



GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING

LEGISLATIVE & POLICY COORDINATING COMMITTEE (LPCC)

MEETING MINUTES

September 22, 2011

10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Second Floor Conference Room

1700 West Washington Street

Phoenix, AZ 85007

Committee Members, Liaisons, and Participants Present

Charles Brown (Chair), George Evanoff, (Council Chair), Joyce Finkelstein, Bernadine Hoffman, Marilyn Johnson, Noreen Nickerson-Cruz, Nancy Stump, Joe Woods, Christine Bryson-Lazo, Tammy Frazee, Randy Maskell, Jim Gunkel, and Shawn Trobia.

Committee Members Absent

Kati Bates, Allison Perrin, Elizabeth Rohn-Nelson, and C.T. Wright.

Council Staff Present

Deneen Dantimo, Cathy De Lisa, and Kim Jennings.

Guests Present and Signing In

Welcome, Introduction, Review & Approval of Committee Minutes

Committee Chair Charles Brown called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. A welcome and introduction period followed during which Ramsey Alwin of the National Council on Aging (NCOA) and guest of Christine Bryson-Lazo was introduced and asked to share a few words about NCOA initiatives she's working on. Minutes from the July 14, 2011 meeting were reviewed. *Council Chair George Evanoff made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; Bernadine Hoffman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

Update since July 14, 2011 Meeting

Deputy Executive Director Cathy De Lisa stated Glen Spencer from the Area Agency on Aging, Region One, Incorporated had been in contact following a national conference regarding Medicare Fraud and stated he will be submitting a checklist for seniors on Medicare fraud for the next Social, Health & Alzheimer's Committee (SHAC) meeting.

Deputy Executive Director Cathy De Lisa stated Cydney Demodica, Ombudsman with the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT), Motor Vehicle Division (MVD) was a guest speaker at today's meeting thanks to information received from Loretta Crimi at ADOT. Ms. De Lisa stated Ms. Demodica was a presenter at the August Arizona Geriatrics Society conference on Older Driver Safety.

Deputy Executive Director Cathy De Lisa reported that a flyer regarding the 20th Annual *Creating Caring Communities Conference*, scheduled for September 29, 1011 at the High Country Conference Center in Flagstaff, Arizona, was received from Ms. Bryson-Lazo and emailed to the Committee following the last LPCC meeting

Council Chair George Evanoff stated Dr. Allison Hughes, retired University of Arizona faculty and head of the Women's Commission for the City of Tucson, will speak to the Social, Health, & Alzheimer's Committee (SHAC) on November 3, 2011 about the plight of widows, which may result in a new initiative for next year.

Older Driver Outreach & the Motor Vehicle Division

Cydney Demodica presented a PowerPoint presentation, "Gazing into the Crystal Ball – Considerations for the Future". Ms. Demodica distributed the *Driver Condition/Behavior Report* form and covered the key points of Arizona Revised Statute (A.R.S.) 28-3005 - Medical or Psychological Reports; Immunity; and Definitions.

- For medical or psychological conditions, a qualified individual who provides information to the director in good faith and at the written request of a driver license applicant or licensee concerning a person's medical or psychological condition with respect to operation of a motor vehicle is immune from personal liability with respect to the information provided.
- A qualified individual may voluntarily report a patient to the department, who has a medical or psychological condition that in the opinion of the qualified individual could significantly impair the person's ability to safely operate a motor vehicle.
- If a report is made, the qualified individual shall make the report in writing, including the name, address, and date of birth of the patient.
- A person shall not bring an action against a qualified person for not making a report. Also, the qualified individual submitting the report in good faith is immune from civil or criminal liability for making the report.

