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| <b>COMMITTEE:</b> Legislative   | <b>DATE:</b> June 1, 2018 | <b>LOCATION:</b> 10 N. San Pedro Rd., Room 1025 |
| <b>PRESENT:</b> Bloch, Bortel, Boutilier, Dowling, <i>Lubamersky</i><br><b>EXCUSED:</b> López, <i>Dick, McKeon, Mills</i> |                           |   |
| <b>RECORDER:</b> Michele McCabe   |                           |   |
| <b>NEXT MEETING:</b> Friday, July 27, 2018 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. at 10 N San Pedro Rd. Room 1023                              |                           |   |

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| <p><b>Call to Order:</b><br/>Co-Chair Boutilier called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.</p> <p><b>Agenda Approval:</b><br/>The agenda was approved as changed.</p> <p><b>Meeting Minutes Approval:</b><br/>These are the first minutes for this committee.</p> <p><b>Open Time for Public Expression:</b> There were no members of the public present.</p> <p><b>Legislative Aide Reports:</b> There were no formal legislative aide reports.</p> <p><b>Co-Chair's Report:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Co-Chair Bloch reported that there is a budget proposal to fund operations of the California Senior Legislature on a permanent basis. Everyone was given a draft of a support letter in their packet and urged to send individual letters. The matter is currently at the State Budget Conference Committee. The sample letter will be attachment #1 to these minutes.</li> </ul> |                                |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Co-Chair Boutilier reported about the formal federal “Class Act” which was part of the ACA and then rescinded. There is a version that is currently being looked at in California. This proposal would fund Long-Term Care insurance for California by payroll deductions. There is nothing formal yet, maybe in the next two-year session. She also reported that the attempt to chain the CPI failed.</li> </ul> <p><b>Advocacy:</b></p> <p><b>1. Old Business:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SB 1004 and current Legislative bills alive currently regarding the Mental Health Service Act. López reviewed all known MHSA pending legislation and there are three possible bills that should be watched and perhaps letters written. These notes from López will be marked attachment 2 to these minutes. The other idea is to draft a general letter regarding the need for older adults to be entitled to have programs funded by the MHSA and to have the needs of older adults kept as an equal priority to children and older adults under the age of 25.</li> <li>• Senior Hunger Budget Proposal. A letter was sent. The status is unknown.</li> <li>• Home Safe Budget Proposals. A letter was drafted but not needed. The status is unknown.</li> <li>• AB 2994 Bloch will send staff a draft letter which will be put on Commission letter head and circulated per the committee’s decided process. The bill passed the Assembly and has been referred to the Senate Committee on Transportation and Housing. As of June 1<sup>st</sup> it has not yet been set for hearing.</li> <li>• AB 2132 Boutilier will send staff a draft letter which will be put on Commission letter head and circulated per the Committee’s decided process. The bill passed the Assembly and has been referred to the Senate Committee on Transportation and Housing. The hearing will be on June 12, 2018.</li> </ul> <p><b>2. New Business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is a current budget proposal for increasing funding for the Long-Term</li> </ul> |                                |

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| <p>Care Ombudsman Program but the status is unknown.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is a Holocaust Survivors Assistance Budget Proposal but the status is unknown.</li> <li>• SB 1026 was a bill providing funding to PSA's across California to help fund accessible changes to homes. This bill was introduced in year one and declared dead in January 2018.</li> </ul> <p><b>Debrief Senior Rally Day:</b><br/>The Committee discussed and debriefed Senior Rally Day:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 600 older adults registered (200 more than last year)</li> <li>• The Marin contingent had some good meetings with Legislators.</li> <li>• There will be a different process for reserving seats on the bus next year.</li> </ul> <p><b>Staff Updates</b></p> <p><b>Adjourned:</b> The meeting adjourned at 10:51a.m.</p> <p><b>Next Meeting:</b> Friday July 27, 2018 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. at 10 N San Pedro Rd. Room 1023</p> |                                |

**#1 Draft Letter to support State Operations – CSL**

May 29, 2018

Senator Holly Mitchell, Chair  
State Budget Conference Committee  
State Capitol Room 5080  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Assembly member Phil Ting  
State Budget Conference Committee  
State Capitol Room 6026  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: State Operations Support for California Senior Legislature (CSL)**

Dear Senator Mitchell and Assembly Member Ting:

Please support funding of the State operations for the California Senior Legislature. Since 1980, the CSL has proposed legislation and advocated in support of legislation benefiting senior citizens throughout the Golden State.

