



GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING

LEGISLATIVE & POLICY COORDINATING COMMITTEE (LPCC)

Meeting Minutes

September 23, 2010

9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Executive Tower, Grand Canyon Room
1700 West Washington, Phoenix, AZ 85007

Council Members, Liaisons, and Participants Present

Kati Bates, Charles Brown, George Evanoff, Joyce Finkelstein, Bernadine Hoffman, Noreen Nickerson-Cruz, Joe Woods, Larry Woods, Christine Bryson-Lazo, and Mary Pekas of AAA, Arizona (telephonically)

Council Members Absent

Dana Campbell Saylor, Marilyn Johnson, Simone Kelsh, Barry Spiker, and Karen Zanzucchi

Council Staff Present

Cathy De Lisa

Guests Present & Signing In

Brittany Carter, Jim Gunkel

Call to Order, Welcome, Introductions Review & Approval of Committee Minutes

Committee Chair Charles Brown called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m. and a welcome and introduction period followed. Minutes from the July 8, 2010 meeting were reviewed. *Joyce Finkelstein made a motion to approve the July 8, 2010 minutes as presented and Larry Woods seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

Follow-Up on LPCC Priorities and Requests of the Staff

Deputy Executive Director Cathy De Lisa indicated the *Notification of National Criminal Background Check Federal Matching Grants Solicitation under Section 6201 of the Affordable Care Act*, announced by the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, was received electronically from Tammy Frazee of the Department of Economic Security (DES) Division of Aging and Adult Services (DAAS) immediately following the July meeting. That information was forwarded to LPCC by email as requested at the last meeting. In addition, Ms. De Lisa stated she continues to research and vet suggestions from LPCC regarding speakers and arrange for these in consultation with our Committee Chair and the Council Chair. Recent speakers have been in alignment with the current LPCC priority of transit and older driver safety concern. Ms. De Lisa circulated information received following discussions with staff at the National Center on Senior Transportation (NCST) in Washington, D.C. Ms. De Lisa stated that the *Older Driver Safety and Transition for the Mature Driver* and *Older Driver Safety and Transition for the Aging Network* brochures were available online at: www.seniortransportation.net. According to Ms. De Lisa, one brochure is targeted at helping the mature driver assure ongoing safety as a driver and the other identifies information and training about older driver safety provided for professionals and community agencies. Ms. De Lisa stated

NCST staff had highlighted AAA Foundation resources to be discussed by today's speaker as well as tool that helps compare what other states require for older drivers regarding licensing.

An electronic copy of the *Notification of National Criminal Background Check Federal Matching Grants Solicitation under Section 6201 of the Affordable Care Act* and hard copies of the *Older Driver Safety and Transition for the Mature Driver* and *Older Driver Safety and Transition for the Aging Network* brochures are available for review at the Council on Aging office.

Presentation & Discussion – Older Driver Safety Programs

Mary Pekas of AAA, Arizona, participating by conference call, provided an update on the *Keeping the Keys* program provided which discusses how age impacts driving and helps older drivers deal with the stigma and obstacles with age (change in vision, mobility, hearing and medication interactions). Ms. Pekas also provided information on the *Roadwise Review*, an online or CD ROM computer software program and *Drive Sharp* – a computer software game that helps drivers focus on more than one thing at once. She stated they host “Car Fit” – assessments for older drivers to see if their vehicles fit using a 15-minute checklist that includes taking measurements, potential referrals to occupational therapists and other information aimed at having the vehicle comfortable and safe for older drivers. Ms. Pekas stated that while most programs are free and open to the public, the computer software is offered at a cost.

LPCC Input for 2010 Planning Meeting

The Committee discussed ideas for the 2010 Council Planning meeting and suggestions included such topics as: follow up on the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging (GACA) legislative tracking list from last session, reviewing the process for moving recommendations from GACA to the legislature, the need for care transition coaches to work with difficult hospital discharges by seniors, updates on efforts to provide inoculations for seniors, building awareness by legislators of the concerns of Arizona's seniors, presentations on how propositions impact the 2011 budget (once outcome is known) and health insurance updates.

Senior Action Day Discussion

A discussion by the Committee about Senior Action Day in 2011 included ideas on holding events around the state in 2011 on Fridays, hosted and facilitated by Council members, and engaging Area Agencies on Aging in planning and implementation.

Announcements

Ms. De Lisa announced that members of LPCC are invited to join the November 5, 2010, Governor's Advisory Council on Aging meeting to hear a presentation on advocacy training.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Committee Chair Charles Brown at 10:52 a.m.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging Legislative & Policy Coordinating Committee will be November 4 2010. Location to be determined and announced by public meeting notice posted at the GACA website www.azgovernor.gov/gaca .