



## GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING

### Meeting Minutes

July 11, 2014

10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Arizona State Capitol Executive Tower

Third Floor Conference Room

1700 West Washington Street

Phoenix, Arizona 85007

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

Becky Brimhall-Lepire (Chair), Charles Brown, George Evanoff, Patsy Gillis, Joy Grainger, Teresa Lopez, Doyle Meredith, Lisa O'Neill, Melinda Preston, Trudy Schuett, Tonya Watson, C.T. Wright, Jamie Bennett, Cydney DeModica, Jay Dunkelberger, Kristin Fray, Olivia Guerrero, Vanessa Martin, Babak Nayeri and Cindy Saverino

#### **Council Members Absent**

Diane Joens, Deborah Lavinsky and Allison Perrin

#### **Council Staff, Interns Present**

Cathy De Lisa, Kim Jennings and Carolyn Sigler

#### **Guests Present and Signing In**

Amy St. Peter and Carah Campini

#### **Call to Order & Welcome / Review & Approval of May 9, 2014, Draft Minutes**

Council Chair Becky Brimhall-Lepire called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with a welcome and introductions. Draft minutes from the May 9, 2014, meeting were reviewed and a request was made by Tonya Watson to correct the Ad Hoc report to reflect the group met *monthly* instead of *seven times and spent more than 20 hours*. Joy Grainger made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected; C. T. Wright seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **Age-Friendly Communities**

Amy St. Peter, Human Services and Special Projects Manager with Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) presented on the Greater Phoenix Age-Friendly Network. According to Ms. St. Peter, the goals of the network are to provide technical assistance to communities to become more inclusive of older adults, introduce older adults to people of all ages through [www.Connect60Plus.com](http://www.Connect60Plus.com) and offer on-going training through a monthly webinar series. The statewide network will integrate and cross fertilize with foundational efforts undertaken by a number of talented partners, grow community capacity, cultivate strength-based, multidisciplinary approaches, nurture strengths of the community and plant strategic requests. A copy of the handout provided by Ms. St. Peter is available through the Council on Aging office.

*Tonya Watson made a motion to endorse having Ms. St. Peter return in September for further discussion; Trudy Schuett seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

### **Liaison Reports**

*Arizona Department of Veterans' Services (ADVS) – Kristin Fray, Admissions Coordinator, Arizona State Veterans' Home reported:*

- The Arizona State Veterans' Home is offering person-centered care using technology that includes iPads, iPods, iPhones, tablets and laptops in a weekly technology club with veterans for information retrieval, reminiscing, communication (Facebook and Skype), entertainment, music and reading and to build knowledge and skills. The technology allows individuals to adjust font size or use audio books while maintaining motor skills.

*Arizona Department of Economic Security (DES) Division of Aging & Adult Services (DAAS) – Cindy Saverino, Independent Living Supports Administrator reported:*

- The new database in is the parallel testing phase with the Area Agencies on Aging; the new system is scheduled to go live October 1, 2014. DAAS and the Area Agencies will utilize this new client database.
- DAAS client satisfaction surveys are being tallied; provider satisfaction surveys will be distributed next on the Area Agencies.
- The 2015-2018 State Plan on Aging was submitted to the Administration for Community Living on July 8, 2014; once approved, it goes into effect October 1<sup>st</sup> for the next four-year cycle.
- Ms. Saverino stated she wished to provide a clarification. DAAS has had grants for lifespan respite; however, the Arizona Caregivers Coalition which presented at the LPCC meeting is seeking additional funding for lifespan respite. Elizabeth Harris was representing the Arizona Caregiver Coalition not DES/DAAS. DAAS has no plans to request additional funding.

