



GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING

AGING IN COMMUNITY COMMITTEE (AICC)

MEETING MINUTES

January 8, 2016

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

Doyle Meredith (Committee Chair), Becky Brimhall-Lepire, Andrew Compton, Jeff Fleetham, Deborah Hankerd, Diane Joens, Melinda Preston, Trudy Schuett, C. T. Wright, Christine Bryson-Lazo, Ted Evertsen, James Fitzpatrick, Pauline Komnenich, Michele Michaels, Karen Richards, Stacey Sweet, Shawn Trobia, Steve Wagner, and Hannele Waissi

Council Members Absent

Patsy Gillis, Lisa O'Neill

Council Staff Present

Cathy De Lisa, Lizette Cordero

Guests Present and Signing In

Joanne Thomson, Emma Trobia, and Mari Alvarado

Welcome & introductions, review & approval of 9.10.15 draft minutes

Committee Chair Doyle Meredith called the meeting to order at 10:17 a.m. with a welcome and introductions then called for a review of the September 10, 2015 draft meeting minutes. *C.T. Wright made a motion to approve the draft minutes; Melinda Preston seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

Report back on 2015 Senior Action Days

Committee Chair Doyle Meredith invited GACA Chair Becky Brimhall-Lepire to provide an overview of the 2015 Senior Action Days and referenced the charts provided ranking the top six concerns expressed by attendees and those completing the stakeholder survey. Top concerns raised: health care, independence; aging in community, elder abuse, neglect or exploitation, transportation, retirement security, and assistance/information. A lengthy discussion ensued about the number of concerns raised at the events, the response rate to the stakeholder survey and ideas for ways to increase participation next time. Staff agreed to provide an update on the

stakeholder survey information as requested to the group in follow up ahead of the next AICC meeting.

Ideas for improvement included communicating with regional medical centers, utilizing a telephone tree for follow up and mailing of hard copies when distributing the survey. It was also suggested that all stakeholders be encouraged to place the Survey Monkey survey link on their websites.

Executive Director Cathy De Lisa reported that the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging (GACA) members also discussed the White House Conference on Aging Regional Forum reports and the feedback from the regional listening sessions as part of their review at the Annual Planning meeting in November.

A copy of the Senior Action Day materials is available through the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging.

Discussion of data in relation to potential AICC 2016 efforts

Discussion centered on need for more responses in order to consider results for priority purposes.

Full discussion of subcommittees

Committee Chair Doyle Meredith called on staff to provide a report out on the outcomes achieved by the Alzheimer's Subcommittee. The group was directed to the posting of the GACA Action Plan's dashboard on the Council's website. As indicated on the dashboard, 88 individuals received information distributed by three (3) members about the June Arizona Alzheimer's Consortium community conference.

According to the Transportation Subcommittee Co-Chairs Trudy Schuett and Deborah Hankerd, the group needed to complete follow up and determine what could be done with the information collected for the transportation toolkit.

Ideas for recommendations to GACA on AICC 2016 goals & objectives

New Council member, Jeff Fleetham, suggested inclusion of the Virtual Dementia Tour as part of the Subcommittee's measurable outcomes for 2016. It was agreed by general consensus that the experience provides true insight on what it's like living with Alzheimer's disease or related disorders. Steve Wagner reported Phoenix Fire Department has Alzheimer's training planned as continued education for all staff; he would be interested in learning more about plans for the Virtual Dementia Tour. Karen Richards offered to assist with coordinating tours should the group decide to pursue such.

Assignments of tasks prior to next AICC meeting

Jeffrey Fleetham was asked to let GACA members know if openings are available with the Virtual Dementia Tour his department is planning. Staff agreed to provide an update on the stakeholder survey information as requested to the group in follow up ahead of the next AICC meeting.

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

Michele Michaels from the Arizona Commission for the Deaf and the Hard of Hearing (ACDHH) reported that the Governor's State of State address on Monday, January 11, 2016 would include live captioning; a link with the information would be provided to GACA staff for distribution. Ms. Michaels also announced hearing loss events on January 12, 2016 in Sun City and with the African Americans with disabilities, and reported that the ACDHH had hired a lobbyist to help with advocacy to address hearing loss.

Pauline Kommenich from the Hartford Center of Gerontological Nursing Excellence at Arizona State University College of Nursing & Health Innovation reported that the Center has free online modules available to all that cover important topics such as dementia, communication and physical activity. The website is www.nursingandhealth.asu.edu/Hartford.

Karen Richards reported the Arizona Falls Prevention Coalition meeting is January 14, 2016 at the Arizona Department of Health Services and leadership for the group will include hearing loss link to falls prevention.

Shawn Trobia reported AARP held its first Aging Network Breakfast on January 7, 2016 in Phoenix; a statewide invitation would be issued every two months for this networking opportunity. Those interested in being placed on the invitation list should contact Ms. Trobia.

Cathy De Lisa, Executive Director of the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging reported the Council would be continuing the *Legislative Update* email newsletter and encouraged members to help increase the distribution list for this free resource.

Copies of the Hartford Center of Gerontological Nursing Excellence materials and the Hearing Loss Association of America flyers are available in the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging office.

Adjourn

Committee Chair, Doyle Meredith, adjourned the meeting at 11.36 a.m.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting of the Aging in Community Committee of the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging is scheduled for March 11, 2016 time and location to be announced by public meeting notice posted at the GACA website <http://govtrans.az.gov/gaca/>.
These meetings are open to the public.