



## GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING

### SOCIAL, HEALTH & ALZHEIMER'S COMMITTEE (SHAC) MEETING MINUTES

March 7, 2013

2:30 – 4:30 pm

Arizona State Capitol Executive Tower  
Second Floor Conference Room  
1700 West Washington Street  
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

#### **Council Members, Liaisons & Participants Present**

Anne Morrison (Committee Chairwoman), Becky Brimhall-Lepire, Charles Brown, Bernadine Hoffman, Deborah Lavinsky, Teresa Lopez, Doyle Meredith, C.T. Wright, David Besst, Phil Carll, Susan Cypert, Elizabeth Harris, Barbara Hill, Christie Kramer, Karen Richards, Heidi Ross, Tiffany Yazzie and Joan Zecherle

#### **Council Members Absent**

None

#### **Council Staff Present**

Cathy De Lisa, Kim Jennings, and Berntari Crosby

#### **Guest Present and Signing In**

Dr. Robin Bonifas, Linda Montgomery, and Iretta Linebarger

#### **Welcome, Introductions, Review & Approval of Minutes**

Committee Chairperson Anne Morrison called the meeting to order at 2:36p.m. A welcome and introduction period followed. Following a review of the January 10, 2013 SHAC draft minutes, *C. T. Wright made a motion to approve as presented; Meredith Doyle seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.*

#### **Presentation & Discussion**

Dr. Robin Bonifas and Christine Kramer of the Arizona State University College of Public Programs provided a presentation to the group on senior bullying. Topics discussed included: characteristics of bullying among older adults, impact of bullying on older adults in senior service organizations, framework for intervention and future research efforts. A copy of Dr. Robin Bonifas' and Christine Kramer's presentation "Insights for Understanding Bullying in Late Life" is available for review through the Council on Aging's office.

#### **Information & Discussion**

Linda Montgomery of the Arizona State Braille and Talking Book Library provided a presentation on the library and informed the members that books are available in audio book and Braille formats as a public service to all Arizona residents who are blind, visually impaired and physically disabled. According to Ms. Montgomery, the library provides digital access to reading materials, delivery by mail (no postage required), newspapers reading and descriptive videos and DVDs as free public services. A copy of Ms. Montgomery's presentation on the Arizona State Braille and Talking Book Library is available for review through the Council on Aging's office.

### **Updates & Discussion on SHAC Initiatives**

#### *Arizona Caregiver Coalition and Lifespan Respite*

David Besst, Department of Economic Security, Division of Aging and Adult Services, (DES/DAAS) provided a brief history and overview of the Lifespan Respite program. According to Mr. Besst, Arizona was the fourth state in the country to pass lifespan respite legislation which qualified the state to seek federal funding; that funding was awarded to the state over the past several years, and grant funds were used to develop an awareness campaign and to launch the caregiver resource line. Mr. Besst reported that current deliverables of the funding include the hosting of the November 2012 Lifespan Respite Summit and helping to establish a voucher program and online registry. Mr. Besst announced that the Arizona Caregiver Coalition has scheduled a Caregiver Day at the Capitol on March 21, 2013 from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m and circulated flyers. A copy of the flyer is available through the Council on Aging office.

#### *National Alzheimer's Project Act (NAPA) & Arizona Alzheimer's Task Force*

Phil Carll, Alzheimer's Association Desert Southwest Chapter, updated the group on NAPA and activities of the NAPA Advisory Council including their goals and recommendations. Mr. Carll also provided an update on the Arizona Alzheimer's Task Force including efforts by the four Work Teams to develop and forward recommendations to the Task Force by September 2013. Mr. Carll reported that there is still time to become involved in the Work Teams of the Task Force and invited Committee members' participation.

#### *Oral Health Coalitions*

Cathy De Lisa read a brief report from Julia Wacloff, Chief, Office of Oral Health at Arizona Department of Health Services. According to Ms. Wacloff, the Office of Oral Health received approval to seek grant funding from the National Association of Chronic Disease Directors, Healthy Aging Grant to develop an oral health surveillance plan for older adults; due date is March 15<sup>th</sup>. The Office of Oral Health is working with the Bureau of Chronic Disease, Arizona Healthy Aging consultant to engage partners and identify stakeholders. Anyone needing further information should contact Ms. Wacloff. In addition, the two oral health coalitions (Maricopa County MOLAR and Navajo County) have received supporting grant funds for 2013. Both coalitions are active and have a focus for adult oral health, according to Ms. Wacloff.

### **Announcements**

Karen Richards announced Banner Hospital has scheduled a memory screening event on March 15, 2013.

Joan Zecherle announced Hospice of Valley has scheduled Journey of Dementia seminars on March 19, 2013 at Desert Hills Presbyterian Church at 9 a.m. and on April 27, 2013 at St. Patrick Church from 8:45 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Executive Director Cathy De Lisa announced the availability of a sign-up sheet for the *Legislative Update* email newsletter in the back of the meeting room.

**Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 4:13 p.m. by Committee Chairwoman Anne Morrison.

**Next Meeting:**

**The next meeting of the Social, Health & Alzheimer Committee of the Governor’s Advisory Council on Aging is scheduled for May 2, 2013; location to be determined and announced by public meeting notice posted at the GACA website: [www.azgovernor.gov/gaca](http://www.azgovernor.gov/gaca). These meetings are open to the public.**