



GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING

LEGISLATIVE & POLICY COORDINATING COMMITTEE (LPCC)

MEETING MINUTES

May 13, 2016

8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Arizona Department of Health Services Building

Basement Room 005

1740 W. Adams Street

Phoenix, Arizona 85007.

Council Members, Liaisons and Participants Present

Becky Brimhall-Lepire, Patsy Gillis, Deborah Hankerd, Lisa O'Neill, Melinda Preston, Trudy Schuett, Steve Wagner, Christine Bryson-Lazo

Council Members Absent

George Evanoff, Diane Joens, Doyle Meredith, C.T. Wright

Council Staff Present

Cathy De Lisa, Lizette Cordero

Guests Present

No Guests present

Welcome, introductions, review & approval of 3.11.2016 draft minutes

Acting Committee Chair and GACA Chair Becky Brimhall-Lepire called the meeting to order at 8:34 a.m., following a welcome and introductions then called for a review of the March 11, 2016 draft meeting minutes. *Trudy Schuett made a motion to approve the draft minutes as presented; Lisa O'Neill seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

Review & discussion of legislation

Executive Director Cathy De Lisa provided an overview of the FULL List of legislation tracked by the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging this session. The information included bills signed, awaiting signature or not making it through the process as of 5/12/2016.

A lengthy conversation ensued among GACA members regarding the purpose of the Silver Haired Legislature and the role of the Governor's Advisor Council on Aging (GACA). GACA members suggested meeting with the sponsor of the bill to gain insights and better understand how GACA may collaborate to fill in the gaps and be more effective.

A copy of and a link to the FULL List of legislation is available through the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging office.

Updates from the Taskforce against Elder Abuse/TASA & Discussion

No representative was present for the discussion. GACA Chair Becky Brimhall-Lepire stated she had asked new GACA member Steve Wagner to report out at future meetings.

LPCC 2016 objectives

Members reviewed and discussed the Legislative and Policy Coordinating Committee's 2016 DRAFT Objectives as discussed in January and drafted at the March 11, 2016 meeting as follows:

DRAFT OBJECTIVES for LPCC

- 1) Assist LPCC's subcommittee efforts to achieve measurable objectives for 2016.
- 2) Assist AD-HOC efforts to achieve their measurable objectives for 2016.
- 3) Assist GACA's efforts to achieve their measurable objectives for 2016.

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2. Track federal legislation and provide an update on status of tracked bills.
3. Create a GACA supportive statement for the Silver Alert legislation expansion; appropriate dissemination pending Governor's official response to the passed legislation.
4. Assist in developing a bipartisan work group or caucus focused on senior issues with Senator Farley.
5. Track financial exploitation focus by TASA.

Due to confusion surrounding the objectives, Vice Chair Lisa O'Neill agreed to revise the draft document according to input received as follows:

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5. Appoint council member to regularly attend Attorney General's Elder Abuse Task Force (TASA) meetings and report back to subcommittee on possible areas of collaboration.

Staff members were asked to consider coordinating a telephonic meeting to discuss and potentially take action ahead of the July 8, 2016 LPCC meeting, if needed. Concern was expressed that time was running short on achievement of objectives in 2016. Members were asked to take time to read the emails and draft minutes from meetings when provided by staff and stay current on efforts of the committees and subcommittees.

A copy of the draft LPCC objectives piece is available through the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging office.

Assignment of tasks prior to next LPCC meeting & during summer

No new assignment made.

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

Steve Wagner reported that TASA is working on collaboration with the Arizona Department of Health Services to create a definition of a category of care for dementia and Alzheimer's disease to help first responders know which facilities patients should be transported to at time of emergency.

Melinda Preston reported that in her practice she is seeing a lack of beds for referral of elders with mental health needs.

Adjourn

Acting Committee Chair and GACA Chair, Becky Brimhall-Lepire adjourned the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of the Legislative & Policy Coordinating Committee of the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging is scheduled for July 8, 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.