Over 115 proposals have ultimately become chaptered bills. One of the more notable pieces of legislation includes the Silver Alert with 39 seniors recovered as a result of this legislation.

A permanent on-going solution to fund CSL State Operations is critical to maintain continuity and return the focus to the mission of providing model legislative proposals benefiting senior citizens throughout the State.

I urge your support and ask for your “aye” vote for \$300,000 for FY 18-19 and ongoing funding for one staff position to administer the CSL’s programming.

For over 35 years, the California Senior Legislature has advocated to protect the golden years for aging Californians. This on-going augmentation will permit CSL to continue advocating for millions of California Seniors.

I appreciate your consideration of this critical request.

Sincerely,

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Signature

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Printed Name

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Address

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City Zip

Cc: Conference Committee Members

## #2 Bills pertaining to the Mental Health Service Act Analysis (Diana López)

Mental Health Bill Review – Legislative Committee – June 1, 2018

**AB 1004 (Wiener) Mental Health Service Act – Prevention and Early Intervention Passed Senate, In Assembly, held at desk.**

**AB 2287 (Kiley) Mental Health Act: transparency and accountability Held under submission in Assembly suspense.**

This bill would require the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission to develop a transparent and accountable strategy for both local and state government that includes fiscal and program information as well as outcomes related to mental health. It also requires the State Department of Health Care Services to **update regulations regarding demographic reporting.**

**AB 2287** is a bill to consider supporting and to point out the importance of including older adults in any demographic reporting.

**SB 192 (Beall) Mental Health Act Reversion Fund Passed Senate Referred to Assembly Health First Hearing canceled at author's request.**

This bill amends the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) to require that any funds allocated since the 2008-2009 fiscal years revert to the newly established Mental Health Services Act Reversion Fund. Those funds would be used to fund prevention and early intervention or innovation programs throughout the state.

**AB 2843 (Gloria) Mental Health Services Fund 5/31/18 did not pass at the 3<sup>rd</sup> reading.**

This bill would require reverted funds to be reallocated to cities, special districts, school districts or other public entities for the provision of mental health services consistent with the intent of the MHSA.

**SB 192 and AB 2843** both address the use unallocated funds. SB 192 advocates using the funds for prevention, early intervention and innovation programs. AB 2843 advocates redistribution of the funds for existing programs. **AB 2843** is more likely to provide funds for older adults.

**SB 1113 (Monning) Mental health in the workplace: voluntary standards. Passed Senate referred to Assembly Health.**

This bill would authorize the MHSOAC to establish a framework and voluntary standard for mental health in the workplace that serves to reduce mental health stigma, increase public, employee, and employer awareness of the recovery goals of the Mental Health Services Act, and provide guidance to California's employer community to put in place strategies and programs, determined by the commission, to support the mental health and wellness of employees.

**SB 1133** is not a priority for the MCOA

**SB 1101 (Pan) Mental Health Senate Appropriations suspense file**

The Mental Health Services and Oversight and Accountability Commission shall establish statewide objectives for the prevention, early intervention and treatment of mental illness, the promotion of mental health and well-being, and innovation as a strategy for transformational change.

**SB 1101** may be worth looking at for inclusion of the mental health needs of older adults.

**SB 688 (Moorlach) Revenue and Expenditure Reports Passed Senate referred to Assembly Health**

The State Department of Health Care Services and shall develop and administer instructions for the Annual Mental Health Services Act Revenue and Expenditure Report. Each county shall prepare the report in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, shall certify the accuracy of the report and electronically submit the report to the department and to the MHSOAC. The department and the commission shall annually post each county on its Internet Web site in a timely manner.

**SB 688** is a useful bill, but probably not a priority for MCOA.

**Overall impression**

I am struck by the lack of focus on the need for mental health services for older adults. I looked at the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission website and found that none of their current work is focused on older adults. Additionally, (now) there are no commissioners from Northern California. I don't know if any of the MCOA commissioners attend the MHSOAC meetings in Sacramento. If there is interest, attending might make a difference for older adults.