Mechanism for reporting unsafe drivers includes using the Motor Vehicle Division's *Driver Condition/Behavior Report* according to Ms. Demodica who stated any individual may report unsafe drivers. The Medical Review program requires that individuals reporting must clearly identify the observed unsafe driving behavior and identify themselves. The report is then reviewed and appropriate action taken. If the report is from a physician and calls for driver's license revocation, a revocation letter is mailed to driver. A report can call for a road and/or written test to be taken within 30 days. Other options may include a restricted driver's license. Ms. Demodica distributed a brochure entitled: "*GrandDriver: What You Should Know About Aging and Driving*"

Ms. Demodica stated approximately 3,000 letters are sent to the public for actions to be taken by Class D drivers and those letters cover may include physician's request for revoking or restricting a driver's license. A copy of the *Driver Condition/Behavior Report* form and the brochure "*GrandDriver: What You Should Know About Aging and Driving*" are available for review through the Council on Aging office. A copy of Ms. Demodica's presentation is available to review at the Council on Aging office.

Older Driver Safety Research Project

In the absence of Jena Grady, Governor's Office on Aging Intern, a PowerPoint presentation report prepared by Ms. Grady was provided to the Committee that included an outline of her research on best practices in regards to Older Driver Safety and potential recommendations for projects and policies.

Cydney Demodica offered to discuss the section on restrictions with Ms. Grady and any other questions related to her research.

George Evanoff made a motion to accept the report and give it to the Council Chair for follow up. Noreen Nickerson-Cruz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Charles Brown expressed appreciation for all the work Jena has done. George Evanoff agreed and stated he will have the Executive Committee review the report and see what more needs to be done.

A copy of Ms. Grady's presentation is available to review at the Council on Aging office.

Senior Action Day Updates to Share

Council Chair George Evanoff provided an explanation and overview of planning for Senior Action Day events in October 2011. According to Council Chair Evanoff, the events are sponsored by the Advisory Council on Aging and offer an opportunity for older adults to engage in a dialogue with the Council and their elected officials on issues of importance to seniors in our state. The results of these events are shared with the Governor, the Legislature, and with State Agencies for planning purposes.

According to Council Chair George Evanoff, two events will be held in Tucson. The first event will be hosted by the East Side Senior Club and is scheduled for October 5, 2011 from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. at the Udall Center, 7200 East Tanque Verde Road in Tucson, Arizona. The second event will be hosted by the El Pueblo Senior Center and is scheduled for October 25, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. at the El Pueblo Senior Center, 101 W. Irvington in Tucson, Arizona. The Prescott event will be held on October 14, 2011 from 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. at the Yavapai College Performance Hall, 1100 East Sheldon Street in Prescott, Arizona.

C.T. Wright announced the Fountain Hills event is scheduled for October 19, 2011 from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m., at the Fountain Hills Community Center's Activity Center for Seniors & Boomers, 13001 North La Montana Drive in Fountain Hills, Arizona.

Joe Woods announced the Sun Lakes event is tentatively scheduled for October 25, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. at the San Tan Ballroom in the Sun Lakes Community Center at Sun Lakes, Arizona.

Deputy Executive Director Cathy De Lisa stated she will send out the final press releases and flyers to the Council and LPCC for these events.

LPCC Priorities for Council's Annual Planning Meeting in December 2011

Chair Charles Brown asked LPCC members to be ready to submit ideas and projects to the Council for their December's Annual Planning Meeting at the next LPCC meeting, which is scheduled for November 3, 2011. Council Chair George Evanoff stated the Council has reserved December 8-9, 2011 for the Annual Planning meeting.

Announcements

- Bernadine Hoffman announced a 2011 Scam Jam & Shred-a-Thon will take place on October 5, 2011 from 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. at the Sun Lakes United Methodist Church in Sun Lakes, Arizona. Jim Gunkel produced a flyer for the event and stated it could be copied, if needed.
- Jim Gunkel announced he had kept a copy of an *Arizona Republic* article of August 25, 2011 that pointed to the potential for the Payday loan industry to resurface.
- Deputy Executive Director Cathy De Lisa welcomed Kim Jennings, Program & Project Specialist II to the Governor's Office on Aging and Governor's Advisory Council on Aging staff. Ms. Jennings stated she looks forward to working with the Council's committees and arranging both certification and recertification of Mature Worker Friendly Employers in the months ahead.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Committee Chair Charles Brown at 11:15 a.m.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Legislative & Policy Coordinating Committee of the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging is scheduled for November 3, 2011; location to be determined and announced by public meeting notice posted at the GACA website: www.azgovernor.gov/gaca/. These meetings are open to the public.