



GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING

**SOCIAL, HEALTH & ALZHEIMER'S COMMITTEE**

**Meeting Minutes**

**September 10, 2009**

**2:30 p.m.**

**Carnegie Center, Auditorium**

**1101 West Washington Street, Phoenix, AZ 85007**

**Council Members, Liaisons, and Participants Present**

Bill Engler, Joyce Finkelstein, Bernadine Hoffman (Acting Chair), Noreen Nickerson-Cruz, Joe Woods, Linda Anderson, David Besst, Mary Busch, Dr. Jerry Caniglia, Jay Crosby, Donna Hepperman, Conni Ingallina, Archie Mariano, Michele Michaels, Julie Ngiriye, CJ O'Connor, Michelle Panico, Sharyle Price, Diana Toussaint, and Emma Violante.

**Council Members missing**

Kati Bates, George Evanoff, and Simone Kelsh.

**Council Staff Present**

Cathy De Lisa, Claire Parriott, and Shawn Trobia.

**Call to Order, Welcome, Introductions & Approval of Minutes**

Acting Committee Chair Bernie Hoffman called the meeting to order at 2:38 p.m. and began with a note of gratitude to Doyle Meredith, former Council member, for a job well done in his work as Chair of this committee. Deputy Executive Director, Cathy De Lisa stated she would be happy to see that any well wishes for Doyle sent to her (via email or mail) were forwarded to him.

A welcome and introduction period followed. Draft minutes from the July 9, 2009 SHAC meeting were reviewed. *Bill Engler made a motion to approve the minutes as written and Noreen Nickerson Cruz seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.* The Oral Health Sub-Committee draft minutes for August 4, 2009 were reviewed. *Emma Violante made a motion to approve the minutes as written and Jerry Caniglia seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.*

**Updates**

David Besst, DES/Division on Aging and Adult Services, updated the committee on the status of caregiver resources by providing a handout and outlining the grant application work in support of caregivers recently completed by his division. A copy of the UPDATE handout is available through the Council office. Diana Toussaint provided a brief update on the use of stimulus funds specific to nutrition for Arizona seniors. She indicated Area Agencies are helping identify greatest need and innovative use of funds. Ms. Toussaint stated Arizona is being audited by the federal government as one of the 16 states receiving stimulus funding chosen for auditing.

**Breakout Discussion by Sub-Committees**

The Oral Health Sub-Committee and Hearing Loss Sub-Committee met in their individual groups for approximately forty five minutes.

### **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. *Bill Engler moved that the two-sided document, Fast Facts about Hearing Loss and Older Adults and Fast Resources about Hearing Loss, for copying and distribution throughout the state of Arizona. The Council staff will confirm the accuracy of contact information for the list of resources, and adjust format of resources for uniformity, if needed prior to distribution. Donna Hepperman, seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.*

#### ***Oral Health***

Co-Chair, CJ O'Connor reported that the Oral Health Sub-Committee requests SHAC then GACA approval to proceed with the implementation of the three-year Work Plan to guide its efforts in promoting oral health among older adults. *Diana Toussaint moved that the Oral Health Three-Year Work Plan be presented to GACA for approval. Noreen Nickerson-Cruz seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.*

### **Other Updates, New Business, & Announcements**

Donna Hepperman announced Beatitudes Center DOAR would be getting a new name on Monday and that they are also sponsoring an ice cream social to celebrate Grandparents Day on Saturday, at Church of the Beatitudes. More than 150 kinship caregivers have signed on to attend this event with the children they serve.

Conni Ingallina announced that Alzheimer's Research and Prevention will be holding a reception at the University Club in downtown Phoenix on October 13, 2009. It is open to the public and invitations were placed on the sign-in table.

David Besst, Division of Aging and Adult Services announced the November 5<sup>th</sup> *Together We Care Arizona Conference on Caregiving* and circulated copies of the conference brochure. (A copy of the brochure is available through the Council office.

Cathy De Lisa announced that in recognition of national falls prevention day on September 22<sup>nd</sup>, the Virginia G. Piper Charitable Trust has funded the production of a short video on Falls Prevention that features two members of the Falls Prevention Coalition Steering Committee. Plans are underway to place the video on the DHS You Tube link.

### **Call to the Public**

No public comment shared.

### **Action Items**

- Acting Committee Chair Bernie Hoffman will carry forward to GACA the motion for approval of the Oral-Health Sub-Committee Three Year Work Plan.
- Acting Committee Chair Bernie Hoffman will carry forward to GACA the motion for the Fast Resources/Fast Facts on Hearing Loss document.

- Cathy De Lisa will provide the members of SHAC with the link to the DHS You Tube Falls Prevention video.

**Adjournment**

*The meeting was adjourned by Acting Committee Chair Bernie Hoffman at 3:57 p.m.*

**Next Meeting:**

**The next meeting of the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging's Social, Health, & Alzheimer's Committee will be November 5, 2009 at a location to be announced. These meetings are open to the public.**