*Arizona Indian Council on Aging (AICOA) – No report received; Ronald Moore was absent.*

*Arizona Association of Area Agencies on Aging (Az4A) – Olivia Guerrero, CEO/President of Pinal-Gila Council for Senior Citizens, Area Agency on Aging Region 5 reported:*

- Area Agencies are involved in Request for Proposals with providers and close out of contracts. She stated Az4A is pleased to see several providers of services for persons with developmental disabilities interested in expanding services to include older Arizonans.
- Several Area Agencies have celebrated their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary – Region One in Maricopa County recently reached this milestone and the staff donated their time to complete acts of kindness for clients. Others Area Agencies having reached or surpassed that anniversary milestone include Pima Council on Aging (PCOA) Region II, Pinal Gila Council for Senior Citizens (PGCSC) Region V, and Western Arizona Council of Governments (WACOG) Region IV.
- World Elder Abuse Awareness Day was celebrated by several Area Agencies. Region One conducted an outreach campaign that included a slide at Harkins Theatres, ads in brochures, radio interviews and information at a resource fair at the Veterans Hospital. WACOG held two events – one full day training in Kingman hosted by the Kingman Aid to Abused Persons and an awareness and training event hosted by Yuma Elder Abuse Coalition.

PGCSC presented with the Attorney General's office a workshop on Elder Abuse Prevention at the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Pinal County Resource Roundup.

- PCOA, in collaboration with Tucson Medical Center, hosted an event honoring 24 centenarians at the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Salute to the Centenarians.
- Northern Arizona Council of Governments (NACOG) Area Agency on Aging Region III is working to build a more efficient department by restructuring the Medicare/Benefits Counseling Program and the Legal Program. Their Health and Wellness Program continues to excel and is rapidly growing and NACOG welcomed a new Family Caregiver Program Coordinator.
- Southeast Arizona Governments Organization (SEAGO) hired a new ombudsman who will be responsible for the four-county area.

A copy of Ms. Guerrero's complete report is available through the Council on Aging office.

*Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS)* – Jay Dunkleberger provided an update on the member-directed services reporting that computer-based training and member handbook have been developed to assist the members. Efforts to build professionalism of Direct Care Workers (DCW) providing services to AHCCCS members include a database that lists training that the DCW has completed. Olmstead Act – Community Integration for Everyone updates are due and AHCCCS, DES and ADHS are working to finalize plans in August.

*Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT)* – Cydney Demodica reported on the new Driver License process and new card with security features and discussed actions taken to address wrong-way drivers. A copy of the ADOT brochure provided by Ms. Demodica is available through the Council on Aging office.

*Attorney General's Office (AG)* – Vanessa Martin reported that the Attorney General's Office once again had a statewide art competition for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students – “Why Should I Care About Elder Abuse?” and posters from that competition are available. According to Ms. Martin, the office has an August 14<sup>th</sup> deadline for submission of draft legislation to their Legislative Affairs Director.

*Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS)* – Babak Nayeri reported that the Department is focusing on diabetes, stroke, heart health, HIV, and Alzheimer's along with fall prevention and chronic disease self-management. The Alzheimer's focus involves early detection and geriatric education in collaboration with the University of Arizona Center for Aging.

### **Break**

The Council Chair called for a break at 11:24 a.m. to prepare for a working lunch then reconvened at 11:40 a.m.

### **Council Chair Report & Discussion**

Council Chair Becky Brimhall-Lepire introduced and welcomed the newest Council member, Patsy Gillis. The Council Chair asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of former Council Member Bernie Hoffman.

### **Executive Director's Report, Office Updates & Discussion**

Executive Director Cathy De Lisa reported out on requests to the Council and the Office, provided an update on Aging 2020 and circulated the 2013 Aging 2020 Update from the Arizona Board of Regents and reviewed with the group where the Aging 2020 reports are located on the Governor's Office on Aging website. Ms. De Lisa stated she continues to work on planning for the transition in administration.

### **Committee Reports**

*Executive Committee* – Council Chair Becky Brimhall-Lepire provided an update on plans for representation at the National Indian Council on Aging conference in September and thanked members and liaisons for completing the Council Member and Council Liaison surveys, respectively.

*Ad Hoc Committee on Review & Revitalization and Public Relations* – Tonya Watson reported on the Committee's recent work and presented the draft recommendations highlighting and outlining the process taken to develop them. Dr. Watson reported Council Member Lisa O'Neill is working on creating a timeline/grid to track activities and tasks (measurable outcomes) for each committee goal to help keep the committee on track and achieve goal completion by the designated date (if they determine this would be helpful) – for 2015 goals, which are yet to be created. The wish list created for Council membership was presented and reviewed and Ad Hoc Committee Chair Tonya Watson asked staff to ensure all requirements per the statutes are included then encouraged members to share ideas with the staff ahead of a final review and vote on the documents at the September GACA meeting.

