

**Contra Costa County Advisory Council on Aging  
Health Work Group Minutes  
Thursday, August 8, 2019**

**Call to Order:** Susan Frederick called the meeting to order at 9:30 am.

**Present:** Susan Frederick, Jennifer Doran, Dennis Yee, Nuru Neemuchwalla, Terri Tobey, Fred Adams

**Absent:** Joanna Kim-Selby, Brian O'Toole, Nancy Leasure

**Staff:** Anthony Macias and Glenda Pacha

**Approval of Agenda/Minutes**

- No comments
- Approve April Agenda – Jennifer Doran moved to approve agenda, Dennis Yee motioned 2<sup>nd</sup>, unanimously approved.
- Approve March Minutes –Fred Adam moved to approve minutes as amended, Dennis Yee motioned 2<sup>nd</sup>, unanimously approved.

**Announcements and Correspondence: Susan Frederick, Chair**

- Still no movement on Meals-on-Discharge project

**Public Comment:** None

**Presentation:** Caregiver Conference attended by Terri Tobey

- Terri reported that the event was very well attended by caregivers as it was co-sponsored by Family Caregiver Alliance and Area Agency on Aging.
- The mayor of Pleasant Hill gave a welcoming address and Dr. Heather Young was the keynote speaker.
- Kathy Kelly, director of Family Caregiver Alliance, spoke of gaps for caregivers and providers;
- The conference very informative as there was talking amongst people at each table of the various issues surrounding caregiving of older population.
- The members of each table were tasked with brainstorming on resources and ideas. These were then shared with the other members of the attendees.
- Some takeaways from the conference were that a lot more funding is needed to lobby at legislative level for more attention to caregivers and their issues. Also more organization among caregivers and their champions to create a movement.

DISCUSSION: Glenda stated that a written summary of the caregiver event was ready and will be distributed to members of this workgroup.

Creation of a flyer for caregiver resources with number to call for information was one idea explored.

## **AARP Updates**

Nuru Neemuchwalla reported on

- AARP is supporting legislation SB512- This bill would establish the California Long-Term Services and Supports Benefits Board (LTSS Board), to be composed of 9 specified members, including, among others, the Treasurer as chair, the Secretary of California Health and Human Services as vice chair, and 3 members will be appointed by the Governor. The bill would require the LTSS Board to manage and invest revenue deposited in the California Long-Term Services and Supports Benefits Trust Fund (LTSS Trust), which the bill would create in the State treasury, *Treasury*, to, upon appropriation, finance long-term services and supports for eligible individuals.

## **Legislative Report**

Nancy Leasure (absent)

- No Report

## **Dementia/Alzheimer's:**

Jennifer Doran reported on

- AB388 passed full assembly, placed in Health committee for consent and then will next go to governor's desk for signature.
- If/When bill passes 6 pilot counties will be eligible for grants to different health departments with 5 million for programs working with dementia.
- HR1873 Improving Hope for Alzheimer's Act: Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned; Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- HR1903 - Younger Onset Alzheimer's Act introduced to House in March.

## **Nursing Homes:**

Fred reported on

- The regulatory agency CMS is now complicit in with findings of poor management of nursing homes; court case regarding MediCare coverage should not be based upon potential improvements but present need for skilled care; 75% never meet staffing for SNF; 1 in 5 fail to meet minimum standards.
- Residents' Rights and Protections Rolled back by CMS Rules, article in The National Consumer Voice to be included in this month's minutes.
- Yountville state run veterans' home is planning expansion for long term care residence-240 bed SNF; to be completed by 2024.

## **Caregiver Resources:**

- Nothing to report

## **Homelessness**

- Nothing to report

**Public Comment** – None

**Action Items for Executive Committee:** None

**Future Meetings:** September 12, 2019

Adjourn 11:15 am