



GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING

SOCIAL, HEALTH & ALZHEIMER'S COMMITTEE (SHAC)

Meeting Minutes

July 8, 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, Charles Brown, , Bernadine Hoffman (Chair), Noreen Nickerson-Cruz, Joe Woods, Larry Woods, Karla Averill, David Besst, Dr. Jerry Caniglia, Jay Crosby, Susan Cypert, Dan Fern, Ginger Froncek, Cathy Griner, Karen Richards, Deborah Schaus, Diana Toussaint, and Emma Violante

Council Members Absent

Dana Campbell Saylor, Neva Crogan Pomilla, George Evanoff, Joyce Finkelstein Simone Kelsh, and Karen Zanzucchi

Council Staff Present

Cathy De Lisa, Claire Parriott, and Shawn Trobia

Guests Present

Elizabeth Harris, Mark Pellman and Hannele Waissi

Call to Order, Welcome, Introductions & Approval of Minutes

Committee Chair Bernadine Hoffman called the meeting to order at 2:32 p.m. A welcome and introduction period followed. Draft minutes from the May 6, 2010 Social, Health and Alzheimer's Committee (SHAC) meeting were reviewed. *Noreen Nickerson-Cruz made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; Larry Woods seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.* The March 4, 2010 minutes were reviewed due to a technical correction request. *Joyce Finkelstein made a motion to amend the March 4, 2010 minutes with technical correction as requested; Emma Violante seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

DOVE Program Updates

Alice Ghareib, DOVES Program Director for the Area Agency on Aging, Region One provided an update on the domestic violence program for those 50 years of age and older and reminded those in attendance that the program offers support groups as well as emergency and transitional housing. After discussing with SHAC members what they're seeing as it relates to domestic violence, Ms. Ghareib helped clarify the difference between caregiver stress and domestic violence – the need for control, power over others and the driving force for abuse. Materials distributed by Ms. Ghareib included a DOVES brochure and bookmark. Both the brochure and the bookmark are available for review through the Council on Aging office.

Alzheimer's Priority Plan Update

Deborah Schaus provided an overview of the May Arizona Alzheimer's Consortium 2010 conference and a detailed description of the afternoon sessions offered in partnership with the Governor's Office on Aging. Ms. Schaus provided copies of the feedback received from attendees in the final afternoon community session on the Alzheimer's Priorities in the State Plan on Aging 2011-2013 as well as the Compiled Evaluation Form responses. According to Ms. Schaus, discussions are on-going with the Consortium on how best to implement the new Task Force that will address specifically the Alzheimer's Priority Plan. Copies of the 2010 Arizona Alzheimer's Consortium Conference Alzheimer's Priority Plan Forum Session *Compiled Evaluation Forms* and the *Feedback on Alzheimer's Priorities in the State Plan on Aging 2011-2013* are available for review through the Council on Aging office.

Discussion – Member Participation in Statewide Task Force for Alzheimer's Priority Plan

While exact time for kick off of the Task Force is still unknown at this time, Ms. Schaus shared that potential partners and individuals, representing a wide statewide spectrum, (researchers, clinicians, service providers, etc.) are being discussed by the Consortium staff and the Alzheimer's Association. Following a brainstorming meeting in late summer, early fall with Division of Aging and Adult Services staff and Governor's Office on Aging staff, Ms. Schaus will provide an update to SHAC members and seek recommendations from SHAC members for the Task Force. Along with the efforts to develop the Statewide Task Force, Ms. Schaus distributed the *CarePRO – Care Partners Reach Out* recruitment flyers targeting caregivers in northern Arizona, Nevada, southern Arizona and central Arizona for free dementia related education and training workshops designed to reduce caregiver stress, enhance caregiver well-being and help caregivers manage difficult caregiving situations. A copy of the CarePRO flyer is available for review through the Council on Aging office.

Oral Health Sub-Committee Report

Cathy De Lisa provided a report on behalf of Dr. Bob Birdwell, Sub-Committee Co-Chair. Since the last SHAC meeting, the Sub-Committee has focused in on short-term goals. According to Ms. De Lisa, the language in the draft oral health fact sheet, as provided to all SHAC members, was agreed upon by the Sub-Committee members and approved by Governor's staff. Layout and design is still needed before the draft fact sheet will return to SHAC as a recommendation for submittal to the Council for approval. The latest version of the *Reduced Fee and AHCCCS Dental Clinic* list, provided by Ginger Froncek of the Arizona Dental Foundation, was circulated to all in attendance. The list will be provided as follow-up to the fact sheet for those seeking dental care. In addition, Ms. De Lisa announced that Ginger Froncek has offered to share information she'll be gathering from outreach to all dental, medical and nursing training programs in the state. It is anticipated that once she has an idea of what they're doing, what they've done in the past, and what they would be willing to do in the future, insights and ideas on potential partnerships to offer dental assistance/service to older adults and adults with special needs may develop. Dr. Birdwell has indicated that since geriatric dentistry can be easy to overlook, Ginger's efforts will also help raise awareness which is part of the Work Plan goals. A copy of the draft oral health fact sheet and the *Reduced Fee and AHCCCS Dental Clinic* list are available for review through the Council on Aging office.

Discussion of Key Points/Components for Oral Health Training & Education

After hearing the training – Oral Health for Caregivers presentation from the Washington Dental Service Foundation at the last SHAC meeting, members were asked for ideas on what key components they felt should be included in oral health training and education. While no specific

suggestions were forthcoming, David Besst suggested members of the Arizona Caregiver Coalition may wish to attend the Oral Health Sub-Committee meetings to contribute to the discussions.

Additional Partners Suggested for Oral Health Sub-Committee Initiative

It was suggested that the Arizona Caregiver Coalition might be a partner to the Oral Health Sub-Committee education and training efforts.

Announcements

David Besst, Caregiver Specialist from the Division of Aging and Adult Services announced that Elizabeth Harris is a contractor with the Lifespan Respite grant and will be working on the public awareness campaign and creation of a statewide free hotline for caregivers.

Next Steps:

- The Oral Health Sub-Committee will meet prior to the September 23, 2010 SHAC meeting.
- Deborah Schaus will provide an update on the Alzheimer's Priority Plan's Task Force development at the September meeting.

Adjournment

Committee Chair Bernadine Hoffman adjourned the meeting at 3:50 p.m.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging Legislative & Policy Coordinating Committee will be September 23, 2010. Location to be determined and announced by public meeting notice posted at the GACA website, www.azgovernor.gov/gaca .