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LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Thursday, May 5, 2022
10 – 10:30 a.m.

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Roll Call (indicates present, >=4 constitutes quorum):

Lisa Brinkmann, Chair Diana López, Vice-Chair Allan Bortel Sybil Boutilier
 Sylvia Barry Salamah Locks Lauren Vreeland Long

1. Call to Order
2. Open Time for Public Expression
3. Consent Agenda - Members of the MCCoA Legislative Committee by consent of this agenda move to approve the following bills and vote to support them by sending letters to our legislators (Levine and McGuire) as well as posting a letter of support to the Legislature portal on behalf of the Marin County Commission on Aging.

If any committee member does not wish to support these bills, they must contact the Committee Chair, Lisa Brinkmann, to have the contested bill removed from this consent agenda.

AB-2145 Dental services: skilled nursing facilities and intermediate care facilities/developmentally disabled

This bill would provide that a registered dental hygienist in alternative practice may render dental services to a patient in a skilled nursing facility or an intermediate care facility/developmentally disabled.

The bill would also authorize a registered dental hygienist in alternative practice to provide oral health in-service training to staff in a skilled nursing facility or an intermediate care facility/developmentally disabled.

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Basically, it expands the current law to allow for another practitioner (other than a dentist) who can practice without supervision to provide the dental care and to teach the staff about oral care that could improve dentition and possibly avoid dental problems or emergencies by identifying those oral problems. This bill may be helpful in that few dentists make the visits to SNFs and many residents go without dental care. Staff at SNF/ICF have little knowledge of dental / oral health beyond brushing teeth.

AB-2338 Health care decisions: decisionmakers and surrogates

This bill would authorize legally recognized health care decisionmakers, in an order of priority, to make health care decisions on a patient's behalf if the patient lacks the capacity to make a health care decision. If a patient does not have a legally recognized health care decisionmaker, the bill would specify individuals, in an order of priority, who may be chosen as a surrogate if the patient lacks the capacity to make a health care decision.

AB 2511 - Skilled nursing facilities: backup power source

This bill requires a SNF to have an alternative source of power during a power outage to protect resident health and safety for no fewer than 96 hours. SNF residents must be in an environment at a safe temperature. Compliance will require a generator, batteries, or a combination with a renewable electrical generation facility.

This is a high priority in California with our wildfire, earthquake, flood or natural disaster risks. I believe we should support this bill. It was last looked at by the legislature on the 24th of this month.

SB 861 - Dementia Care Navigator Grant Program

Establishes a Dementia Care Navigator Grant program, administered by the California Dept of Aging in partnership with organizations using community health workers, promotores and health navigators. Those organizations would apply for the grants on a competitive basis. Those that win the grants will be required to provide an annual report.

Current projections indicate that the number of persons living with Alzheimer's disease will expand by 127%. Communities of color will shoulder the disproportionate share: Hispanic x 3, Black x 3, Asians x 2. This bill acknowledges the MPA, Bold goals; Health Reimagined, Dementia in Focus.

The DCN training services may include: personalized Plan Of Care, linking family members to resources, educating patients and their families about local clinical trials, assessing needs for safety, legal planning, financial planning and transportation.

AB-1884 Hospice care: standards

This bill would amend our current Health and Safety code Section 1752 to require hospice inspections every three years by an authorized representative of the state. The results of inspections will be available to the public. In addition, this bill would require that the recertification of the terminal illness of a patient be conducted by at least one independent physician in conjunction with the medical director of the hospice or the physician member of the hospice interdisciplinary group, to the extent permitted by federal law.

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AB 2547 -Housing Stabilization to Prevent and End Homelessness Among Older Adults and People with Disabilities

This bill would require the California Department of Aging, by December 31, 2023, to create and administer the Housing Stabilization to Prevent and End Homelessness Among Older Adults and People with Disabilities Program.

The bill would require the department, in administering the program, to offer competitive grants to nonprofit community-based organizations, continuums of care, and public housing authorities to administer a housing subsidy program for older adults and persons with a disability that are experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness. The bill would require the department, in establishing program guidelines, to prioritize communities where renters face high rates of poverty, displacement, gentrification, and homelessness.

4. Adjournment

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