

Full Task Meeting Minutes  
April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 3:00 PM

Attendees:

Nina  
Rita  
Donna  
Kathy  
Tonie

Non attendees:

Zach (excused)

Minutes:

**Bill/Budget Updates on identified TF priorities**

**Paid Family Leave**

- SB-135 passed Senate Labor and will head to Appropriations now. Senator Pan and Hill had concerns but voted for it. The Chamber has labeled this bill as a job killer.
- While no amendments were included in this round, there were concerns about impacts on small employers.
- AB-196 passed Assembly Insurance. AB 196 increases the wage replacement rate to 100%, applies mostly to low-income individuals.
- Bill doesn't identify the funding mechanism for the 100% wage replacement rate, which is why the Work & Family Coalition took support. AARP took a support position but is open to amendments from the coalition.
- AB 555 - Paid Sick Leave Expansion – passed Assembly Labor.

**AB-196, AB-555** Please send support letters on these bills to Lorena Gonzalez, chair of Appropriations by mid-May.

On SB 135, please send support letters to Senator Anthony Portantino, Chair of Senate Appropriations, also by mid-May.

**Governor's proposed trailer bill language**

- The Governor's office issued language that is meant to be a trailer bill to the budget.
- Increases the amount of PFL from 6 weeks to 8 weeks for new parents and caregivers.
- AARP and TF have not taken a position yet
- Governor's trailer bill does not address job protection for caregivers
- Need to wait for the May Revise Budget, due out on May 15.

**If anyone is interested there will be a lobby day on May 14<sup>th</sup> in Sacramento on SB-135 (and on SB 142 – Lactation Accommodation).**

**CRC Funding**

- Was heard in Senate Budget Subcommittee #3 on Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019
- Kathy Kelly presented.

- 6 Caregiver Resource Centers attended the hearing to represent.
- Many partner organizations stepped up to the microphone to voice support.
- Visits were done in between subcommittee 3 hearing agenda issues.
- Support letters from organizations were sent out and there was a sign on letter with 600 signatures.
- This item will be heard in Assembly Budget Sub 1 on May 6.

There is **no champion** yet, Blanca Rubio said she had too much on her plate.

- Kathy has tried to get in contact with Phil Ting but he has not been available.
- Betsy Butler knows State Treasurer Fiona Ma, Fiona could get in contact with Phil Ting since they are both from San Francisco.

**Action:** Rita will follow up with Betsy Butler for contact with Fiona Ma to get to Phil Ting.

**Respite Care – update** on AB-1382, one of the Master Plan bills, includes the language on respite care. This bill also includes the requirement that recommendations in the Task Force Report be implemented. AARP has taken a support position.

Other recommendations in the Task Force Report

### **Long-Term Care Financing**

- SB-512 – LTSS Framework bill
- Heads to Senate Appropriations now. Both democrats and republicans have praised senator Pan for bringing this forward.

### **LTSS Feasibility Study budget Ask**

- Has been heard in both Assembly Budget Sub 1 and in Senate Budget Sub 3.
- It can end up in the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) or Department of Social Services (DSS) - that decision has to be made.
- After May Revise, then budget hearing there is another opportunity to testify in Open Items hearings.
- This would also apply to the CRC Budget Ask.

### **Washington State**

- The state has passed its Long-term Trust Act; it now heads to Governor Inslee's desk. He is expected to sign it into law.
- This is good news for California since Washington will be the first to this for care recipients.
- Washington increasing the payroll tax by .58% have to pay into the system to get the benefits there will be an option to buy in if you are not employed ie retired.
- The program will be mandatory for all workers, with a \$XX a month option to buy in for non-workers.

## **Hawaii**

- Kapuna Caregivers secured full permanent funding
- Hawaii focuses on the caregiver, not the care recipient

## **Caregiver Tax Credit**

- AB-251 Bill is going to Assembly Appropriations

## **Telehealth Bills**

- AB-744 Bill – creates healthcare parity for the use of telehealth services
- AB 1494 – requires Medi-Cal to allow patients to receive services via Telehealth during a declared emergency.

Next meeting May 28<sup>th</sup> at 3 PM