



## GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING

### Executive Committee

Meeting Minutes

Friday, May 6, 2011

8:30 am – 9:30 am

Governor's Office on Aging Conference Room

1700 W. Washington Street, Suite 240, Phoenix, Arizona 85007

#### **Council Members Present**

George Evanoff, (Council Chair) Charles Brown, Joyce Finkelstein, Anne Morrison, Allison Perrin, and Joe Woods.

#### **Council Members Absent**

Noreen Nickerson-Cruz

#### **Council Staff Present**

Cathy De Lisa

#### **Guests Present & Signing In**

None

#### **Call to Order**

Council Chair George Evanoff called the meeting to order at 8:34 am with a welcome.

#### **Review of Minutes & Approval**

Following a review of the March 3, 2011 draft Executive Committee minutes, *Joyce Finkelstein made a motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting as presented; Joe Woods seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.*

#### **Chair Report/Update**

Council Chair George Evanoff began his report by announcing new members to the Council and discussing changes in Committee Chair assignments. New members include Nancy Stump, Elizabeth Rohn-Nelson, and C.T. Wright; all have received new Council member orientation. Council Chair Evanoff welcomed Anne Morrison to the Executive Committee as the Social, Health & Alzheimer's Committee Chair (SHAC), and expressed appreciation to Bernadine Hoffman for her service as the SHAC Chair over the past several years. He stated he intended to provide a reminder of the need to silence cell phones at the Council meeting.

#### **Senior Action Day**

Council Chair George Evanoff shared observations on the Senior Action Day held in Wilcox, Arizona on April 15, 2011 which included difficulty in drawing larger crowds in the rural areas

due to the distance between towns and difficulty in getting legislators to the events during the session. Council Chair Evanoff thanked Council member Charles Brown for his work in coordinating and chairing the event and for the assistance he arranged from the Willcox United Methodist Church, SouthEastern Arizona Governments Organization (SEAGO) and Valley Telecom Group. Mr. Brown thanked the Council Chair and Council member Joyce Finkelstein for attending and supporting the event. Council Chair Evanoff stated he hoped to engage new Council member Nancy Stump in the planning process for fall Senior Action Day events and planned to consider metropolitan areas and/or locations that have received strong support and attendance in the past. Council Chair George Evanoff stated a discussion on rural health problems and the potential for clinical medical clinics with transportation needs to be a part of Senior Action Day.

### **Review of Progress on Committee Priorities for 2011**

Council Chair George Evanoff reviewed the *Executive Committee Recommendations to the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging for 2011* dated December 9, 2010 with the group. A brief discussion ensued and it was stated that staffing concerns had impacted or had the potential to impact:

- Staff responsibilities related to Senior Action Day planning and execution on behalf of the Executive Committee
- Legislative & Policy Coordinating Committee's ability to coordinate and do legislative research for other Council on Aging committees
- Goals 3, 4, and 5 of the Mature Workforce Committee
- Goals 3 and 5 of the Social, Health & Alzheimer's Committee

A copy of the *Executive Committee Recommendations to the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging for 2011* is available for review through the Council on Aging office.

### **Office Updates**

Deputy Executive Director, Cathy De Lisa shared updates from the office:

- Permission to post the Administrative Assistance III position has been received.
- Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) Elsa Gaynor will be leaving the office at the completion of her training program on June 30, 2011. Ms. De Lisa stated Elsa would be honored following the Council meeting on this date.
- Budget process discussions have started with DES/Division of Aging & Adult Services (DAAS). With the open positions as well as on-going cost savings measures, the office continues to operate below projections.
- The Office on Aging has received information on plans for a dental Mission of Mercy event in the greater Phoenix area in May of next year.
- Inquiries regarding the next certification of Mature Worker Friendly Employers continue to be received and Ms. De Lisa is working to determine when both certification and recertification can be arranged and completed in the months ahead.
- Probate legislation – Steven Killian, Assistant Policy Advisor has agreed to arrange for a presentation on the signed probate legislation for the Council.

### **Announcements**

Council member Allison Perrin announced that the Arizona Geriatrics Society is holding a conference on August 3, 2011 specific to older driver safety concerns entitled "TO DRIVE OR NOT TO DRIVE? That IS the Question." Dr. Perrin stated that she would provide a conference

link to the office for distribution to the Council and share the announcement at the Council meeting following the Executive Committee meeting.

**Adjournment**

*Council Chair George Evanoff adjourned the meeting at 9:04 a.m.*

**Next Meeting**

**The date and location of the next Executive Committee meeting to be determined and announced by Public Meeting Notice posted at the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging website: <http://www.azgovernor.gov/gaca/>**