



GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING

SOCIAL, HEALTH & ALZHEIMER'S COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

July 9, 2009

2:30 p.m.

Arizona State Land Building, Basement Auditorium

1616 West Adams Street, Phoenix, AZ 85007

Council Members, Liaisons, and Participants Present

Kati Bates, George Evanoff, Joyce Finkelstein, Doyle Meredith, Jr. (Chair), Barry Spiker, Michelle Barth, Mary Busch, Dr. Jerry Caniglia, Jay Crosby, Susan Cypert, Gwen Dean, Valerie Fifield, Michele Michaels, Julie Ngiriye, CJ O'Connor, Michelle Panico, Diana Toussaint, Emma Violante, and Joan Zecherle.

Council Members missing

Lynn Adler, Dana Campbell Saylor, Michael Davidson, Bill Engler, Bernadine Hoffman, Simone Kelsh and Noreen Nickerson-Cruz.

Council Staff Present

Cathy De Lisa, Claire Parriott, and Shawn Trobia.

Guests Present

Becca Bailey, Randy Collins, Lisa Furr, Joe Pelatt, and Karen Yearwood.

Call to Order, Welcome, Introductions & Approval of Minutes

Committee Chair Doyle Meredith, Jr. called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m., and a welcome and introduction period followed. Draft minutes from the April 2, 2009 SHAC meeting were reviewed. *Joyce Finkelstein made a motion to approve the minutes as written and George Evanoff seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.* The Hearing Loss Subcommittee draft minutes for May 7, 2009 were reviewed. *Michele Michaels made a motion to approve the minutes as written and Diana Toussaint seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.*

Updates

Valerie Fifield, AZ Links Program Director, provided a status report on the project. Roll outs with the AAAs continue, Pima launched in March 2009 and Pinal-Gila will have their first training on July 30, 2009. Regional partnership meetings have also been held, the next one being July 16, 2009 with Pima Health Systems. In the wake of state budgets, three rollouts have been postponed - NACOG, SEACOG, ITCA and Navajo. Two committees have been established in AZ Links. The Options Counseling Committee will oversee the website and are charged with trying to reach people before a need occurs as hits on website, www.azlinks.gov, are currently down. The Customer Assistance Committee is about outreach. Ms. Fifield also told the committee that AZ LINKS will begin to appear in ads before movies at AMC theaters and that

Public Service Announcements (PSAs) are in the works for radio and print. Ms. Fifield noted that funding for AZ Links is 100% federally funded and informed the committee that the current federal grant expires in September 2009 but another grant application has been made. Members can view more information at the website: www.azlinks.gov.

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 met and spent time working on a two-sided fast facts and resources sheet to distribute to consumers, advocates and providers to educate and enlighten on hearing loss. During this meeting, Ms. Michaels' stated the Hearing Loss Sub-Committee was pleased to have input from members of the deaf community and hearing aid providers. Co-Chair Michele Michaels reported the group requested a Hearing Loss workgroup for August 12, 2009, 1:00 – 3:00 pm.

Oral Health

Newly-appointed Oral Health Sub Committee Co-Chair, CJ O'Connor reported that the Oral Health Sub-Committee had a demonstration on the use of the St. Luke's Health Initiative website community on oral health, discussed SB 1400, reviewed the most recent version of the Oral Health Draft Work Plan, and established the goal to finalize the draft at a Sub-Committee meeting prior to the September SHAC meeting. O'Connor then stated the Oral Health Sub-Committee requested permission to meet in Sub Committee prior to the September SHAC meeting, 2009.

Other Updates, New Business, & Announcements

On behalf of David Besst, who was absent, Deputy Executive Director, Cathy De Lisa shared the Save the Date flyer for the *Together We Care: Arizona Conference on Caregiving* scheduled for Thursday, November 5, 2009 at North Phoenix Baptist Church. Ms. De Lisa encouraged those interested in helping serve on the planning committee, volunteering at the conference or interested in attending to contact Tim Cleary at Gateway Community College via the contact information provided on the flyer.

Call to the Public

No public comment shared.

Action Items

- Committee Chair Doyle Meredith will carry forward the motion to GACA for approval of an Oral-Health Sub-Committee meeting prior to the September SHAC meeting.
- If approved by the Council on Aging, GACA staff will coordinate plans with the Co-Chair and Work Plan facilitator, C J O'Connor to convene the Oral Health Sub-Committee prior to the September SHAC meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Committee Chair Doyle Meredith at 4:19 p.m.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging's Social, Health, & Alzheimer's Committee will be September 10, 2009 at a location to be announced. These meetings are open to the public.