



GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING

AGING IN COMMUNITY COMMITTEE (AICC) MEETING MINUTES September 10, 2015 10:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

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

Council Members, Liaisons and Participants Present

Lisa O'Neill (Committee Chair), Becky Brimhall-Lepire, Andrew Compton, Patsy Gillis, Diane Joens, Deborah Lavinsky, Teresa Ramirez Lopez, Doyle Meredith, Melinda Preston, Trudy Schuett, Tonya Watson, and B.J. Ayers, Christine Lazo-Bryson, Karen Richards, Debbie Uptain, Steve Wagner, Hannele Waissi, and Elaine Poker-Yount

Council Members Absent

Charles Brown, Deborah Hankerd, Allison Perrin, C. T. Wright

Council Staff Present

Cathy De Lisa and Lizette Cordero

Guests Present and Signing In

James Fitzpatrick and Haleigh Collins

Welcome & Introductions, Review & approval of 5/8/15 and 7/10/15 Draft Minutes

Committee Chair Lisa O'Neill called the meeting to order at 10:17 a.m. with a welcome and introductions. Following a review of the draft minutes, *Becky Brimhall-Lepire made a motion to approve the May 8, 2015 and July 10, 2015 draft minutes as presented; Diane Joens seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

2015 Senior Action Days & Ways AICC Can Support

Committee Chair Lisa O'Neill provided a brief update on the Senior Action Day events planned beginning September 18 through October 6, 2015. AICC members were encouraged to help promote the events by posting information, circulating flyers, encouraging elected officials to attend the regional events and by attending. GACA staff members were asked to email the event dates to the AICC members, and those wanting specific event flyers were asked to contact GACA staff.

Full Committee Discussion of Subcommittee Actions & Measurable Outcomes

Based on feedback received in Executive Committee that break outs didn't allow members to participate in both initiatives and both Subcommittees had met their short-term goals, Committee Chair Lisa O'Neill reported the full committee would join in discussions this date, the last meeting of the AICC in 2015.

- Transportation Subcommittee - Trudy Schuett, Co-Chair reported the group hadn't heard yet whether or not the proposed toolkit could be posted on the ADOT website, and efforts to categorize the information and gather information were on-going. B.J. Ayers shared updates from a meeting on transportation solutions for Tempe residents. Committee Chair O'Neill commended the group for meeting their short-term goal of collecting statewide information for the toolkit.
- Alzheimer's Subcommittee – Teresa Ramirez Lopez reported the group had met the short-term goal of disseminating information on the June Arizona Alzheimer's Consortium event; 88 agencies were contacted by three of the Subcommittee members. A discussion ensued on ideas previously raised for a long-term goal around building awareness. Based on the need to complete measurement of the goal to track subcommittee member involvement in building awareness, the GACA Vice Chair requested that the Alzheimer's Subcommittee track AICC members volunteering at the Alzheimer's Association Desert Southwest Chapter walks, and it was suggested that those choosing to do so could speak with James Fitzpatrick at the end of the meeting.

Following subcommittee discussions, Committee Chair Lisa O'Neill asked staff to email the AICC goals and objectives approved at the May 8, 2015 meeting so that newer members could see the measurable outcomes the committee and subcommittees had chosen to focus on.

Consensus on Actions and Outcomes for AICC & Subcommittees

Committee Chair Lisa O'Neill expressed appreciation to the Subcommittee Co-Chairs and thanked everyone for their efforts that resulted in the achievement of short-term goals.

Preparation for 2016

Vice Chair Tonya Watson provided a brief overview of progress made related to the six areas of focus contained in the GACA action plan and outlined the process of integrating input from the Senior Action Day cycle in planning and prioritizing for 2016. Members of AICC were encouraged to share feedback via the stakeholder survey or by contacting GACA staff.

According to the Vice Chair, input collected from the Senior Action Day events, the stakeholder survey and committee members will assist the Council in planning for 2016.

Report Out & Discussion on AICC-related research, conferences, workshops, seminars, training opportunities, best practices, etc.

Tonya Watson reported on the October 15th Elder Justice conference being held in Flagstaff by the Northern Arizona Council of Governments, Area Agency on Aging Region III.

B.J. Ayers reported that she would continue to update the Transportation Subcommittee on the Orbit route in Tempe.

Becky Brimhall-Lepire reported on the National Conference on Guardianship in Mesa October 24 – 27, 2015.

Steve Wagner reported on follow up with GACA member Deborah Hankerd and the potential for the Town of Tombstone to receive grant funding for eight (8) automated external defibrillators (AEDs) including one for the Senior Center in Tombstone. Mr. Wagner also reported that Honor Health would be providing a Power in Motion Institute with free cardiac testing for student athletes, their families and others on November 14, 2015.

Elaine Poker Yount reported on plans for a caregiving forum on October 24th in Queen Creek and free memory screening offered through Visiting Angels November 3 – 5, 2015.

Debbie Uptain from MD24 House Calls reported their first clinic had opened in Surprise and plans were underway for the December opening of a clinic in Mesa.

Karen Richards reported National Falls Prevention Awareness Day is September 23, 2015 and everyone was encouraged to wear orange and the Arizona Geriatrics Society's fall conference is October 29 – 30, 2015. In addition, Ms. Richards reported she is teaching "Brain Gym" sessions in collaboration with Banner Alzheimer's Institute.

Cathy De Lisa reported an updated statewide SHIP (State Health Insurance Assistance Program) contact list had been provided for AICC and would be helpful for those receiving call related to Medicare Open Enrollment.

Melinda Preston reported on her efforts to assist the Justa Center, the homeless resource center for seniors located near the capitol.

Adjourn

Prior to adjourning the meeting at 11:45 a.m., Committee Chair Lisa O'Neill thanked the Subcommittee Chairs and members of AICC for their work toward measurable outcomes this year.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Aging in Community Committee of the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging will be scheduled in January 2016; date, time 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.