



GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING

Meeting Minutes

July 12, 2013

10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Arizona State Capitol Executive Tower

Second Floor Conference Room

1700 West Washington Street

Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Council Members, Liaisons, and Participants Present

C.T. Wright (Chairman), Becky Brimhall-Lepire (Vice-Chairman), George Evanoff, Joy Grainger, Bernadine Hoffman, Deborah Lavinsky, Teresa Lopez, Doyle Meredith (Secretary), Trudy Schuett, Tonya Watson, Phyllis Antone, Vanessa Deatherage, Cydney Demodica, Ted Evertsen, Babak Nayeri, and Cindy Saverino

Council Members Absent

Charles Brown, Anne Morrison, Lisa O'Neill, and Allison Perrin

Council Staff Present

Cathy De Lisa, Kim Jennings, Berntari Crosby and Darryl Monteilh (Intern)

Guests Present and Signing In

Loretta Crimi, Kathy Donner, Dan Harrigan and Leslie Welch

Call to Order & Welcome

Council Chairman C.T. Wright called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. A welcome and introduction period followed.

Review & Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the May 3, 2013 meeting were reviewed. *Bernadine Hoffman made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; Becky Brimhall-Lepire seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

Arizona's Department of Transportation (ADOT) Presentation and Discussion

Dan Harrigan, Coordination and Mobility Manager for ADOT, gave a presentation on coordinated mobility. According to Mr. Harrigan, mobility management is 1. the cooperative arrangement between transportation providers, agencies and/or people needing transportation for medical, nutritional, work, educational and recreational purposes, and 2. continuum of efforts to share authority, responsibility, services, management, funding and costs working towards the goal of coordinated mobility. A copy of Mr. Harrigan's presentation is available for review through the Council on Aging office.

Arizona's Office of Problem Gambling Presentation and Discussion

Kathy Donner, Education and Prevention Administrator for Arizona's Office of Problem Gambling, presented on problem gambling. Ms. Donner informed the Council that Arizona's Office of Problem Gambling's mission is to provide and support effective problem gambling prevention, treatment and education programs throughout Arizona. Ms. Donner provided statistics on numbers of seniors in self-exclusion program and support programs, outlined concerns for older adults who may be at risk for developing a gambling addiction, and shared signs of senior problem gambling. A copy of Ms. Donner's presentation is available for review through the Council on Aging office.

Agenda and Protocol Reminders

For the benefit of new members and as a refresher for others, Council Chairman C.T. Wright discussed protocols referencing the Council's by-laws and the open meeting laws as well as the meeting agendas. A copy of the *Top Ten Things Every Council Member Needs to Know* is available for review through the Council on Aging's office.

Liaison Reports

Area Agencies on Aging/Arizona Association of Area Agencies on Aging (Az4A) – Dana Kennedy, absent.

Arizona Department of Economic Security /Division of Aging & Adult Services (DAAS) - Cindy Saverino, reporting on Melanie Starns' behalf, gave the following report:

- a. DAAS has issued new awards for the homeless program. \$3.5 million has been allocated in Maricopa and Pima Counties, \$1 million in the balance and \$400,000 for rural areas;
- b. Public Notice for the 2014 Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) State Plan was issued.
- c. Adult Protective Services at DAAS has had the largest number of inquiries/cases in history.
 - Total inquiries in 2013 - 16,635 phone calls/on-line reports.
 - Total was 27% higher than 2012 which is 28% higher than 2011.
 - 11,161 total number of cases investigated; 5,474 were information and referral only and did not rise to the investigative level but were referred to other agencies.
 - Caseloads in the urban areas are ranging around 130 per caseworker - some are as high as 200.
 - Rural caseloads are around 49 per caseworker; DAAS standard is 45 cases in urban areas and 25 cases in rural areas. National standard is 25 cases per caseworker in urban areas and 15 cases in rural areas.
 - Information has been shared with Director Carter.
- d. DAAS has submitted several grants to the Administration for Community Living (ACL) and Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) – Senior Medicare Patrol and Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act and Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP). Two grants currently going through internal review are the Alzheimer's grant and Aging and Disability Resource Center grant; both are with the Administration for Community Living; and

- e. State Plan on Aging: DAAS finished 17 statewide focus groups and the survey is still online for people to complete. The link for the survey is <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/agingstateplan>.

Ms. Saverino thanked the Council for assisting her agency with the organization of the focus groups.

