

SACRAMENTO COUNTY ADULT AND AGING COMMISSION

Commission Minutes 2-23-05

Adult & Aging Commission Attendance List:

Commissioners Present

Peggy Forseth-Andrews, Chair
Al Blum
Barney Donnelly
Geri Esposito
Norman Fong
Rosemary Jones

Bettie Howell
Janet Heath
Kelly Patterson
Jewell Senegal
Jayna Karpinski- Costa, City of Citrus
Heights Ex-Officio

Commissioners Absent

Tessa Janian, Vice Chair
Linda Deavens
Reggie Williams
Devara Berger
Nejla Shifa
Mary Ann Chappelle

Jim Sanford
Aggie Hanchey, Galt Ex-Officio
Lynn Davis, Sacramento County Ex-
Officio
Vincene Roger-Jones, Sacramento Ex-
Officio

Guests Present

Bert Bettis	Senior Adult Services
Toua Thao	IHSS
Kathleen Schwartz	IHSS
Deidre Kolodney	APS Consultant/Oversight/EDRT Liaison
Jim Hunt	DHHS
Mollie Gelder	Roseville Senior Commission
Judi Turteltaub	Jewish Family Services
Bernice Zaborski	DHHS, Division of Mental Health
Lisa Smith-Youngs	Senior Connection
Linda Hoschler	Hart Senior Center
Katharine De Young	Dept. Human Assistance
Bernadette Lynch	IHSS Public Authority
Suzanne Leininger	Pioneer Towers

Staff

Amy Noakes, Senior Program Manager Esther Flatto, Program Associate

I. CALL TO ORDER

Peggy Forseth-Andrews, Chair called the meeting to order. A quorum was in attendance.

II. CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved (Blum), seconded (Esposito) to approve the consent calendar as amended. Motion passed unanimously.

Several Commissioners attended a public hearing on the results of the A4AA Senior Survey.

III. REPORTS

A. Chair's Discretion

The Commission has been invited to hear Senator Boxer speak on social security privatization and why it is a bad idea on February 24, 2005 at 10:15 am at Paratransit. Peggy attended the A4AA Governing Board meeting where three people spoke on behalf of Infoline. The A4AA Governing Board decided to put Infoline on probation and reduce their funding by 6%. These funds will be put into a type of Escrow account until June and will be returned once they meet their scope of service. **A motion was made (Blum)/seconded (Donnelly) to have Executive Committee create an agreement with Infoline to assist them in their outreach efforts. Motion passed unanimously.**

Potential outreach requirements may include the Commission to have both Infoline and AAC banners at outreach events, and conduct a small training for Commissioners in order to be considered official Infoline volunteers. Chair, Forseth-Andrews requested the Commission to begin looking at non-traditional outreach for Infoline. Ms. Howell requested the Commission be provided with periodic reports on Infoline's status. The Cathedral Neighborhood Spring clean up was a success! Supervisor Dickinson pledged to support the Center if funding becomes available.

The Commission presented its 2004 Annual Report to the Board of Supervisors on February 22. KXJZ-Capitol Public Radio (NPR) did a sound bite on February 23rd regarding the agreement that was reached between the Commission and the DMV to distribute brochures to seniors whose licenses have been revoked. The Board asked Chair Forseth-Andrews to thank the Commission for their work and advocacy. Ms. Howell complimented the Chair on her presentation to the Board.

The next Senior Profile Ad-hoc Committee meeting will be March 15, from 11:00 am-1:00 pm at Senior Adult Services.

B. Committee Chairs' Updates

1. Executive Committee—Peggy Forseth-Andrews

Executive Committee reviewed the roles and expectations of Community Liaisons. The Committee also scheduled a meeting with A4AA to reach a mutual agreement regarding Focal Points. A4AA is considering the expansion of Focal Points and has asked the Commission to participate in these efforts. The Committee defined the goals and objectives of the Senior Profile Ad-hoc Committee. The Committee approved the Commission's participation and sponsorship of Senior Celebration Day at the Zoo on March 5, and the African American Healthy Aging Summit on March 12.

2. Program Review and Development Committee- Amy Noakes

PRD discussed its role in relation to the Phase II Senior Profile Ad-hoc Committee. Also discussed was the Commission's role in locating sites for oral health screenings, which



will be tabled until May when the grant is awarded. Staff will work with the Committee to develop a white paper on oral health care for seniors in Sacramento. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding PRD's role in reviewing A4AA program evaluations and the JPEC reports. They will be reviewing the reports to date at the next meeting, and then on a regular basis thereafter.

Announcements: March 7-9, United We Ride Mobility Summit (3/7), Planning for Aging California- An Invitational Forum (3/8), White House Conference On Aging Solutions Forum (3/9).

3. Outreach Committee – Al Blum

Outreach reviewed their commitment for participation and sponsorship of the African American Healthy Aging Summit, and discussed developing a revised brochure to recruit commissioners at Outreach events.

4. Oversight Committee – Kelly Patterson

The Committee reviewed cases from the Public Conservators Office that were referred from Adult Protective Services. They were pleased to announce that they found no significant deficiencies in the execution of the cases.

