



SCAC Monthly Reports

Month & Year: January 2021

1. Standing Committee: **Legislative**

Tony Cardenas, the League of California Cities, gave a presentation to the Legislative Committee. He highlighted the following items:

- COVID related shutdowns have resulted in the loss of revenue for Orange County cities. This amounts to \$3 billion. This revenue loss will affect services in 2021 as well as creating employee furloughs.
- Unfunded pension obligations are also a problem.
- The county will receive no money from the failed Proposition 15.
- Affordable housing is a major issue for the county. It is possible that the State Legislature may take up this issue. The impact of the wildfires and COVID are the other two significant statewide issues.

The Committee decided to establish an ad hoc committee to look into long terms such as No Senior Goes Hungry.

The Legislative Committee will have a new Chair and Vice Chair for the years 2021 and 2022.

Because of holidays on the 3rd Mondays of January and February, the meetings will occur on the 2nd Mondays (January 11 and February 8).

The topic for the January meeting will be the California Senior Legislature by John Pointer.

2. Standing Committee: **Health & Nutrition**

- Meeting called to order by Meredith Chillemi on January 20, 2021 at 1 pm via Zoom
- Group recited the Pledge of Allegiance
- Karisa Murrietta conducted the Roll Call
 - Meredith Chillemi introduced guest Crystal Miles, Mayor of Villa Park. Crystal shared that she is hoping to join the Health and Nutrition Committee. Guest Ann Mudry is also applying to be a Health and Nutrition Committee member.
 - Frank Hernandez provided the Office on Aging Update. He is focusing on continuing to pivot health promotion classes to an online format. Three older adults completed the last online class that was offered.
- Chair Items –

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- Patty Mouton volunteered to serve as the Health and Nutrition Committee Vice Chair.
- The group reviewed past presenters from the last two years, and then dialogued about the 2021 presentation schedule. Each presenter will speak for approximately 30 minutes and then take questions. The following ideas were discussed:
 - ❖ AgeWell, Meals on Wheels Orange County for Home Delivered Meals updates.
 - ❖ 5 Ways to Improve Your Oral Health – Dave Sullivan, DDS, booked for February’s meeting.
 - ❖ The Health Benefits of Volunteerism – One OC. Meredith Chillemi will reach out for a speaker.
 - ❖ Health Care Decisions - Advanced Care Planning – Patty Mouton will speak or try to arrange a speaker.
 - ❖ Orange County Food Pantries from the 3 areas of OC – LaVal Brewer will speak and invite two other speakers.
 - ❖ Fall Prevention, Adaptive Equipment and Home Modifications Topic – Frank Hernandez will seek a speaker.
 - ❖ Medicare – What’s New in 2022 – Linda Cardoza will present in October
 - ❖ Skin Protections – Crystal Miles will arrange a speaker.
 - ❖ Heart and Stroke Awareness, Dave Sullivan to reach out to UCI Health; Phil Orland will reach to American Heart Association
 - ❖ Medication Management – Bill Liu; if someone provides his email address, Meredith Chillemi will reach out to him.
 - ❖ Cancer Code –Patty Mouton will reach out to Dr. Dung Trinh
 - ❖ Physical Fitness – Phil Orland will reach out to Sean Floyd
 - ❖ Suicide Prevention, Mental Health – Linda Cardoza will reach out to OC Health for a speaker
 - ❖ Memory and Blue Zones – Phil Orland will reach out to Gary Smalls
- The group also discussed the importance of inviting colleagues and older adults to these presentations in order to increase awareness of programs and services.
- No old business
- Announcements and Roundtable Discussion
 - Patty Mouton shared Alzheimer’s OC has partnered with the OC Health Care Agency to create a COVID Positive Unit. People with dementia who are not able to return home can stay for 14 to 21 days. Dave Sullivan commented that Patty’s work with this unit has been amazing and that a gentleman who was dying was able to have a special room at the unit and say goodbye to his family.
 - Dave Sullivan announced that the Huntington Beach Legion Post has been providing client assistance for medical care, food and home safety.

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- The meeting adjourned at 1:57pm

3. Standing Committee: **Housing & Transportation**

SNEMT (Senior Non-Emergency Medical Transportation) Ride costs have increased due to COVID required cleaning after each trip. Ridership has been trending down also due to COVID, not able to transport as many people. Going to send out survey to customers for satisfaction information. Trips are usually for chemo, dialysis, COVID vaccinations, with no shopping or causal trips. Average cost per trip in October from \$43.91 to \$51.91. Average trip length 5.39 - 6.12 miles. Trips provided in Area 1: 2,079, Area 2: 1,850 miles, and Area 3: 3,149 miles.

