



GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING

LEGISLATIVE & POLICY COORDINATING COMMITTEE (LPCC) MEETING MINUTES

January 8, 2016

8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.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, Andrew Compton, George Evanoff, Jeff Fleetham, Deborah Hankerd, Doyle Meredith, Melinda Preston, Trudy Schuett, C.T. Wright, Christine Bryson-Lazo, Jantell Cansler, Ted Evertsen, Elizabeth Harris, Pauline Komnenich, Michele Michaels, Don Ritchie, Shawn Trobia, and Steve Wagner

Council Members Absent

Diane Joens, Patsy Gillis, Lisa O'Neill

Council Staff Present

Cathy De Lisa, Lizette Cordero

Guests Present

Maria L. Alvarado, Scott Geiger, and James Fitzpatrick

Welcome, introductions, review & approval of 9.10.2015 draft minutes

Committee Chair C.T. Wright called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m. with a welcome and introductions then called for a review of the September 10, 2015 draft meeting minutes. *Doyle Meredith made a motion to approve the draft minutes as presented; Becky Brimhall-Lepire seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

Report back on 2015 Senior Action Days

Committee Chair, C.T. Wright provided an overview of the 2015 Senior Action Days and referenced the materials provided by staff that rank the top six concerns expressed by attendees of the events, those calling, emailing or mailing in their concerns and by those completing the stakeholder survey. A discussion ensued regarding the categories of concerns and it was noted that challenges in accessing health care providers, especially those who take Medicare, was part of the reason for the high ranking of health care as top concern.

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 material is available through the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging.

Sharing of Legislators' & Stakeholders' aging advocacy priorities for 2016

Steve Wagner of Right Care Foundation commented on the challenge of the Do Not Resuscitate (DNR) order not being readily accessible to emergency medical services staff when responding to an emergency call. According to Mr. Wagner, it is hoped legislation might be developed that makes advance directives available to emergency responders electronically. In addition, Mr. Wagner reported Grand Canyon University is conducting a follow-up study to the Immediate Resuscitation study that outlines the cost effectiveness of having trained personnel and volunteers in congregate setting to administer CPR to those wishing to be resuscitated at the time of emergency.

Jantell Cansler of the Arizona Caregiver Coalition reported legislation was being introduced that recognized caregivers and continued lifespan respite funding.

Ted Evertsen, AARP volunteer discussed the caregiver act that includes training of caregivers before patient discharge from the hospital.

Also raised were concerns that financial institutions such as banks should have responsibility to notify account holders of unusual activities and seniors should build awareness on how to handle phone and mail scams. According to GACA Chair Brimhall-Lepire, the financial institutions have the responsibility to monitor but are not legally mandated to do so.

According to Shawn Trobia, AARP has a Fraud Watch Network with online resources and volunteers to facilitate the fraud watch presentations. Other AARP priorities include support for caregivers and families and helping older adults age in community.

A copy of the Department of Economic Security Decision Package Justification, made available to attendees, is available through the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging Office.

Review & discussion of information provided & potential 2016 LPCC work

In follow up to the earlier discussion, the group identified the following as potential work for LPCC in 2016:

- elder abuse or exploitation,
- expansion of the Silver Alert criteria to include those under 65 years of age with dementia,
- hearing aids,
- fraud watch; financial abuse or exploitation, and
- accessible advance directives for emergency responders.

Ideas for recommendation to GACA on LPCC 2016 goals & objectives

Committee Chair C.T. Wright reported he would be taking the ideas raised by the LPCC members to the Council for consideration.

Assignment of tasks prior to next LPCC meeting

No assignments made by Chairman.

Report out & discussion on LPCC-related research, conferences, Members, Guests & Staff workshops, seminars, training opportunities, best practices, etc.

Michele Michaels reported the Arizona Commission for the Deaf and the Hard of Hearing – has hired a lobbyist to help raise awareness of the impact of hearing loss and advocate for low income individuals to receive hearing aids.

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. AARP is sponsoring Legislative Day from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Monday, January 11, 2016, the first day of the new session.

George Evanoff reported the Mayor of Tucson now has a county-wide group addressing concerns of older adults that is funded through the Community Foundation.

Cathy De Lisa reported the Governor’s Advisory Council on Aging will have a booth at the 21st Annual Indian Nations and Tribes Legislative Day on January 19th from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on the Senate lawn, and the Council will be continuing the *Legislative Update* email newsletter. Ms. De Lisa encouraged members to help increase the distribution list for this free resource and submit information and resources for inclusion.

Adjourn

Committee Chair, C.T. Wright, adjourned the meeting at 10:01 a.m.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of the Legislative & Policy Coordinating Committee of the Governor’s Advisory Council on Aging is scheduled for March 11, 2016; time and location to be confirmed and announced by public meeting notice at the GACA website: <http://govtrans.az.gov/gaca/>. These meetings are open to the public.