



GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING

LEGISLATIVE & POLICY COORDINATING COMMITTEE (LPCC)

Meeting Minutes

November 4, 2010

9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

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

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

Charles Brown, George Evanoff, Joyce Finkelstein, Noreen Nickerson-Cruz, Joe Woods, Larry Woods, and Christine Bryson-Lazo

**Council Members Absent**

Kati Bates, Dana Campbell Saylor, Bernadine Hoffman, Marilyn Johnson, Simone Kelsh, Barry Spiker, and Karen Zanzucchi

**Council Staff Present**

Cathy De Lisa, Elsa Gaynor, Shawn Trobia

**Guests Present & Signing In**

Lynn Hedrick, Julie Sullivan

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

Committee Chair Charles Brown called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m. and a welcome and introduction period followed. Minutes from the September 23, 2010 meeting were reviewed. *Joyce Finkelstein made a motion to approve the September 23, 2010 minutes as presented and Larry Woods seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

**Follow-Up**

Deputy Executive Director Cathy De Lisa stated that as follow-up to requests received from LPCC members, advocacy training was scheduled for the Council on Aging's November 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. However, due to a lack of quorum, that Council meeting was not called, and Ms. De Lisa is working to reschedule the presentation at either the LPCC or the Council meeting early in 2011. In addition, a link to the *Physician's Guide to Assessing and Counseling Older Drivers*, mentioned by Dr. Roy Yaari of Banner Alzheimer's Institute during his July LPCC presentation, was emailed to LPCC ahead of the November 4<sup>th</sup> LPCC meeting. Ms. De Lisa reminded the attendees that the emailed information also included a link to a chapter specific to state licensing and reporting laws. According to Ms. De Lisa, today's presentation, from DriveAble Solutions, is follow up to requests for speakers that have included Banner Alzheimer's Institute, AAA Arizona, and DriveAble Solutions.

**Presentation – Older Driver Safety & Discussion**

Lynn Hedrick, Certified Driving Rehabilitation Specialist and founder of DriveAble Solutions, provided a presentation on older driver safety. According to information shared by Ms. Hedrick older drivers are the fastest growing segment of drivers in the U.S., and they are becoming an

increasing percentage of the fatalities resulting from automobile crashes in Arizona. Ms. Hedrick discussed the causes of unsafe driving related to aging, assessing older drivers to determine what can be done to improve driving or determining when it is no longer safe to drive, and the driver's responsibility to comply with the Arizona Department of Motor Vehicle screening process and report changes in health such as visual, physical and psychological impairment impacting the ability to operate a motor vehicle safely. Ms Hedrick provided examples of adjustments that can be made to help the older driver "fit" and use the vehicle safer. When asked what recommendations she might have for the LPCC, Ms. Hedrick stated she felt a publicity campaign is needed to educate older drivers and their families (as well as caregivers, estate and financial planners, guardians and trustees) on the significant issue of older driver safety as well as available resources. In addition, Ms. Hedrick indicated she felt testing should occur every five years in order to renew the license and should include behind the wheel testing.

A copy of the packet provided and referenced by Ms. Hedrick during her presentation is available for review through the Council on Aging office. An electronic copy of the presentation is available for review through the Council on Aging office.

#### Refining LPCC Input for 2010 Planning Meeting

Deputy Director De Lisa provided a handout "2010 LPCC Overview" to those in attendance which outlines the recommendations from the Council on Aging to LPCC following the 2009 planning meeting, and details what had been done to address those recommendations. In addition, Ms. De Lisa stated the form provides ideas and requests from the Council and the Committee during the past year along with steps taken related to those requests; the final section of the *Overview* includes ideas generated from the brainstorming at the September 23, 2010 LPCC meeting. The Committee then took time to discuss and reframe the brainstorming ideas into 2011 programs, priorities and ideas for speakers/presentations. Top LPCC priorities agreed upon include:

- older driver safety campaign to raise awareness of the problem, resources and information available
- review of what other states are doing related to older driver safety and analysis of the information gathered.
- LPCC will assist other Council on Aging committees with legislative research

Ideas for speakers/presentations include the Arizona Corporation Commission and hearing from state departments, agencies, administration and legislature related to legislative, departmental, administrative and budget priorities.

A copy of the "2010 LPCC Overview" handout is available for review through the Council on Aging office.

#### Input from LPCC regarding Senior Action Day 2011 for the Executive Committee

At the request of Committee Chair Charles Brown, Council Chair George Evanoff provided an update on ideas from the Executive Committee regarding Senior Action Day 2011 which include:

- holding events in Yuma, Prescott, Cochise and Pima County as well as three locations in Maricopa County
- arranging two-hour sessions on Fridays (9:30 – 11:30 am) in these locations during the months of February and March in 2011.

LPCC members wishing to share ideas and volunteer to assist are encouraged to contact the Council staff.

Announcements

None provided.

Adjournment

*The meeting was adjourned by Committee Chair Charles Brown at 11:23 a.m.*

Next Meeting

**The next meeting of the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging Legislative & Policy Coordinating Committee will be in January 2011. Date and location to be determined and announced by public meeting notice posted at the GACA website:**

**[www.azgovernor.gov/gaca](http://www.azgovernor.gov/gaca) .**