



## GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING

### SOCIAL, HEALTH & ALZHEIMER'S COMMITTEE (SHAC) ORAL HEALTH SUB COMMITTEE (OHSC) MEETING MINUTES June 17, 2010

#### **Council Members & Committee Participants Present**

In attendance: Linda Anderson, Dr. Bob Birdwell OHSC Co-Chair, Dr. Jerry Caniglia, Susan Cypert, Ginger Froncek, Diana Toussaint, Emma Violante, Judy White  
Participating telephonically: Jay Crosby, SHAC Chair Bernadine Hoffman

#### **Council Members Not Participating**

Kati Bates, George Evanoff, OHSC Co-Chair Noreen Nickerson-Cruz

#### **Staff Present**

Cathy De Lisa

#### **Welcome, Introductions**

Committee Co-Chair Dr. Bob Birdwell opened the meeting at 2:34 pm. Those in attendance in person or participating telephonically were encouraged to give a little bit of their background and share what they feel they bring to the table and/or can contribute related to the Council's oral health initiative.

#### **Three-Year Work Plan**

##### **Goal #2, Objective 2.3, A.**

As part of the review of draft oral health fact sheets produced to date, discussion resulted in clarification of targeted population which includes older adults, adults of all ages with disabilities/special needs and caregivers of those persons needing assistance with daily oral hygiene. Following discussion and minor editing suggestions, general agreement was that the *Healthy Smiles Forever* draft fact sheet was a good start for content and that formatting/layout and design would be considered after agreement was reached on recommended content. The group also discussed ideas for electronic distribution of the final product including all the committees and stakeholders of the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging as well as partners and contacts of all the Oral Health Sub-Committee and SHAC members. Cathy De Lisa, Council staff, agreed to review the proposed draft content of the fact sheet with Governor's staff and provide an updated/edited copy for consideration to the Executive Director of the DD Planning Council. Susan Cypert agreed to explore layout and design assistance options for the Sub-Committee.

Copies of the draft oral health fact sheets are available through the Council on Aging office.

##### **Goal #2, Objective 2.2, A.**

After reviewing available oral health educational materials and hearing the presentation at the last SHAC meeting, it was suggested that a survey of Arizona's dental schools, dental hygiene

programs, medical and nursing schools, skilled nursing, assisted living centers and other related programs would be helpful to find out

1. what is currently being done related to education and training for older adults, special needs adults and caregivers
2. who might be interested in participating in the Council's initiative and what they might be willing to do.

Ginger Froncek stated the Dental Foundation would do a program survey via Survey Monkey and collect information. Information collected would be shared with the Oral Health Sub-Committee. Ginger stated she planned to develop survey questions and share those with members of the Sub-Committee for additional input prior to the survey process.

### **Year 1 Goals and Objectives**

As part of the review and discussion of other Year 1 goals, the group reviewed the *Reduced Fee and AHCCCS Dental Clinics in Arizona* resource sheet noting edits and additions needed and the difficulty in keeping the information current due to on-going changes. In addition, due to legislation passed during the last regular session, impact to AHCCCS Dental Clinics is anticipated. Because the group agrees the resource list is an important accompaniment to the oral health fact sheet and education/training efforts, the updating of the list is still seen as a Year 1 goal. Other Year 1 goals are tied to the achievement of **Goal #2, Objective 2.2, A.** and **Goal #2, Objective 2.3, A.**

Since Dr. Birdwell will be unable to be present at the SHAC meeting on July 8<sup>th</sup> and SHAC has one current Sub-Committee at this time, the group agreed the Sub-Committee would invite SHAC members to join in a group discussion of key points and components of education and training needed for caregivers providing oral health assistance to older and disabled adults. In addition SHAC members will be asked to consider what additional partners they might suggest for the Oral Health Sub-Committee.

### **Next Steps Including Recommendation for SHAC**

- Cathy De Lisa will review the proposed oral health fact sheet content with Governor's staff and provide a copy to the Executive Director of the DD Planning Council for input prior to the July 8<sup>th</sup> SHAC meeting.
- Susan Cypert will continue to explore formatting, design/layout options of the draft fact sheet for the Sub-Committee
- Ginger Froncek will draft questions for the Arizona Dental Foundation survey and share those with Sub-Committee members for additional input.

### **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 3:53 p.m.

### **Next Meeting:**

The Oral Health Sub-Committee will join the Social, Health & Alzheimer's Committee on July 8<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 p.m., Executive Tower, Grand Canyon Room, 1700 W. Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona. These meetings are open to the public.