

TACC REPORT  
December 2-3, 2014

I attended the TACC meeting on December 2-3, 2014. Kathy Randall of San Diego is the new TACC President.

The first presenter was Sarah Steenhausen, Senior Policy Advisor of the SCAN Foundation, who gave an update on the State Select Committee on Aging and Long Term Care. The TACC Advisory Board attended the hearing at the Capitol in August and the topic was "Moving California toward an Ideal Long Term Care System: Recommendations and next Steps."

The second presenter was Susan DeMoris, State Public Policy Director of the Alzheimer's Association on their Policy Focus for 2015. Over half a million adults are living with Alzheimer's in California with another person developing this disease every 67 seconds. This is one of the top ten causes of death and it has no known cause, prevention or cure.

The Legal Aid Association provided information on the Legal Aid Association of California. This is a four year federal grant to increase the availability of low cost high quality assistance to seniors on legal issues. For more information I direct you to [www.LawHELPCA.org](http://www.LawHELPCA.org).

There was a round table discussion among the Advisory Council members on the role of advocacy.

The final presenter was Eric Dowdy, Vice President, Policy and Communications Leading Age California on the 2014 California RCFE reform and implications on providers and residents. In a previous TACC meeting we were informed that this was the year for new legislation in RCFE's (residence care facilities for the elderly) due to the California incident when the owners of a facility bailed and the chef and gardener were left to care for the residents. This overview gave the new laws and new requirements.

The remainder of the TACC meeting was spent on the PSA reports.

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