Council Chair Becky Brimhall-Lepire invited comment, and following a brief exchange, she asked that members get any additional feedback to the Executive Director and stated that a special GACA teleconference meeting would be called if further discussion was needed ahead of a review and vote on the Ad Hoc Committee's draft recommendations at the Council's September 11, 2014, meeting. A copy of the draft recommendations and wish list as presented are available for review through the Council on Aging office.

*Legislative and Policy Coordinating Committee (LPCC)* – C.T. Wright provided a summary of the Arizona Legislative Council Executive Director's presentation that included the process of drafting legislation in the Arizona State Legislature, how legislation moves through the legislative process and a demonstration of the various options for research and tracking of legislation offered on the ALC website.

Dr. Wright also reminded those in attendance that while LPCC heard and is collecting ideas for potential legislative priorities that an assumption should not be made that the Council will endorse and support the proposed priorities reminding the group that the Council members are appointed by the Governor. Dr. Wright suggested that liaisons pass along all draft legislation to be considered to Executive Director Cathy De Lisa.

*Mature Workforce Committee (MWC)* – Trudy Schuett reported on behalf of Committee Chair Diane Joens. She reviewed the presentation by Shawn McMahon from Wider Opportunities for Women that included the elder economic index and its impact to older workers; the overview

presentation from Ad Hoc Committee Chair Tonya Watson and website statistics shared on the Arizona Mature Workers Website ([www.azmatureworkers.com](http://www.azmatureworkers.com)).

*Social, Health & Alzheimer's Committee (SHAC)* – Doyle Meredith, Acting Chair reported that:

- the Committee took a moment to remember former committee member Bernie Hoffman;
- Virginia (Ginny) Rountree from AHCCCS discussed the Home and Community Based Services rule from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS),
- Updates on lifespan respite, caregiver training and Az Links was provided by David Besst;
- Deborah Schaus, co-facilitator of the Arizona Alzheimer's Task Force, provided updates on efforts to develop the Alzheimer's state plan;
- The group received an update on the work of the Ad Hoc Committee; and
- SHAC members were invited to share ideas for legislative priorities with staff.

### **Council Member Reports**

#### *Council Members' Aging Related Updates*

- George Evanoff reported he recently spoke to a senior group in Mammoth, Arizona. He also mentioned that a group in Oro Valley is putting together a health fair with assistance from Vice Mayor, Lou Waters.
- Melinda Preston reported she would be turning 65 on Sunday.
- Patsy Gillis reported on her recent tour of Banner Olive Branch Senior Center and stated she planned to attend the Attorney General's Task Force Against Elder Abuse health care sub-committee as requested by the Council Chair.
- Joy Grainger reported that Mercy Housing now has a new CEO and that an invitation to the annual "Live in Hope" Mercy Housing event in October would be shared with staff to forward to the members.
- Cathy De Lisa shared news that former Council Member Bernie Hoffman was nominated and later chosen to receive the AARP Andrus Award which her husband will be accepting in her memory.
- Lisa O'Neill reported she is participating in the Attorney General's elder abuse task force in Southern Arizona focused on financial exploitation and distributed educational tent cards.
- Trudy Schuett stated filming will begin in August in Yuma for the next segment of her video series 'Alone At The End of the Road' and that she will soon be starting a newsletter for the project.
- C. T. Wright mentioned that the refreshments provided at the meetings do not come from State monies and encouraged members to contribute as they wish.
- Teresa Lopez suggested the Council consider having a speaker from Chicanos por la Causa.
- Olivia Guerrero reported on the August 25-28 National Meals on Wheels in America Conference in Scottsdale, Arizona.

### **Call to Public**

No public responding to the call to the public.

### **Adjourn**

*The meeting was adjourned by Council Chair Becky Brimhall-Lepire at 12:55 pm.*

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging is scheduled for September 12, 2014; location to be confirmed 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.