

**JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
AGING AND ADULT SERVICES**

Minutes

**Wednesday, January 15, 2020, 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 am
1650 Mission Street, 5th Floor, Golden Gate Conference Room**

Call to Order:

Co-chair Diane Lawrence called the meeting to order at 9:06am

Roll Call:

Present: Diane Lawrence, Commissioner Knutzen, Margaret Graf, Allegra Fortunati

Absent: Commissioner Vriheas, Patti Spaniak, Anne Warren

Guests: none

Staff: Cindy Kauffman, Valerie Coleman

Approval of Agenda: January 15th agenda approved.

Approval of Minutes: September 18th minutes approved.

Legislative Reports: Cindy provided an update on the budget. The Governor released a preliminary budget early January, including:

- Expansion of Medicare coverage to older adults regardless of immigration status;
- MediCal for All (or CalAim) provides a wider range of services and supports;
- Increasing Supplemental Security Income (SSI) by January 2021;
- A 16% increase in In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) costs;
- Funding for County needs assessments;
- Establishing a behavioral health task force and funding for quality improvement programs;
- One time fund for a coordination and training program addressing Alzheimer's;
- Funding for homeless older adults and those at risk for homelessness;
- Extends suspension date by 18 months of funding appropriated for IHSS, ADRC's, and nutrition programs;
- Nursing facility financing reform;
- Funding for Veterans services including mental health services and supports;
- Funding to establish and administer the California Consumer Financial Protection Law;

- Additional funding to enhance the state's emergency preparedness and response capabilities.

More info can be found here: <http://www.ebudget.ca.gov/2020-21/pdf/BudgetSummary/FullBudgetSummary.pdf>

California Senior Legislature

Allegra shared the CSL priorities that were issued last fall. The CSL will visit Assembly and House members to assess interest in the various proposals and priorities about possibly turning them into bills. Also mentioned presentation the CSL received about the online advocacy letter portal and discussion about possible presentation for the JLC in the future.

New Business:

Cindy provided Federal updates, including:

- Funding increases for most Older American's Act (OAA) programs and services;
- HiCap program was preserved and a funding increase and restores the program to previous program levels prior to 2017;
- Level funded the evidenced based health and wellness programs;
- Elder justice and protective services received a funding increase for the Ombudsman;
- Funding for the Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRC's);
- Additional senior programs were either flat level funded or increased funding; and
- Reauthorizes Older American's Act through 2026, including a 6-7% funding increase (depending on the year).

Old Business:

No old business.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

No announcements.

NEXT JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING: Wednesday, February 19th

Meeting was ADJOURNED at 9:58 am