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Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

December 9, 2010

8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Senate Majority Caucus Room #1

1700 West Washington Street

Phoenix, AZ 85007

Committee Members, Liaisons, and Participants Present

Charles Brown, Allison Crissman-Perrin, George Evanoff (Chair), Joyce Finkelstein, Bernadine Hoffman, Noreen Nickerson-Cruz, Joe Woods (Vice Chair), Larry Woods and Christina Estes-Werther.

Committee Members Absent

None

Council Staff Present

Cathy De Lisa and Claire Parriott

Guests Present

Carolyn Pitre Wright and Jan Plank

Call to Order, Welcome, Introductions & Housekeeping

Council Chair George Evanoff called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. A welcome and introduction period followed.

Review and Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the November 4, 2010 meeting were reviewed. *Joyce Finkelstein made a motion to approve the minutes as written, and Noreen Nickerson-Cruz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

Council Chair Report

Meeting Agenda, Goals & Objectives: Council Chair George Evanoff reported that today's agenda for the Executive Committee Meeting includes work on the 2011 goals and objectives of all committees. Each committee chair will present goals and objectives as suggested by committee members at the November committee meetings. Recommendations from the Committee will be presented to the full Council at the January 7, 2011 meeting.

2011 Meeting Dates Approved by Council Chair: Council Chair George Evanoff circulated to the Committee a handout outlining proposed 2011 Council meeting dates as approved by the Council Chair. The Committee voiced no objection to the dates. The handout, *2011 Governor's*

Advisory Council on Aging Committee & Council Meeting Dates, is available through the Council on Aging office.

Updates: Council Chair George Evanoff informed the Committee that Council member from Pinal County Simone Kelsh will be retiring from the Council at the end of December 2010. Council member Marilyn Johnson is recuperating from recent surgery and hopes to be able to travel sometime in the New Year. Council Chair George Evanoff also asked Committee members to keep Council member Kati Bates in their thoughts after her recent hospitalization and welcomed Council member Noreen Nickerson-Cruz, who has been facing health issues. Council Chair George Evanoff then welcomed Dr. Allison Crissman-Perrin as the newest member of the Council.

Deputy Executive Director's Updates

Deputy Executive Director Cathy De Lisa updated the Committee on the recent activities of the Office on Aging. Ms. De Lisa reminded the Committee that staff member Shawn Trobia took a job with the AARP state office so staffing is now very limited. According to Ms. De Lisa, the office has put forth a request to fill the Program Specialist position due to its mission critical objectives. Some of the work of the position has been placed on hold for now such as updates to the azmatureworkers.com website, blogging, and plans for re-certification. Ms. De Lisa announced the Office on Aging will host a special presentation from Jed Johnson, Director of the National Center on Senior Transportation (NCST), on January 19, 2011. Invitations will be distributed right after the first of the new year.

Deputy Executive Director Cathy De Lisa reported that similar to the process used for the review of the State Plan on Aging, a draft of the 2010 Annual Report will be sent to the Council for review with a request for any feedback by December 28, 2010. The Council is required by statute to deliver a copy of its Annual Report to the Governor, Senate President, and Speaker of the House by the 15th of January each year. The purpose of the report is to provide an update on the Council's monitoring of the State Plan on Aging and Council accomplishments. Ms. De Lisa will work with Human Services Policy Advisor Christina Estes-Werther on the final contents of report.

Deputy Executive Director Cathy De Lisa informed the Committee that agency staff leads for Aging 2020 met on November 9, 2010 and updates to the plan for 2009-2010 are being collected. According to Ms. De Lisa, a significant amount of work has been accomplished over the past two years in spite of economic challenges in our state. The staff of the Office on Aging will put together the 2009-2010 Aging 2020 report and plans to post it on the Governor's Office on Aging website in January 2011.

Governor Brewer's Human Services Policy Advisor, Christine Estes-Werther, provided updates to the Committee. Ms. Estes- Werther thanked the Committee and Council members for their dedication to the Council and those they represent. Ms. Estes-Werther informed the Committee that she had no details about the budget yet but to not expect it to improve in the coming fiscal year. Ms. Estes-Werther encouraged the Committee members to continue collaboration - building and maintaining relationships with other councils and community agencies in order to achieve their goals this coming year. Ms. Estes-Werther further encouraged the Committee members to look at the whole picture of resources available when considering their recommendations to the Council, Governor and Legislature.

Ms. Estes-Werther updated the Committee on the activities of the ArizonaServes Task Force. The Task Force was seated in August and has since held two meetings. The ArizonaServes Task Force was created because of budget cuts to human services and to connect resources to the faith community that already served needy populations. The five areas of service are Elder Independence and Grandparents Raising Grandchildren, Free or Reduced Cost Child Care, Transportation for the Underserved, Foster Care Participation and Supervised CPS visits. In order to efficiently address these needs, the Task Force broke into teams for each issue. More information is provided at: www.ArizonaServes.gov.

At the request of the Council Chair, new Council member Dr. Allison Crissman-Perrin introduced herself to the Committee. Dr. Crissman-Perrin indicated she studied in Michigan before coming to Arizona for her internship and residencies and obtaining her board certification in geriatrics. Dr. Crissman-Perrin stated she is currently a medical director for Hospice of the Valley and a physician consultant for the Arizona Long Term Care System (ALTCS).