C. Commissioner's Comments

- Geri Esposito accepted an invitation to participate on a SRO Task Force, which will examine the status of downtown SROs and redevelopment concerns.
- Norman Fong announced there is a senior housing complex on 5th and I Street, Ping Yuen Apartments, which provides low-income housing for seniors and is trying to reach out to low-income seniors of diverse backgrounds. He also announced that the Asian Community Center of Sacramento Valley is embarking on a new project that will study the feasibility of building a new long-term care facility for Asian Americans. They are seeking community input on the project and more information can be found at <http://www.accsv.org/>.
- Jewell Senegal agreed to participate in the African American Healthy Aging Summit planning committee.
- Kelly Patterson announced that on March 22 the Alzheimer's Association's will be having their Annual Educational Conference. This event is free to the general public.
- Janet Heath announced this weekend is the UC Davis Mini-Medical School. Please contact the Center for Healthy Aging for more information. Janet is going to attend a meeting on Planning for an Aging California. She attended a teleconference on Medi-Cal Redesign. She offered to provide a synopsis of the meeting to the Commission.
- Peggy Forseth-Andrews announced that Joe Montoya and Cordia Wade were honored as 2 of 25 Outstanding Senior Leaders.



D. Staff Updates

Please remember to fill out and return Commissioner self-evaluations by Monday, February 28th.

To date there have been 956 hits on the Adult and Commission's website and 729 Senior Profiles have been disseminated.

Reggie Williams's wife relayed he is doing better and most recently made a phone call and is beginning to write again.

IV. AGENCY REPORTS

A. DHHS Senior and Adult Services Division - Bert Bettis

The Sacramento County System of Protection Strategic Plan was presented to the Executive Task Force. The report will be presented to the Board of Supervisors in May. April 4-10 is *National Public Health Week* and DHHS will be working with the Public Health Division to provide public service announcements.

The Simitian Bill –SB 308 in which \$2.00 from real estate sales goes to a financial abuse trust fund, was vetoed by the Governor last year and forwarded to the Office of Emergency Services. The bill is being reintroduced this year; Sacramento County and CWDA both support the bill. Assembly member Evans introduced a resolution to designate one week per year as "IHSS caregiver's Recognition Week". Ms. Bettis introduced two new IHSS Quality Assurance/Social Workers.

B. DHA Volunteer Services – Katharine De Young

Bill Young received a 2005 Older Volunteers Award by the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging and was recognized among 25 extraordinary older volunteers by the Sacramento Foster Grandparent Program.

The Department of Human Assistance launched CALWIN, a database that tracks information and benefits to clients. The new system provides the ability to fill out one application and learn what services they are eligible for. It allows multiple points of entry into the human services system with less paperwork. The goal is to implement a network statewide that reduces information duplication and increases quality assurance.

VI. Liaison Updates

A. IHSS Public Authority Advisory Council Liaison - Betty Wright

Betty Wright announced that after serving on the IHSS Committee for 5 years, her term will end in June. She introduced Bernadette Lynch, who is the Director of the IHSS Public Authority.

Ms. Wright gave an update on the Advisory Council's accomplishments. They recently distributed over 6,000 brochures and newsletter produced by the Council. A caregiver's coffee club had its first meeting and plans on meeting again in the future.



IHSS Public Authority completed negotiations with SEIU, which resulted in increased health benefits, and added dental coverage for IHSS workers. They have also been involved in promoting *Caregiver's Month* throughout Sacramento County. IHSS Public Authority and the local police department have been working together to implement broader background checks. Staff has also been involved in caregiver recruitment and culturally specific recruitment of providers in Galt and Folsom. They have increased the number of classes offered to caregivers from 26% to 27.8%. Currently they are trying to reach out to more people for the IHSS registry and are working to increase the number of eligible applicants. In May, IHSS will make a request for funding to the Board of Supervisors for \$12,000 of county funds needed to participate in the registry. The goal is to allocate funds throughout the state of California specifically for background checks.

B. Elder Death Review Team (EDRT) Liaison - Deirdre Kolodney

The first annual EDRT report was presented to the Board of Supervisors in January. The report included goals, recommendations and the need to form a steering committee. The steering committee will address the language of the penal codes and will begin putting together the next report. The Sacramento Bee wrote several articles about the team. The District Attorney's office brought forth cases for prosecution as a result of the release of the report. The goal of the team is to provide education to providers within the system.

V. PRESENTATIONS / DISCUSSIONS

A. Mental Health Services Act (MHSA)- Jim Hunt

Jim Hunt, Director of DHHS, provided an overview of the Mental Health Services Act, which is a 1% tax on those who make over one million dollars annually. The funds are to be used for services that are not already provided. Each County is responsible for submitting a plan by March 15 on how they will use the funds. The five goals are 1) Prevention/early intervention, 2) Outreach, 3) Education, 4) Access and linkage to medical care, 5) Treating mental illness like any other illness. The distribution of funds for 2005 will be: 45% Education and training; 45% Facilities/IT; 5% Local planning; 5% State implementation.

VI. OTHER /ANNOUNCEMENTS

VII. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned.

