

TO: VCAA Advisory Council Members
FROM: Bill Witt, Chair
DATE: June 10, 2015
SUBJECT: **Legislative Committee Report from June 10, 2015**

Legislative Committee Members Present

William (Bill) Witt (CSL) - Chair
Nancy Healy (Thousand Oaks COA)
Larry Hartmann (CSL)
Sylvia Taylor Stein (Service Provider)
Neill Spector (Simi Valley COA)
Nick Fotheringham (Thousand Oaks COA)
June Glasmeier (CSL)
Donald Todd (Veteran Special Population Seat)
Sandra Fide (Moorpark COA)

Legislative Committee Members Absent

Jay Evans (Camarillo COA)
Mel Silberberg (Supervisorial Appointee)
Paul Boog (Port Hueneme COA)
Sue Tatangelo (Family Caregiver Special Population Seat)

VCAA Staff Present

Monique Nowlin

Guests

Maricela Morales, CAUSE Co-Founder
Blair Craddock, Camarillo Health Care District
Marcy Sherbok

1. **Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 10:45 a.m. by Chair, Bill Witt. A quorum was present.
2. **Welcome and Introductions** – Bill introduced Marcy Sherbok. Ms. Sherbok is vying for the LGBT seat on the Advisory Council.
3. **Public Comments** – Blair Craddock provided a brief update on the activities of the Ventura County Evidence-Based Health Promotion Coalition and what transpired on the last Regional Coalition call regarding the shift in the landscape regarding LTSS (Long Term Services and Support).
4. **Special Guest – Maricela Morales, CAUSE Co-Founder** – Sylvia provided the Committee with a brief biography on Ms. Morales that included highlighting Ms.

Morales' education at Stanford University and some of her career highlights with the City of Port Hueneme. Ms. Morales then presented members of the Committee with the CAUSE 2014 Community Report and discussed the purpose of CAUSE and what they are striving to achieve in the community among vulnerable populations, including the working poor. In addition, Ms. Morales distributed a communication piece on "Make It Fair", the movement dedicated to closing the commercial property tax loopholes and asked for the Committee's support in this movement as a body and/or as individuals. Ms. Morales also discussed the Living Wage Ordinance and tied her presence there and her goals to senior issues by stating that the work of CAUSE can help Senior issues because they are addressing issues that contribute to being low income at the forefront with the younger population which theoretically will reduce the population of low income seniors.

- 5. Featured Legislative Committee Members – Donald Todd and Nancy Healy** – Donald Todd graduated from Burbank High in 1965 and went on to serve in the military and is now a proud Vietnam-era Vet. Upon discharge and after retiring with full military benefits from the California Air National Guard, Donald went on to work in retail management for 25 years before going back to college and becoming a Substance Abuse Counselor part time for 10 additional years. Donald is dedicated to being an advocate for veterans through his volunteerism with organizations like the Veteran's Court with the Military Collaborative and as the Veteran's representative on the Advisory Council. His ultimate goal is to ensure the no veteran get treated in the negative way he did when he first returned stateside from service.

Nancy Healy has been a resident of Thousand Oaks for approximately 26 years and worked the majority of her career in financial services as one the Vice Presidents of Countrywide. Nancy has two wonderful children who are both attorneys. After suffering a heart attack in her office, Nancy re-evaluated her work life and decided to retire and began dedicating her time to volunteering. Nancy began her volunteerism with the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP). She became aware of an opportunity to serve as an Ombudsman and trained with their program and has been serving as an Ombudsman volunteer for several years and continues to serve the seniors in Ventura County with her service on the Advisory Council as well.

- 6. Update on Pending Legislation in Sacramento Affecting Seniors** – Tabled due to time constraints.
- 7. Other Committee Involvement/Notification** – There was no discussion regarding other Committee involvement.
- 8. Next Meeting Date** – July 8, 2015 meeting canceled due to Strategic Planning event. Next meeting is September 9, 2015.

Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 12:02 p.m