In recognition of his leadership during 2010 as Council Chair, Deputy Executive Director Cathy De Lisa presented Mr. George Evanoff with a certificate of appreciation.

Discussions

Carolyn Pitre Wright, Director of the Governor's Office of Equal Opportunity, led the Committee in a review of the importance of determining and recommending priorities for 2011 to the Council.

Planning Exercise

Jan Plank, Statewide Employee Relations Manager for the State of Arizona, led the Committee in a planning exercise.

Committee Chair Reports

Executive Committee – Council Chair George Evanoff reported that the Executive Committee met and discussed the planning and execution of Senior Action Day 2011 as their goal for the following year. The Executive Committee agreed on the following goals and objectives for Senior Action Day 2011:

- 1) Meetings: proposing seven statewide meetings in February, March and April 2011;
- 2) Budget: keep expenses to a minimum;
- 3) Meetings: focused on interaction between legislators and seniors/senior advocates over a two-hour period;
- 4) Legislators: understand the importance of hearing directly from their constituents and actively participate;
- 5) Outcome: from the input received, the Council captures the priorities of senior citizens around the state and uses input for future committee projects and priorities.

By general consensus, the Committee agreed to recommend these goals and objectives to the Council as a priority for the Executive Committee in 2011.

Legislative & Policy Coordinating Committee (LPCC) – Committee Chair Charles Brown stated that the Legislative & Policy Coordinating Committee discussed the following goals for 2011:

- 1) Older Driver Safety Campaign: Continue to research the problem, resources and information available; build an awareness campaign.

- 2) Legislative Research: LPCC will assist other Council on Aging committees with legislative research.

By general consensus, the Committee agreed to recommend these objectives to the Council as a priority for LPCC in 2011.

Mature Workforce Committee (MWC) – Committee Chair Larry Woods reported that the Mature Workforce Committee discussed the following goals for 2011:

- 1) One Stop Shop: Work with One Stops in the local areas, including the education of staff to better assist mature workers with their employment and training needs. Information for mature workers may include opportunities in the direct-care workforce arena, the Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP), and training programs that are available at community colleges such as GateWay Community College;
- 2) Governor Policies: Explore any policies being led by the Governor in order to help support, as applicable;
- 3) Re-certification of Employers: Continue re-certification program for all certified Mature Worker Friendly Employers;
- 4) Mature Worker Friendly Employer Certification: Begin the effort of outreach to new employers for the 2011 cycle of the Mature Worker Friendly Employer Certifications and visit Certified Employers to interview them and gather information that may be helpful as we move forward on the Employer Certifications;
- 5) Mature Worker Friendly Employer Certification Enrollment Scope: Explore ways to conduct more than one cycle of Employer Certifications per year and plan for outreach across the State for the 2011 cycle of the Mature Worker Friendly Employer Certifications.

By general consensus, the Committee agreed to recommend to the Council Goals 1 and 2 as a priority for MWC in 2011 and that Goals 3, 4 and 5 would be placed on hold temporarily until the Program Specialist position is filled within the Office on Aging.

Social, Health & Alzheimer's Committee (SHAC) – Committee Chair Bernadine Hoffman reported the Social, Health & Alzheimer's Committee discussed the following goals for 2011:

- 1) Oral Health Initiative: Continuation of the Oral Health Initiative;
- 2) Respite Care Network: Development of the respite care network – one point of contact for resources/information/support with faith-based/volunteer-based involvement;
- 3) Marketing: Channeling marketing/outreach for all initiatives, together (oral health, hearing loss, fall prevention, caregiving) to avoid duplication
 - a. Through PR campaign – with simplified, clear language (no acronyms)
 - b. Establishing senior corner with resource/information in libraries throughout state;
- 4) Study: Study of hearing aid coverage in new insurance policies/benefit packages in other states and look at vision and oral health at the same time. (with LPCC doing research on hearing aid, dental, and vision coverage for seniors in other states.)

By general consensus, the Committee agreed to modify Goal #2 to “*support the Arizona Caregiver Coalition in development of*” instead of “*development of*” and then recommend to the Council these objectives as priority for SHAC in 2011.

Review of Committee Input

Carolyn Pitre Wright led the Executive Committee in a review of the Council committee input.

Discussion of Committee Input & Interconnectedness of Committee Goals and Objectives

Carolyn Pitre Wright facilitated a discussion by the Executive Committee on the input and the interconnectedness of Council committee goals and objectives.

Recommendations for Plans & Future Directions

The Executive Committee discussed the recommendations of the Executive, Legislative & Policy Coordinating, Mature Workers, and Social, Health & Alzheimer's committees and came to a general consensus on which plans and future goals to recommend to the Council for each committee at the January 7, 2011 meeting.

Announcements

There were no announcements.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Council Chair George Evanoff at 11:30 p.m.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Executive Committee of the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging is scheduled for January 6, 2011; location to be determined and announced by public meeting notice posted at the GACA website, www.azgovernor.gov/gaca/.