



GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING

LEGISLATIVE & POLICY COORDINATING COMMITTEE (LPCC)

MEETING MINUTES

September 13, 2012

10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Arizona State Capitol Executive Tower

Second Floor Conference Room

1700 West Washington Street

Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Committee Members, Liaisons, and Participants Present

Charles Brown (Committee Chairman), Becky Brimhall-Lepire, George Evanoff, Marilyn Johnson, Doyle Meredith, Trudy Schuett, Joe Woods, Debra Boehlke, Christine Bryson-Lazo, Larry Clausen, Leslie Cohen, Tammy Frazee, Dana Kennedy, Michael Leyva, Randy Maskell, Jo Reed, Don Ritchie, and Cindy Saverino

Committee Members Absent

None

Council Staff, Interns Present

Cathy De Lisa, Kim Jennings, and Berntari Crosby

Guests Present and Signing In

None

Welcome, Introductions, Review & Approval of Minutes

Committee Chairman Charles Brown called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. A welcome and introduction period followed. Draft minutes from the July 12, 2012 were reviewed. *Joe Woods made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; George Evanoff seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

Arizona Developmental Disabilities Planning Council Transportation Project

Larry Clausen from the Arizona Developmental Disabilities Planning Council (Az DD Planning Council) began the discussion by explaining that the transportation project was a pilot intended to increase accessible transportation capacity for persons with developmental disabilities, their families, caregivers and the elderly living in cities and towns smaller than 82,000. Mr. Clausen introduced Leslie Cohen of the Sonoran University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD) who gave a presentation titled "Building Accessible and Sustainable Transportation for Increased Independence." According to Ms. Cohen, the BASTIIA project's goals are to meet transportation needs of the DD population in Nogales utilizing a braiding of existing resources by concentrating on an area of greatest unmet needs (rides on evening and weekends). Ms. Cohen stated that community partners working in focus groups are intent on creating accessible and sustainable transportation systems that will help disadvantaged

individuals achieve greater independence. A copy of Ms. Cohen's presentation is available for review at the Council on Aging's office.

Report from the Older Driver Safety Report Review Committee (ODSRRC)

George Evanoff reported the fact sheet created for physicians was nearly complete and will be made available to physicians for reporting purposes. Mr. Evanoff informed the Committee that a consumer-focused document is being developed for the general public that will outline what is in place to report at-risk drivers and offer available resources. A copy of the draft Physician's Fact Sheet is available for review at the Council on Aging's office.

Elder Index and Elder Initiative from Wider Opportunities for Women and Arizona's Coalition

Jo Reed from Wider Opportunities for Women/ WOW provided a presentation titled "Wider Opportunities for Women; Building Economic Security for All" that outlined how WOW has developed the Elder Economic Security Initiative that specifically addresses seniors' economic insecurity and uses the Elder Index created by the Gerontology Institute at the University of Massachusetts Boston and Wow. The Elder Index is a geographically-based measure of income adequacy for elders that incorporates essential costs, including housing, health care, transportation and long-term care. The purpose of the Elder Economic Security Initiative is to help the elderly achieve economic security. A copy of Ms. Reed's presentation is available for review at the Council on Aging's office.

Christine Bryson-Lazo, representing the Arizona Coalition of the Elder Economic Security Initiative, shared two documents: "Elder Economic Security Initiative Winter 2011" and "Doing Without: Economic Insecurity and Older Americans" and discussed statistics specific to Arizona utilizing the www.basiceconomicsecurity.org website. Ms. Bryson-Lazo informed the group that partners and stakeholders such as the Division of Aging and Adult Services (DAAS) and the Area Agencies on Aging, are looking at ways to incorporate the use of the Elder Index to address economic vulnerability of the elderly. Tammy Frazee offered to provide charts developed by her division at DAAS to distribute to the members. Copies of the handouts distributed by Ms. Bryson-Lazo are available for review at the Council on Aging's office.

Brainstorming on LPCC 2013 Priorities

Committee brainstormed on 2013 LPCC Priorities. The following priorities were discussed:

- Promoting (transportation) coordination/mobility management (modeling successful cities, towns, counties).
- Report out on the N4A's (National Association of Area Agencies on Aging) work with Easter Seals and the NCST (National Center for Senior Transportation).
- Review Older Driver program (after distribution of resources). Collect feedback at LPCC from stakeholders/partners regarding the program.
- Review WOW's (Wider Opportunities for Women) advocacy in other states (Elder Initiative /Index) and track inclusion in State Plan on Aging, Area Plans.

Announcements

None

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned by Committee Chairman Charles Brown at 11:28 a.m.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Legislative & Policy Coordinating Committee of the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging will be scheduled in January 2013; date and 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.