A copy of the APS Activities 2004-2013 report provided by Ms. Saverino is available for review through the Council on Aging office. A copy of the Public Notice Arizona Department of Economic Security Public Comment on the State of Arizona Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2014 and Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) State Plan Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2014 Ms. Saverino distributed is available for review through the Council on Aging office.

Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) – Cydney Demodica reported that ADOT is moving forward with the federal program MAP 21 and participating in the State Highway Safety Program. Ms. Demodica stated she serves on the Older Driver Safety Report Review Committee.

Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) – Jay Dunkleberger was not able to attend. Cathy De Lisa, Executive Director, reported that AHCCCS has a webpage, Medicaid Moving Forward that includes information on Medicaid restoration and the Affordable Care Act. Ms. De Lisa stated anyone interested in receiving the link to the Medicaid Moving Forward webpage or information on how to sign up for the AHCCCS Medicaid listserv could contact her for that information.

Attorney General's Office (AG) – Ted Evertsen gave a detailed overview of his background and assignment to the Task Force Against Elder Abuse, TASA. According to Mr. Evertsen, the AG's office has placed a high priority on elder abuse issues. Mr. Evertsen informed Council the AG's office has launched a community outreach campaign on elder abuse issues. Vanessa Deatherage from the AG's office reported that the office is working with Adult Protective Services to address exploitation of the elderly.

Arizona Department of Veterans' Services – Eric Coleman, absent.

Arizona Indian Council on Aging (AICOA) – Phyllis Antone provided the following report:

- a. Council meets quarterly;
- b. Council's planning session is scheduled to be held in June;
- c. Council plans to submit a bid for the National Indian Council on Aging Summit;
- d. AAA Region 8 lost funding resulting in staff reductions;
- e. Council's bylaws requires the election of 12 new members in September;
- f. Council is planning state conference (if national isn't held in Arizona);
- g. Council plans to review court system's codes/ordinances regarding elder abuse; and
- h. Council opened new gambling casino in the southwest Valley. Ms. Antone informed the group that 10% of the casino revenues are donated to civic organizations.

Ms. Antone reported to the Council that she will not be eligible for re-election; however she plans to attend the September and November meetings.

Arizona Department of Health Services – (ADHS) Dr. Babak Nayeri gave an update from ADHS that included information on priorities established by Arizona Healthy Aging – A-HA, a partnership with AG’s office and plans to develop partnerships with other agencies to educate the public on advanced directives.

Council Chairman Report

Council Chairman C.T. Wright thanked Council members for their attendance and welcomed the two new Council members (Joy Grainger and Tonya Watson). Council Chairman Wright reported several Council members volunteered at the Arizona Alzheimer’s Consortium Event on May 24th. A picture taken of Council members with Governor Janice K. Brewer at the event was passed around. Council Chairman C.T. Wright reported both he and Becky Brimhall-Lepire attended the Elder Abuse Awareness event in Chandler on June 14, 2013 and read the Governor’s proclamation. Council Chairman Wright referenced the Governor’s Advisory Council on Aging overview of 2013 committee priorities. A copy of the Governor’s Advisory Council on Aging overview of 2013 committee priorities is available for review through the Council on Aging office.

Executive Director’s Office Updates

Executive Director Cathy De Lisa reported the Council’s Annual Planning meeting is scheduled for November 7 - 8, 2013. Ms. De Lisa encouraged Council liaisons to plan to participate on November 7th to share their agencies 2014 priorities with the Council. Ms. De Lisa expressed her gratitude to the liaisons for their contributions and assistance. According to Ms. De Lisa, a request was made to have the Governor join the November 7th meeting. Ms. De Lisa provided brief updates on Senior Action Day planning, the Arizona Alzheimer’s Task Force and Aging 2020. Members of the Council were invited to join Ms. De Lisa for a tour of the Banner Research Center in Sun City, Arizona on August 6, 2013. Ms. De Lisa thanked Darryl Monteilh, Arizona Interns in Action participant, for his hard work, dedication and legislative research during his short assignment with the office. Ms. De Lisa informed the Council that Karen Zanzucchi had resigned from the Governor’s Advisory Council on Aging and had asked her to share her gratitude and best wishes with the other members. Ms. De Lisa stated she had thanked Ms. Zanzucchi for her terms of service.

