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AAA ADVISORY COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Wednesday May 10, 2017
Carnelian Room
10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

MEETING

Present: Crista Chelemedos, Peter Holewinski, Sumedha Mona Khanna MD, Bob Picker, Jim Redding, Rabon Saip, Hav Staggs, Don Streeper, **Via Telephone:** Susan Kornblatt Idell

Absent: Bonnie Koagedal, Joy Lovinger, Alain Serkissian, Ellisa Reiff, Ruth Robeson

Guest: Laura Beltran (Assemblymember Aguiar-Curry), Ellie Bloch (California Senior Legislature/Marin County Commission on Aging), Lee Pullen (Marin Aging & Adult Services, Director), Richard Ruge, (Disaster Preparedness for Vulnerable People (DP4VP), Pat Sabo (Senator McGuire), Ed Sheffield (Assemblymember Wood)

Staff: Gary Fontenot, Tracy Repp, Rhiannon Coxon, Norine Doherty, Victoria González-Allen

1. **CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS** (Picker) - meeting called to order at 10:30 a.m.
2. **APPROVAL OF APRIL MINUTES (ACTION)** (Picker) – motion to approve April 12, 2017 meeting minutes. Redding/Khanna (MSC) to approve as presented; motion passed unanimously.
3. **CHAIR REPORT** (Picker)
 - Welcome guests; Lee Pullen, Marin Aging & Adult Services and Ellie Bloch, Member California Senior Legislature (CSL) and Marin County Commission on Aging
 - New Legislative Committee (LC) chair for FY 17/18 to be selected at June meeting
 - Topic reviews will be completed in September and two will be selected to focus on for next year
4. **ADVOCACY UPDATE** (Coxon)
 - Older Americans Act (OAA) slight funding increase
 - Continuing Resolution at federal level, local impact not certain
 - Slight increase to IIIB funding, and reduction to HICAP and to Senior Employment program
 - California Association of Area Agencies on Aging (c4a) proposed bills AB614 Information & Assistance Specialist for Alzheimer's and Dementia and AB1200 - Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC) passed through committee

- District meetings with representatives are being scheduled. Meeting on June 23 with Aguiar-Curry in Napa
- Senior Rally Day 5/11 with visits scheduled in the afternoon with representatives or their aides

5. LEGISLATIVE FIELD REPRESENTATIVE UPDATES (Legislative Aides)

- Beltran - All bills are in appropriations and are being reviewed for financial impact. Bills that pass this stage move on to assembly floor. The Governor's revision of the state budget proposals will be announced tomorrow, May 11, 2017.
- Sheffield – Wood's bills are mostly healthcare related, most are in appropriations, and 1/3 of bills have been moved to the senate. Highlights: AB62 Smoke Free in Public Housing, law redefines what smoking is by including smoking electronic cigarettes and marijuana; AB156 and AB157, modify language due to changes in Affordable Care Act (ACA); AB265 Pharmacy Coupon and Prescription Drug discount, which prohibits manufacturer from offering the state any discount rebates for product vouchers if there is a less expensive generic brand available; AB275 Skilled Nursing Facility must provide timely 30-day notice to Long-Term Care (LTC)/Ombudsman before closing a facility.
- Sabo - SB562 Single Payer Insurance, cuts out the middleman; McGuire co-authored. In June McGuire is holding a town hall meeting in Marin County. Topic is Single Payer Health Insurance, and co-author Senator Lara will be in attendance. Sabo will provide additional talking points regarding this bill. McGuire is sponsoring a budget request for a pilot program to provide nutritious home delivered meals for terminally ill patients such as the Ceres program in Sebastopol. The additional funding of \$2,000,000 each year for a period of three years would be available statewide.
- Chelemedos - AB550-Ombudsman readjustment of formula for baseline funding currently at \$35,000 established in 1989. The bill would cost \$2.2 million and is currently in appropriations committee review. AB940 – Discharge notice from a Skilled Nursing Facility to Ombudsman moving to assembly floor – bill proposal is to codify language of timely notification, currently there is no time frame on the notice requirement.

6. UPDATE OF LEGISLATIVE TOPICS OF INTEREST (Committee Members)

No updates at this time.

7. California Senior Legislature Presentation - Bloch, CSL Member & Pullen, Director Marin Aging and Adult Services

- Picker advised the committee does not currently have a representative for the California Senior Legislature (CSL)
- Pullen thanked Legislative Committee for inviting them to the meeting and gave overview of Marin committees/council
- Commissioner Bloch presented on the need for Northern California to be represented at the CSL and the structure and purpose of the group
- CSL is comprised of a Joint Rules Committee, a Legislative Committee and a Policy Committee with representatives throughout the state. CSL members have four year terms and meet yearly in October in Sacramento to draft policy and write legislation. They vote on the top 10 bills for the following legislative cycle and then approach legislators to sponsor those bills

- CSL is a state agency (not a nonprofit) but is not funded by the state. The CSL's primary funding source is the voluntary check off on the California State Income Tax Return along with private donors. In order for agencies to remain on the State Income Tax Check-Off Form they must earn at least \$250,000. CSL was removed because they did not reach this amount
- Assemblymember Levine sponsored AB 519 to replace CSL on the Tax Check-Off Form under a new title: California Senior Citizen Advocacy Fund
- Last year, CSL was granted their budget request for \$500,000 one-time-only funding from the state. They have used \$125,000 and are requesting the state carryover the remaining \$375,000
- CSL's budget includes an annual \$72,000 management fee paid to the State of California, employing an Operations Manager, and convening the annual October planning meeting

8. ADJOURN (Picker) 11:53 a.m.

Next Meeting: Wednesday June 14, 2017 – 10:30 a.m.

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