



GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING

SOCIAL, HEALTH & ALZHEIMER'S COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

April 2, 2009

2:30 p.m.

Department of Environmental Quality Room 250

1110 West Washington, Phoenix, AZ 85007

Council Members, Liaisons, and Participants Present

Kati Bates, Bill Engler, George Evanoff, Joyce Finkelstein, Bernadine Hoffman, Simone Kelsh, Doyle Meredith, Jr. (Chair), Noreen Nickerson-Cruz, Barry Spiker, Linda Anderson, David Besst, Elton Bordenave, Dr. Jerry Caniglia, Jay Crosby, Susan Cypert, Conni Ingallina, Michele Michaels, CJ O'Connor, Bill Schafer, Diana Toussaint, Emma Violante, and Janet Woldt.

Council Members Missing

Lynn Adler.

Council Staff Present

Cathy De Lisa, Claire Parriott, and Shawn Trobia.

Guests Present

Mike Connolly.

Call to Order, Welcome, Introductions & Approval of Minutes

Committee Chair Doyle Meredith, Jr. called the meeting to order at 2:32 p.m., and a welcome and introduction period followed. Minutes from the March 5, 2009 SHAC meeting were reviewed. Michele Michaels from the Arizona Commission for the Deaf and the Hard of Hearing (ACDHH) offered a correction of the spelling of Bill Schafer's name for the minutes. *George Evanoff made a motion to accept the minutes with corrections as stated and Bernadine Hoffman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

Updates

Arizona Caregiver Coalition: David Besst updated the committee on the status of the Lifespan Respite Care program. Funding for the program started on July 1, 2008 but the 2009 funding was pulled due to budget cuts. The statutory language for the program was retained in hopes that federal funding will become available. If federal funding is provided, Arizona will be one of the first states to receive money.

Falls Prevention: Valerie Fifield updated the committee on the status of the Falls Prevention Coalition. The first Coalition meeting was held on March 12, 2009 at Gateway Community College. Attendance for the meeting was very good; about 55 people from across the falls prevention spectrum participated. The next Coalition meeting will be on April 16, 2009 at Gateway Community College.

Breakout Discussion by Sub-Committees

The Oral Health Sub-Committee and Hearing Loss Sub-Committee met in their individual groups for approximately one hour.

Report out on SHAC Projects

Hearing Loss

Co-Chair Michele Michaels reported that the Hearing Loss Sub-Committee briefly discussed Senior Action Day, next steps for the committee and the development of fact sheets towards the goal of educating health providers and the community on the needs of the hearing loss community. She reported that the Sub-Committee would like to meet on May 7, 2009 in order to work on and make decisions about the fact sheet. Committee Chair Doyle Meredith, Jr. recommended that they bring a motion to ask the Council for permission to meet. *Bill Engler moved that the Sub-Committee should ask the Council to meet on May 7, 2009 in order to work on the fact sheet. David Besst seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

Oral Health

CJ O'Connor reported that the Oral Health Sub-Committee discussed many of the same topics as the Hearing Loss Sub-Committee such as the need for a fact sheet or series of fact sheets that will be distributed. The Sub-Committee has developed a Work Plan Development group that is preparing an action plan with three proposed goals and objectives. Three work teams were set up to tackle each objective and make progress toward their goals. The Work Plan group has outlined these goals:

- Improve the oral health of older adults.
- Increase access to educational opportunities on oral health for target populations, service providers, and the community.
- Advocate for federal, state, and local efforts on oral health issues affecting older adults.

The draft work plan and educational materials are posted at the St. Luke's Health Initiative website and Ms. O'Connor provided a handout with specifications on how to register to join that Oral Health Community. A copy of the handout is available through the Council's office.

Ms. O'Connor also reported that Deputy Director Cathy De Lisa will poll Sub-Committee members about potential dates for the Work Plan Development group to meet before July 9, 2009.

Other Updates, New Business, & Announcements

- Deputy Director Cathy De Lisa asked for any available help from committee members to set up the Second Floor Conference Room of the Executive Tower following the SHAC meeting for the Advisory Council meeting on Friday, April 3, 2009.
- Elton Bordenave, of A.T. Still University, invited committee members to attend the University's Annual Aging Lecture on April 3, 2009. .

Action Items

- GACA staff will coordinate with C J O'Connor and members of the Oral Health Sub-Committee to reconvene the Work Development Plan group prior to July 9, 2009.

Call to the Public

No comment/input received from the public.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Committee Chair Doyle Meredith, Jr. at 4:30 p.m.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging Social, Health, & Alzheimer's Committee will be July 9, 2009 at a location to be announced. These meetings are open to the public.

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