



GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING

Executive Committee

Meeting Minutes

February 5, 2015

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Governor's Office on Aging

Suite 101

1700 W. Washington Street

Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Executive Committee Members Present Joining Telephonically

Becky Brimhall-Lepire (Chair), Patsy J. Gillis (Secretary), Tonya L. Watson (Vice Chair), Deborah M. Lavinsky (Legislative and Policy Coordinating Committee Chair), Lisa M. O'Neill (Aging in Community Chair), and C.T. Wright (Past Chair)

Guest Present and Signing In

None

Council Staff Present

Cathy De Lisa, (telephonically) Carolyn Sigler

Welcome and Call to Order

Governor's Advisory Council on Aging (GACA) Chair Becky Brimhall-Lepire called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.

Chair Updates for Discussion

Transition – the Council Chair reported Ryan Peters is the new Director of the Boards & Commissions office, and the Advisory Council on Aging would be moving forward “as is” until word is received on the appointment of the 2015 Chair by Governor Ducey. Additionally, the Council Chair reported the GACA Executive Director had met with the new Health & Human Services Policy Advisor and invited her to the March GACA meeting. According to Ms. De Lisa, Senior Action Days, the Alzheimer's Task Force and Aging 2020 would be continuing initiatives of the office, and certification of mature worker friendly employers was on hold at this time due in part to staffing.

Subcommittee meetings between regular Council Meetings – the Council Chair reminded the Executive Committee members that the hiring freeze meant the Program and Project Specialist position would not be filled so more member involvement may be needed in order to ensure achievement of measurable

outcomes and increased interest in and commitment to GACA in 2015. The group discussed the possibility of assigning someone to help take minutes in the Subcommittee meetings when staff cannot attend.

Senior Action Days – protocols for planning - Council Chair Brimhall-Lepire reported the intent was to talk with legislative leaders and administration before setting final dates and locations to help build support and attendance by legislators. With limited staffing, coordination of planning will be essential to provide ample preparation and support. Past Chairman and Senior Action Day Subcommittee Co-Chair, Mr. C.T. Wright reported the Senior Action Subcommittee hoped to schedule a meeting prior to the March 6th Legislative and Policy Coordinating Committee (LPCC) meeting and would work on talking points for the 2015 Senior Action Days to ensure consistency in messaging by GACA members.

Preparation for March 6th meetings

At the request of staff, the group was asked to consider the best mechanism for sharing meeting materials with GACA members. The group discussed options including emailing materials to the members in advance then displaying the materials by projector at the meeting to avoid the amount of hard copies now required. It was suggested that a discussion of the proposed ideas be conducted at the next GACA meeting and at least a one-meeting reminder notice be given ahead of the final change. *Lisa O'Neill made a motion to make the recommendation to the Council at the March 6 meeting; Deborah Lavinsky seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

Council Chair Becky Brimhall-Lepire shared a request from the Arizona Age-Friendly Network out of Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) to include GACA as a sponsor of their annual age-friendly conference later this spring. Ms. Brimhall-Lepire reminded members that this request is in alignment with GACA's priorities to increase awareness of GACA and build/strengthen relationships with organizations dealing with aging issues. Following discussion, *Patsy Davis made a motion for recommendation to put the request on the GACA March 6, 2015 agenda to discuss and that GACA members will volunteer to attend. Tonya Watson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

Adjourn

Council Chair Becky Brimhall-Lepire adjourned the meeting at 2:31 p.m.

Next Meeting

The next Executive Committee meeting is planned for March 6, 2015; time and location to be determined and announced by Public Meeting Notice posted at the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging website: <http://www.azgovernor.gov/gaca/>. These meetings are open to the public.