



GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING

Executive Committee

Meeting Minutes

May 11, 2012

8:30 – 9:30 am

Arizona Capitol Complex, Executive Tower

Second Floor Conference Room

1700 W. Washington Street

Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Executive Committee Members Present

Joe Woods (Chairman), Charles Brown, George Evanoff, Bernadine Hoffman, (Secretary) Doyle Meredith, Anne Morrison and C.T. Wright (Vice Chairman).

Executive Committee Members Absent

None

Council Staff Present

Cathy De Lisa

Welcome and Call to Order

Council Chairman Joe Woods called the meeting of the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging (GACA) to order at 8:31 a.m.

Silent Moment of Prayer

Council Chairman Joe Woods asked the group to observe a moment of silent prayer in memory of Council member Elizabeth Rohn-Nelson, Council Liaison Alan Oppenheim and to remember former Council member Noreen Nickerson-Cruz in the recent death of her husband.

Review of March Draft Meeting Minutes & Approval

Council Chairman Woods asked the group to review the draft minutes of the March 9, 2012 meeting. *George Evanoff made a motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting as presented; Bernadine Hoffman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

Chair Report

Update on filling vacancies - Council Chairman Joe Woods called on Vice Chairman C.T. Wright to report on the progress of reappointments to the Council. Vice Chairman Wright stated he was still contacting Council members and would have a report for the Chairman as soon as he had been in touch with all those whose terms end in 2012.

July meeting quorum – Council Chairman Woods asked if any of the members would not be able to attend the next Executive Committee and GACA meetings in July. Based on the feedback, Council Chairman Joe Woods indicated that call in capabilities may be required at the GACA meeting in order to ensure a quorum and asked the staff to prepare accordingly.

Arizona Geriatric Society topic of spring conference – dementia, depression and delirium – Executive Director Cathy De Lisa stated she would be attending the Sun City event on May 12th on behalf of the Council and would share information including potential speakers/presentations with the group.

Advanced Directives – information to share & discussion

Doyle Meredith provided information on advanced directives that he had received from an event in the greater Prescott area. Following a discussion of the information provided by Mr. Meredith and information received from Kenney Hegland, University of Arizona James E. Rogers Professor Emeritus of Law and speaker at the September 23, 2011 GACA meeting, the group requested that GACA staff arrange for a presentation on this topic from the Arizona Attorney General's office to help determine what steps the Council might take to help educate seniors on the importance of advanced directives and end of life decisions.

Office Updates

Direct Care Workforce - Executive Director Cathy De Lisa asked the members for input on proceeding with the topic of the direct care workforce. Following an in-depth discussion, *George Evanoff made a motion to take the question of direct care, home care worker problem to be studied by an intern reviewing states' best practices and preparing a report to bring back to the Council in September. Anne Morrison seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

Relocation of the office & staff - Ms. De Lisa reported the third phase of the office relocation was underway with construction in the area during the current Council meetings. According to Ms. De Lisa, GACA staff members have worked hard in adapting and demonstrating flexibility in this ongoing process and had worked to ensure space for the staff, potential interns, volunteers and a part-time Project Manager for the Arizona Alzheimer's Task Force. Ms. De Lisa expressed appreciation to Cassandra Larsen, Policy Advisor, Human Services for her advocacy on behalf of the office.

Council expenses – Ms. De Lisa informed members that in addition to budgeting for more travel expenses related to out of area Council members, the replacement of aging computers was underway. Ms. De Lisa stated staff had succeeded in downsizing during the move to avoid any storage costs.

Requests to the Council/Office on Aging – Executive Director Cathy De Lisa reported requests to the Council included letters of support for two grant opportunities and volunteers for the May 25th Arizona Alzheimers Consortium conference. In addition Ms. De Lisa stated the Office on Aging had been asked to provide letters of support for Aging 2020 partners' funding opportunities, to provide a speaker for the Maricopa County court system staff, and participate in the May 25th Consortium event.

Announcements

There were no announcements.

Adjournment

Council Chairman Joe Woods adjourned the meeting at 9:22 am.

Next Meeting

The next Executive Committee meeting is planned for July 13, 2012; location to be determined and announced by Public Meeting Notice posted at the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging website: <http://www.azgovernor.gov/gaca/>. These meetings are open to the public.