



## GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING

### **Executive Committee**

#### **Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, November 4, 2010**

**8:30 am – 9:15 am**

**Governor's Office on Aging Conference Room**

**1700 W. Washington Street, Suite 240, Phoenix, Arizona 85007**

#### **Council Members Present**

George Evanoff, Joyce Finkelstein, Noreen Nickerson-Cruz, Joe Woods, and Larry Woods

#### **Council Members Absent**

Bernadine Hoffman, Charles Brown

#### **Council Staff Present**

Cathy De Lisa

#### **Guests Present & Signing In**

None

#### **Call to Order**

Council Chair George Evanoff called the meeting to order at 8:30 am and welcomed everyone.

#### **Review of Minutes & Approval**

Following a review of the September 23, 2010 draft Executive Committee minutes, *Joyce Finkelstein made a motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting as presented; Noreen Nickerson-Cruz seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.*

#### **Chair Report/Update**

Council Chair George Evanoff provided a status update on the Council's membership stating Lou-Ann Preble, new appointee, has indicated she won't be able to serve on the Council as hoped. Simone Kelsh has submitted her resignation effective December 31, 2010 thanking the members of the Advisory Council for the opportunity to work with them. Council Chair Evanoff stated the Council certainly would have benefitted from Mrs. Preble's knowledge and experience and expressed appreciation for Ms. Kelsh's service. Council Chair Evanoff announced the appointment of Dr. Allison Crissman Perrin to the Council. Council Chair Evanoff stated he had no further updates to provide related to the brainstorming group focusing on obtaining vaccine and promoting immunizations for seniors as well as other vulnerable populations. As a reminder, Council Chair Evanoff asked that the members review the Open Meeting Law materials sent out as an update by the Council staff.

### **Senior Action Day**

Council Chair Evanoff reminded the Committee that for discussion purposes, plans for Senior Action Day needed to be established in this group. Ideas generated during discussion included holding two-hour sessions in Yuma, Prescott, Pima County (Tucson), Cochise County (Bisbee) and in three Maricopa County locations. Due to the legislative session deadlines, it was suggested the meetings be held in February and March on Fridays when the legislators would be in their own districts. Council Chair Evanoff indicated he would begin logistical conversations with contacts in these locations and asked Committee Chairs to announce at today's meetings ideas for 2011 Senior Action Day and invite input from the groups.

### **Annual Planning meeting**

Council Chair Evanoff requested Committee Chairs take time at today's meetings to finalize ideas and come up with 2-3 projects for 2011 that will be forwarded to the Council for the December Annual Planning meeting strategic discussions. He then asked Deputy Executive Director Cathy De Lisa to share logistics for the Annual Planning meeting. Ms. De Lisa stated that the meeting will be held on December 9<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 am – 4:00 pm and December 10<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 am – 1:00 pm. The Senate Majority Caucus Room #1 has been reserved for the Planning Meeting. Carolyn Pitre-Wright, Director of the Governor's Office, Equal Opportunity will be facilitating discussions on Thursday, December 9, 2010. Other planning items will be forwarded to the Council when finalized and members will be asked to confirm their attendance and participation. According to Council Chair Evanoff, Senior Action Day will be the priority carried forward to the Annual Planning meeting for this Committee.

### **Resources on statistics regarding Older Workers**

Larry Woods stated he planned to draft a letter regarding a request for statistics from the Motor Vehicle Department and provide to Council Chair George Evanoff for consideration.

### **Office Updates**

Deputy Executive Director, Cathy De Lisa shared updates from the office:

- No budget information updates are available at this time.
- A request to the Office on Aging and the Advisory Council on Aging to participate in a panel discussion with the Morrison Institute for Public Policy was not possible due to the limited staffing and conflict in scheduling.
- Ms. De Lisa stated she wished to thank publicly both Elsa Gaynor and Shawn Trobia for their flexibility and commitment which has helped ensure continuation of office functions during on-going staff shortages.

### **Announcements**

Joyce Finkelstein announced the Mature Worker Connection and Volunteer Clearinghouse in Green Valley recently held a joint Open House for those interested in either or both organizations.

### **Adjournment**

*Council Chair George Evanoff adjourned the meeting at 9:05 a.m.*

### **Next Meeting**

**The date and location of the next Executive Committee meeting to be determined and announced by Public Meeting Notice posted at the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging website: <http://www.azgovernor.gov/gaca/>**