

California Task Force on Family Caregiving Meeting Minutes

Meeting 11

DRAFT FOR REVIEW AT APRIL 18TH MEETING

Meeting Date	April 5 th , 2017
Meeting Duration	10:30am – 12:30pm
Location	Phone
Task Force Members in Attendance	Donna Benton, Les Cohen, Carmen Estrada, Robert Lesh, Anat Louis, Eric Mercado, Sandi Fitzpatrick, Edie Yau
Task Force Members in Absentia	Mary Ball, Doug Moore, Karen Lincoln,
Admin & Research Team in Attendance	Janeth Marroletti, Kylie Meyer, Kathleen Wilber
Other Attendees	Amanda Ream (UDW) & Nina Weiler (AARP)

Attendance

- The meeting commenced at 10:35am with roll call attendance.

Approval of February 1st meeting minutes

- Meeting minutes were approved with a unanimous “aye” vote.

Review of revised final report

- Before beginning the review of the final report, members were reminded that this would be a review of the conceptual aspects of the report, and that grammatical issues would be addressed in a final round of editing.
- Title
 - The Task Force discussed revising the title to include “caregiving” before the colon for reader clarity. The title should be capitalized.
- Letter from Chair and Co-Chair
 - Donna and Sandi will be supplying a letter to introduce the report.
- Introduction
 - The Task Force approved the tone of the new paragraph on telehealth and relevance of federal-level events.
 - It was pointed out that Bob’s name was left off the list of members on page 8.
 - The title of the key values section will be capitalized to draw attention to this section.
- Executive summary
 - The Task Force agreed to review the executive summary after reviewing the remainder of the report.
- Recommendation 1:

- The Task Force considered the revisions to the second paragraph in Recommendation 1. It was agreed that specific state programs did not need to be named, but the report could mention that other states have considered long term care insurance options to cover the costs of caregiving.
- The Task Force agreed to add a note about California's previous tax credit for caregivers in the third paragraph.
- The Task Force discussed adding the recommendations sent by Doug and the UDW. Recognizing that the majority of IHSS workers are family members, a section on IHSS was added under 'Negative impacts of caregiving on employment and long-term financial wellbeing.'
- The Task Force added sub-recommendation to learn more about retirement benefits would be relevant to all caregivers based on the UDW recommendation.
- Recommendation 2
 - A question was raised about the use of the phrase "Safe Returns," which refers to an Alzheimer's Association program. The title will now read "Approaches to critically missing incidents and agency fragmentation."
 - The issues was raised about older adults being kidnapped by board and care facilities and given new identities. This will be further explored by USC.
- Recommendation 3
 - It was suggested that "language barriers" be changed to "limited English proficiency" throughout the report.
- Recommendation 4
 - There were no changes suggested for this recommendation.
- Recommendation 5
 - Members were asked about whether there was a need to check with a nursing expert about the types of medical tasks included in the report for nurse delegation. Since these were based on the LTSS Scorecard, it was deemed this part of the report was okay as is.
 - It was suggested that stronger language be used in the last sentence for the paragraph on telehealth. The Task Force also talked about ways the state could improve access to telehealth options, such as access to equipment and training, that could be specified in the report. Language about California being a "leader" was also removed.
 - It was pointed out the figure on the proportion of caregivers providing medical care tasks applied to recipients who had multiple chronic conditions
- Recommendation 6
 - No changes were suggested for Recommendation 6.

- Recommendation 7
 - The Task Force discussed whether additional details should be provided on the creation of an advisory council. It was decided that the recommendation would be written to such that the Task Force would *suggest* a means of acting on this recommendation without making this a part of the recommendation. Specifically, the more detailed version of the recommendation would describe legislating the creation of an advisory council within the California Health and Human Services Agency, which reaches across several departments.

Hearing update

Sandi updated the Task Force on the state of the hearing. Although the chief consultant for the Assembly Aging and Long Term Care Committee indicated support for a briefing, a hearing has not been approved. The consultant was notified that the Task Force ends in June. It is possible that the Task Force will need to find another member for the hearing.

American Society on Aging

The Task Force was represented at the ASA conference by the Chair and Co-Chair, AARP California, Archstone Foundation, and USC. There were about 15 people in the audience, who were generally enthusiastic about the recommendations and expressed particular interest in recommendations related to supporting caregivers in healthcare settings.

Formatting the final report

USC is working with a designer to create an formatted version of the final report and other materials requested by the Task Force. The report will feature infographics, images, and quotes. Currently there are only quotes from two Task Force members who provided an interview. USC will call members to capture additional quotes. Kathy offered access to FCA photos of family caregivers.

Next meeting date

In order to make a final decision on the report, the Task Force agreed to meet again in two weeks, on April 18th from 9:30am to 11:30am. Sections of the agenda that were not covered at this meeting would be discussed at this follow up, with a particular focus on raising awareness.

Adjournment

No new emerging issues were raised by the Task Force. Les made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which Eric and Bob seconded. The Task Force agreed to adjourn a half hour early.