PRESENTATION:

Todd Cottle, C&C Development Co., Altrudy Lane Senior Affordable Apartment plans in Yorba Linda. Todd Cottle, C&C development Company gave an excellent presentation. This will be 48 affordable senior living apartments in Yorba Linda. In 2002 property was acquired in Yorba Linda and in 2008 identified as affordable housing complex. 2012 property was rezoned for potential apartments. 2020 construction began and complex is for 62+ years old. 58 parking spaces available and it's a gated community. Apartments are 686-972 square get per unit. One- and two-bedroom apartments with many amenities, including dog park, community exercise room, BBQ's and Central Air/Heat. Conveniently located, walking distance to town center, library and shopping. WIFI available with approximate rental fees of \$1,100 per month. All appliances are provided, refrigerators, stoves, except microwave ovens are not induced. Elizabeth Busick noted and questioned lack of microwaves, and the answer was not real clear why not provided.

NEW BUSINESS:

Linda Barcelona has agreed to volunteer as Vice Chair for H&T Committee.

PRESENTATION SCHEDULE- 2021:

April 2021, Gene Hernandez seeking speaker from OCTA May 2021, Tish leon seeking speaker regarding Mobil Homes August 2021, Jerry Chang and Juneau Kim coordinate speaker

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Annual report to be finalized at February meeting after committee reviews final draft.

H&T Goals to be finalized at February meeting draft of goals to be emailed to committee prior to meeting due date for submissions. After I review changes then will compile and submit to committee for finalization.

Meeting adjourned at 11:10 am.

4. Emergency Medical Care Committee Report

No update.

5. OCTA Special Needs Advisory Committee Report

No update.

6. Triple-AAA Council of California (TACC) Report

No report provided.

7. CA Senior Legislature (CSL) Report

| Bill # | AUTHOR | SUMMARY | CSL AUTHOR | STATUS |
|--------|-------------|---|---------------------|---|
| AB 98 | Frazier | Health Care: Medical Goods: Reuse Redistribution This bill would require California Department of Aging (CDA) to establish a 3-year pilot program in the Counties of Contra Costa, Napa and Solano to facilitate the reuse and redistribution of durable medical equipment and home health supplies. | <u>Baginski</u> | Assembly Aging & Long-Term Care Committee Hearing 4/6/21 |
| AB 383 | Salas | Mental Health: Older Adults: This bill would establish within the State Department of Health Care Services an Older Adult Mental Health Services Administrator to oversee mental health services for older adults. The bill would require that position to be funded with administrative funds from the Mental Health Services Fund. The bill would prescribe the functions of the administrator and its responsibilities. | <u>Krohn (2019)</u> | From printer. May be heard in committee March 5. |
| TBD | E. Garcia | Senior Malnutrition Awareness Day | Pointer | Waiting for bill number to be assigned. |
| TBD | L. Calderon | Medi Cal: Long Term Care: Personal Needs Allowance: Increases the personal needs allowance from \$35 to \$80 per month and annually adjusts the allowance by the same percentage as the Consumer Price Index. | Wilder | Waiting for bill number to be assigned. |

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| AB 14 | Aguiar-Curry | Internet for All Act of 2021: Prioritizes the deployment of broadband infrastructure in the most vulnerable and unserved rural and urban communities by utilizing the CA Advanced Services Fund (CASF) to provide community grants to bridge the digital divide. | Assembly Communications and Conveyance Committee |
| AB 23 | Chen | EDD Cross Check System: By July 1, 2021 EDD would be required to cross-check all claimant information with state and county correctional facility inmate data to determine claimant eligibility. | Assembly Insurance Committee |
| AB 29 | Cooper | State Bodies: Increasing Public Access: Requires all materials and writings associated with an agenda item to be publicly available at least 72 hours prior to any meeting. | Assembly Governmental Organization Committee |
| AB 323 | Kalra | Long Term Care Facilities: Accountability: Updates long-term care facility citation penalties and standards for negligent care to safeguard nursing home and long-term care facility residents. | From printer. May be heard in committee February 26. |
| SB 48 | Limón | Dementia and Alzheimer’s Disease: All general internists and family physicians would need to complete at least 4 hours of mandatory continuing education on the special care needs of patients with dementia. Upon license renewal at least 10 hours of continuing education would be required. This bill would ensure that individuals living with dementia and Alzheimer’s disease receive a timely diagnosis. | Referred to Senate Business, Professions and Economic Development Committee |
| SB 56 | Durazo | Health4All Seniors: Ensures that all low-income seniors who qualify for publicly funded Medi-Cal have access to quality care regardless of Immigration status. | Referred to Senate Health Committee |
| SB 107 | Weiner | Easing Access to Cal Fresh: Simplifies the Cal Fresh application process by requiring the Dept of Social Services to implement all elements of the Federal Elderly Simplified Application Project (ESAP) under its existing Cal Fresh program, including a simplified application. Additionally, this requires by 2024, all counties offer the ability to apply for and recertify Cal Fresh benefits over the phone. | Referred to Senate Human Services Committee |
| SB 221 | Weiner | Timely Mental Health Care: Establishes timely access standards for mental health care follow-up appointments needed by patients in ongoing, medically necessary treatment for mental health and substance use disorders. This addresses current widespread, lengthy delays in follow-up care. | Referred to Senate Health Committee |

8. OC Strategic Plan on Aging (OCSPA)

No update provided.

9. Social Security Administration

No update provided.

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