Committee Reports

Executive Committee – Chairman C.T. Wright reported the Executive Committee met and discussed Senior Action Days purpose and protocol. Chairman Wright reminded the Council members that Senior Action Days are being scheduled during the first and second weeks of October at the suggestion of legislative leadership and that each member is asked to participate in the coordination of an event in their community. Chairman Wright asked members to report proposed meeting locations, dates and planning to the Council staff by August 16th. Chairman Wright discussed the revised By-Laws provided to the members following the May meeting and posted to the Council’s website then asked for a motion to approve. *Doyle Meredith made a motion to approve the revised By-Laws as presented; Becky Brimhall-Lepire seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

Legislative & Policy Coordinating Committee (LPCC) – Committee Chairwoman Bernadine Hoffman reported that Mike Braun, Executive Director of the Arizona Legislative Council, gave a detailed overview of the Legislative Council. Ms. Hoffman encouraged Committee members to

bring suggestions for 2014 priorities to September's meeting. Ms. Hoffman reported that Tammy Frazee from DAAS had announced that the Department of Economic Security is working on a media campaign that focuses on the effects of extreme heat on vulnerable populations.

Mature Workforce Committee (MWC) – Committee Chairwoman Becky Brimhall-Lepire thanked executive staff for their hard work. Ms. Brimhall-Lepire reported that Marlena Collins from Goodwill Industries of Southern Arizona and Michael Burchett of Goodwill of Central Arizona presented on Goodwill Industries and Terry Hawkins and Roger Forrester of Pima College presented on the Plus 50 Encore Completion Program. According to Ms. Brimhall-Lepire, the Co-Chairs for the three sub-committees gave detailed updates on goals and outcomes, and 2013 MWC priorities were discussed and several priorities for 2014 were suggested. Ms. Brimhall-Lepire stated a sub-committee co-chair suggested she send letters to certified mature employers requesting feedback and attendance at committee meetings.

Social, Health & Alzheimer's Committee (SHAC) – Council Member Deborah Lavinsky gave the following report on behalf of Committee Chairwoman Anne Morrison:

- David Besst of DES/DAAS provided an update on Lifespan Respite ;
- Deborah Schaus updated the members on the National Alzheimer's Project Act and the Arizona Alzheimer's Task Force;
- On Julia Wacloff's behalf, Mary Busch reported out on the Maricopa County Oral Health Leaders, Advocates and Resources/MOLAR Coalition;
- Dr. Alicia Mangram, Medical Director, Trauma Services, John C. Lincoln North Mountain, provided a presentation on G-60 Geriatric Trauma Services program; and
- SHAC members were strongly encouraged to bring recommendations for 2014 priorities to the September meeting.

Older Driver Safety Report Review Committee (ODSRRC) – George Evanoff gave a detailed overview of the work of the ad hoc committee and the development of the "Older Driver Evaluations – Fact Sheet for Physicians". Mr. Evanoff carried forward the recommendation from the LPCC for support and endorsement of the Older Driver Safety program and the form. *Chairman C.T. Wright made a motion to endorse the Older Driver Safety program and the form; Bernadine Hoffman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

Council Member Reports

Teresa Lopez – reported that Chicano Por La Casa is developing an aging in place report focused on the Latino community; she will share the report with the group.

Trudy Schuett – reported the Yuma Elder Abuse Coalition's Second Annual Event was held on June 14, 2013. Ms. Schuett also announced that she is currently working on a multimedia project with the Parker Senior Center entitled "Alone at the End of the Road" which is a review of people who retired to western Arizona in their recreational vehicles then found themselves alone without family or friends to aid them after their spouses died.

Joy Grainger – reported St. Joseph Mercy Housing has scheduled a luncheon on October 2nd. According to Ms. Grainger, the purpose of the luncheon is to raise funds for low income seniors to age in place with dignity.

Doyle Meredith – reported that many seniors residing in Yarnell lost property and possessions as a result of the fire.

George Evanoff – reported he attended the University of Arizona’s medical school dinner for residents training in geriatrics.

Announcements

None

Call to Public

Loretta Crimi stated the Northwest Valley Transportation Stakeholders Committee is currently conducting the Northwest Valley Transportation Feasibility Study spearheaded by the Maricopa Association of Governments - MAG. Ms. Crimi stated the meetings are scheduled in Surprise at Benevilla. Ms. Crimi stated Avondale is also doing a study of the Southwest Valley and both plans will connect the north and south ends of the West Valley.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned by Council Chairman C.T. Wright at 12:54 pm.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Governor’s Advisory Council on Aging is scheduled for September 13, 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.