baseline funding for Ombudsman programs, from \$35,000 to \$100,000. CLTCOA supports AB 2324 - Elder or dependent adult abuse: public shaming, Author Rubio; Chelemedos can provide more details on bills.

**8. ADJOURN (Coxon)** meeting adjourned 11:46 a.m.

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday April 11, 2018 – 10:30 a.m.

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