



## GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING

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

January 9, 2014

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**

Allison Perrin (Committee Chairwoman), Becky Brimhall-Lepire, Charles Brown, Bernadine Hoffman, Diane Joens, Deborah Lavinsky, Doyle Meredith, Trudy Schuett, Tonya Watson, C.T. Wright, David Besst, Mary Busch, Phil Carll, Susan Cypert, Barbara Hill, Steve Laughary, Shawn Trobia, Julia Wacloff and Hannele Waissi

#### **Council Members Absent**

George Evanoff, Joy Grainger, Teresa Lopez and Lisa O'Neill

#### **Council Staff Present**

Cathy De Lisa, Kim Jennings and Berntari Crosby

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

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

Committee Chairwoman Allison Perrin called the meeting to order at 2:33 p.m. A welcome and introduction period followed. Following a review of the September 12, 2013 SHAC draft minutes, *Becky Brimhall-Lepire made a motion to approve as presented; C.T. Wright seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.*

#### **Report Out from the Council's Annual Planning Meeting & Ad Hoc Committee Work**

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this intent of review and revitalization, The Chairman announced he had appointed an Ad Hoc Committee dedicated to leading an internal review and a strategic process over the coming year that will be working with each of the committees to review and revitalize as well and it was expected that recommendations for changes – however large or small – will be made to the initiatives of these groups. Members of the committee were invited and encouraged to participate in the process.

Tonya Watson, Ad Hoc Committee Chairwoman, gave a report on the Ad Hoc Committee work to date that included:

- Ad Hoc Committee members, George Evanoff, Lisa O’Neill and Tonya Watson, held their initial meeting at the University of Arizona Center on Aging on December 17, 2013.
- Committee reviewed purposed and overall expectations as conveyed the Council Chairman Wright.
- Committee heard input and historical perspectives on the Council from veteran Council member Evanoff and Council Executive Director Cathy De Lisa.
- Members agreed to the following:
  - Keep committee structure at three committees for now.
  - Executive Director Cathy De Lisa will serve as the Ad Hoc Committee’s staff liaison.
  - Formally assess where the Council is now using the SWOT (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats) analysis tool.
  - Using SWOT results, input from the stakeholder survey, Senior Action Day data and Council and staff input, the group will develop a blueprint for strategic action for the Council for the coming decade.
  - Discuss ways to identify and leverage the value of the Council and its work.

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

#### *Lifespan Respite*

David Besst, Department of Economic Security and Division of Aging and Adult Services, updated the group on the activities of the Lifespan Respite Program, the Caregiver Resource Line (CRL) and the Arizona Caregiver Coalition (ACC). Mr. Besst highlighted the application process for the respite vouchers which will be processed through the CRL and funded through the Area Agencies. According to Mr. Besst,

1. \$300 of respite can be obtained for those not eligible for respite under another program; 25 hours at \$12 an hour, annually. Respite is available for a wide array of caregivers including grandparents raising grandchildren, caregivers of disabled adults and caregivers of older adults.
2. Direct care workers or caregivers and caregiver agencies can be located on the new online registry that also offers education to those hiring on how to select and hire vetted workers.
3. The Lifespan Respite Program collaborated with Attorney General’s office on development of the online respite registry; the registry is gaining national attention.

4. Educational brochures have been developed targeting those looking for respite or direct care workers, those considering work as a respite or direct care workers and those seeking more information about the Arizona Caregiver Coalition and the CRL. According to Mr. Besst, plans are underway to market services to the public via public service announcements, You Tube videos and billboards. The three brochures distributed by Mr. Besst are available for review through the Council on Aging's 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.

#### Advisory Council on Alzheimer's Research, Care and Services

According to Mr. Carll, the Advisory Council met on December 2<sup>nd</sup> and heard about several initiatives focused on capturing, standardizing, and making available the DNA and imaging data now available due to advances in technology and how this new information can be integrated with other clinical data. The Council heard from Dr. Arthur Toga, director of the Laboratory of Neuro Imaging, University of Southern California, Los Angeles on the *Global Alzheimer's Association Interactive Network (GAAIN)*, a new "global infrastructure" now nearing completion that would link data from multiple sources and enable a scientist to easily access and use vast, interlinked repositories of data on thousands of people with Alzheimer's or at risk for developing the disorder.

#### Funding for NAPA

Mr. Carll reported that each chamber of Congress is developing their specific funding bills now that FY2014 appropriation levels are established and both chambers passed the budget conference agreement before leaving for the holidays.

According to Mr. Carll, the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013 would set the discretionary funding level at \$1.012 trillion for this fiscal year, roughly halfway between the House and Senate budget levels. Earlier this year the Senate's budget included the \$100 million to implement the National Alzheimer's Project Act, or NAPA, as supported by the Association. The House budget did not.

#### Arizona Alzheimer's Task Force

Mr. Carll reported that the four public Work Teams have now provided draft recommendations to the Task Force for review and consideration. The teams are: Work Team #1 Impact of the Disease on the State, Work Team #2 Access to Services, Work Team #3 Independence and Safety and Work Team #4 Quality of Care Promotion and Regulation. The Task Force meets again on February 21, 2014.

#### *Oral Health Coalition*

Julia Wacloff, Office of Oral Health, Arizona Department of Health Services, provided a report out on the Arizona Dental Mission of Mercy sponsored by the Central Arizona Dental Society. According to Ms. Wacloff, the event was held for the second time at the state fairground coliseum and served 2,020 people; an increase of 20% over 2012. More than 1,500 volunteers including dentists, dental hygienists, lab staff, dental students and community members worked

the three day event. The total value of services provided was \$1,420,000. The County Health Department provided more than 800 flu vaccines.

Steve Laughary reported that the Maricopa County Oral Health Leaders Advocates and Resources or MOLAR was finalizing their 501 (c) (3) status and meets next on February 14, 2014.

### **Information Sharing from 2013 Senior Action Days**

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### **2013 Senior Action Day(s) Discussion**

At the invitation of Council Chairman C.T. Wright, Vice Council Chairwoman Becky Brimhall-Lepire reported on 2013 Senior Action Day events and facilitated a discussion and review of data from: the *Governor's Advisory Council on Aging 2013 Senior Action Day Input Received*, the *Governor's Advisory Council on Aging Stakeholder Responses of Top Concern of Older Arizonans* and *Aging in Arizona: "Why Older Arizonans Need our Support."* A copy of the *Governor's Advisory Council on Aging 2013 Senior Action Day Input Received*, the *Governor's Advisory Council on Aging Stakeholder Responses of Top Concern of Older Arizonans* and *Aging in Arizona: "Why Older Arizonans Need our Support"* is available through the Council on Aging office.

### **Announcements**

David Besst announced the Arizona Caregiver Coalition is in the process of becoming 501 (c) (3) nonprofit in order to help build sustainability.

Karen Richards announced the Arizona Fall Prevention Coalition is sponsoring an Open House on January 29, 2014 from 8:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Steve Laughary announced the North Valley Aging Coalition is scheduled to meet on January 16, 2014 at Maravilla Scottsdale.

Becky Brimhall-Lepire announced the Arizona Assisted Living Homes Association/AALHA is holding a free conference on March 5, 2014.

Shawn Trobia invited committee members to attend AARP's Arizona Legislative Breakfast scheduled on Thursday, January 16, 2014 from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on the Senate lawn.

### **Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 3:39 p.m. by Chairwoman Allison Perrin.

### **Next Meeting:**

**The next meeting of the Social, Health & Alzheimer Committee of the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging is scheduled for March 6, 2014; 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.**