



GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING

SOCIAL, HEALTH & ALZHEIMER'S COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

January 7, 2010

2:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Executive Tower, Grand Canyon Room

1700 West Washington Street, Phoenix, AZ 85007

Council Members, Liaisons, and Participants Present

Kati Bates, Bill Engler, George Evanoff, Joyce Finkelstein, Bernadine Hoffman (Chair), Joe Woods, Karla Averill, Michelle Barth, Dr. Jerry Caniglia, Jay Crosby, Kim Gaunt, Archie Mariano, Michele Michaels, Julie Ngiriye, Karen Richards, Emma Violante, and Judy White

Council Members missing

Simone Kelsh and Noreen Nickerson-Cruz

Council Staff Present

Cathy De Lisa, Claire Parriott, and Shawn Trobia.

Guests Present

Kim Kubsch, Steve Laughary, and Leslie Leshner

Call to Order, Welcome, Introductions & Approval of Minutes

Committee Chair Bernadine Hoffman called the meeting to order at 2:35 p.m. A welcome and introduction period followed. Draft minutes from the November 5, 2009 Social, Health and Alzheimer's Committee (SHAC) meeting were reviewed. *Bill Engler made a motion to approve the minutes as written; Emma Violante seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.*

The Committee presented Michele Michaels, of the Arizona Commission for the Deaf and the Hard of Hearing, with a Certificate of Appreciation for her work and leadership with the Hearing Loss Sub-Committee.

Review of 2009 SHAC project Activities & Discussion of 2010 "Next Steps"

Deputy Executive Director Cathy De Lisa led the Committee through a review of 2009 SHAC accomplishments: and provided these updates:

- Three- Year Oral Health Plan – CJ O'Connor will not be able to continue as Co-Chair of this Sub-Committee, and a new Co-Chair is being recruited. Council member Noreen Nickerson-Cruz has agreed to be the Council Co-Chair for the group.
- Hearing Loss Fast Facts & Fact Sheet – The Sub-Committee will need to discuss how SHAC can support the Arizona Commission on the Deaf and the Hard of Hearing in their distribution of the newly-created educational materials.
- AD Hoc Planning Committee Recommendations – The Ad Hoc Planning Committee met in December and set directions for all committees in 2010. They recommended that SHAC work with the Governor's Office on Aging and the Alzheimer's Consortium to

actualize the afternoon sessions of their conference. The sessions, being developed by the Alzheimer's Association and the Governor's Office on Aging, will offer an alternative to the research-based afternoon sessions and focus on caregivers. The need for volunteer support at the event is anticipated.

Ms. De Lisa reminded the Committee that part of the legislative mandate for the Council on Aging is to collect new data from long-term care providers, families and persons with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders and provide information based on the data. The partnership with this year's conference provides an opportunity in which to do so.

Committee Chair Bernadine Hoffman asked the members for ideas on new initiatives for the Committee. Hearing no suggestions, Ms. Hoffman stated the Committee may wish to consider how best to move forward with a renewed focus on Alzheimer's. Ms. De Lisa stated staff from the Alzheimer's Association would be invited to provide an update on current initiatives to the Committee at the March 4, 2010 meeting.

Break Out Team Discussions

The Oral Health and Hearing loss Sub-Committees broke into their groups for discussion.

Report Back

Oral Health

Cathy De Lisa reported that the Oral Health Sub-Committee revisited their three year work plan, established or confirmed leaders for each goal, reprioritized and established a few new strategies to accomplish goals, and proposed holding a Sub-Committee prior to the March 4, 2010 SHAC meeting.

Hearing Loss

Michele Michaels reported that the Hearing Loss Sub-Committee met and determined to what groups the *Hearing Loss Fast Facts & Fast Resources* should be disseminated. Ms. Michael's requested that all suggestions be sent directly to her at the Arizona Commission for the Deaf and the Hard of Hearing (Note: the Hearing Loss Sub-Committee will sunset as of March 4, 2010). Ms. Michaels also announced that she is developing a speaker's bureau and will be looking into partnering with audiology students.

Announcements

- Karla Averill announced that on January 20, 2010 a forum on behavioral care in long term care, "Moving Off The Dime," will be held at the Phoenix Airport Marriott Hotel. For more information, contact the Arizona Health Care Association.
- Michele Michaels announced that the Arizona Commission for the Deaf and the Hard of Hearing will provide a free all day training on hearing loss specifically for professionals on May 27, 2010 at the University of Arizona.
- Steve Laughary invited the committee to the East Valley Committee on Aging meetings, held the first Wednesday of every month from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Lunch is provided for a fee of \$5.
- Cathy De Lisa announced that the Arizona Fall Prevention Coalition will meet on February 4, 2010. The Area Agency on Aging, Region One will be hosting the Coalition meetings going forward. The Coalition will soon be launching a website and plans to hold an event in the fall.

- Cathy De Lisa informed the Committee that Representative Nancy Barto has introduced legislation, HB 2026, for continuation of the Council; this follows the Committee of Reference recommendation that the Council be continued for another ten years. Wednesday, January 13, 2010, the House Committee on Health and Human Services will review and vote on the Committee of Reference recommendations. Ms. De Lisa indicated that persons wishing to register a position or request to speak in support of the Council need to first register at the kiosks located in the House or Senate and once a password is received, they can then do so remotely at the Arizona State Legislature's website. Also noted was HB 2028 which authorizes continuation of the Arizona Commission for the Deaf and the Hard of Hearing.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Bill Engler and seconded by Joe Woods; the meeting was adjourned by Committee Chair Bernadine Hoffman at 3:58 p.m.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging's Social, Health, & Alzheimer's Committee will be on March 4, 2010 in the Executive Tower First Floor Conference Room. These meetings are open to the public.