



GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING

Executive Committee

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 7, 2010

8:15 am – 9:15 am

Governor's Office on Aging

1700 W. Washington Street, Suite 240

Phoenix, AZ 85007

Council Members Present

George Evanoff, Bill Engler, Joyce Finkelstein, Bernadine Hoffman, Noreen Nickerson-Cruz, Joe Woods

Council Members Not Present

Council Staff Present

Cathy De Lisa

Call to Order

Council Chair George Evanoff called the meeting to order at 8:15 am.

Review of Minutes & Approval

Following a review of the November 5, 2009 Executive Committee minutes, *Joyce Finkelstein made a motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting as presented; Bill Engler seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.* Following a review of the December 3, 2009 Executive Committee minutes, *Joyce Finkelstein made a motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting as presented; Bill Engler seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.*

Executive Committee Membership

Council Chair George Evanoff welcomed the two new Executive Committee members – Noreen Nickerson-Cruz who has agreed to serve as Secretary and Joe Woods who has accepted Vice Chair duties. Council Chair Evanoff thanked them for agreeing to serve the Advisory Council on Aging in this manner, and stated he looked forward to working with this group.

Ad Hoc Planning Committee Meeting Discussion of Recommendations

The members of the Executive Committee reviewed the Ad Hoc Planning Committee Recommendations to the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging for 2010, and Council Chair Evanoff requested that the Committee Chairs explore with their respective Committees if they supported these recommendations and had ideas to add to these. Social, Health & Alzheimer's Committee (SHAC) Chair, Bernadine Hoffman asked for clarification on what next steps the

Hearing Loss Sub-Committee of SHAC and Hearing Loss Sub-Committee Co-Chair, Bill Engler indicated supporting the Arizona Commission of the Deaf and the Hard of Hearing in distribution and education using the new written resource sheets would be a discussion at the SHAC meeting on this date. Mature Workforce Committee (MWC) Chair, Joyce Finkelstein stated the Committee would be determining top two priorities from the *Possible Activities* handout provided in the MWC meeting packet. Bill Engler, Chair of the Legislative and Policy Coordinating Committee (LPCC) stated he felt renewal of the Council would continue to be a major focus for LPCC.

A copy of the Ad Hoc Planning Committee recommendations and the *Possible Activities* handout are available through the Council on Aging office.

Governor's Office on Aging Updates

Budget: Deputy Executive Director Cathy De Lisa stated that while reductions linked to the signing of SB1001 in the Fifth Special Session would result in further cuts to DES, she did not have information on what direct impact such cuts would have on the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging budget at this time.

HB 2026: Ms. De Lisa shared that she had been contacted by the House Research Analyst who stated the House Health and Human Service Committee would be reviewing the Committee of Reference's recommendation to continue the Council on Aging for 10 years at their committee meeting on Wednesday, January 13, 2010. Since that agenda was not found at the Arizona State Legislature's website prior to the meeting, Ms. De Lisa indicated she would update the group once it was posted. Executive Committee members asked that Deputy Executive Director De Lisa provide this information to all committees on this date and share how those choosing to register support may go about doing so.

Requests to the Office and/or Council: Ms. De Lisa stated that while no written, formal request had been made to the Council at this time, she anticipated that the Council on Aging would be asked to assist with volunteer needs at the Arizona Alzheimer's Consortium conference on May 21, 2010 in support of the Governor's Office on Aging's partnership role this year. Ms. De Lisa stated she has met with staff from the Consortium and the Alzheimer's Association to work on developing afternoon caregiver sessions, a new feature for that conference. In addition, Ms. De Lisa shared that the Alzheimer's Association is working on plans for an Alzheimer's State Plan.

Discussion on how to cope with reduced funds and reduced meetings due to 2010 budget reductions.

In anticipation of further budget reductions, Council Chair Evanoff asked the group to consider how they might reduce costs. Discussion included adjustment for fewer meetings, and finding ways to reduce other costs of the Council. Continuation of staff furlough days or reduced pay are unknowns at this time according to Deputy Executive Director De Lisa.

Announcements

Joyce Finkelstein reminded Executive Committee members that April 1st is Census Day and outlined the importance of making sure seniors are counted.

Next Steps

Adjournment

Joyce Finkelstein moved for adjournment and Bill Engler seconded the motion. Council Chair George Evanoff adjourned the meeting at 9:11 a.m.

Next Meeting

The next Executive Committee Meeting is scheduled for March 4, 2010; location to be determined and announced by Public Meeting Notice posted at the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging website: <http://www.azgovernor.gov/gaca/>