



GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING

Executive Committee

Meeting Minutes

Friday, July 15, 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), Anne Morrison, and Noreen Nickerson-Cruz (Secretary).

Council Members Absent

Charles Brown, Joyce Finkelstein, and Joe Woods (Vice Chair).

Council Staff Present

Cathy De Lisa

Guests Present and Signing In

None

Call to Order

Council Chair George Evanoff called the meeting to order at 8:30 am with a welcome.

Review of Minutes & Approval

Following a review of the May 6, 2011 draft Executive Committee minutes, *Anne Morrison made a motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting as presented; Noreen Nickerson-Cruz seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.*

Chair Report/Update

Senior Action Day

Council Chair George Evanoff reported that the Council would go forward with Senior Action Day in communities around the state as part of the Council's statutory obligations. He stated the information gathered from older Arizonans and legislators is crucial for Council planning, and it is important to share with state agencies to use as they desire. According to Council Chair Evanoff, an event is planned on October 14, 2011 in Prescott at the Yavapai College Performance Hall. Discussion focused on potential locations and Council members who might facilitate the two-hour meetings in other communities. Members agreed by general consensus that a two-hour timeframe, as used in Willcox on April 15, 2011, was sufficient. Council Chair Evanoff reminded members that in addition to facilitating the meetings, Council members hosting the events would be responsible for finding venues, arranging for donations of simple refreshments, and making sure notes from the meetings are produced. He requested GACA staff

email out the format used for the April 15, 2011 Senior Action Day to those Council members agreeing to facilitate meetings in their areas.

Cross Committee on Marketing

Council Chair George Evanoff shared ideas for establishing a Sub Committee or Task Force of the Executive Committee to work on marketing and outreach related to the work of the Mature Workforce Committee first and then initiatives and projects of the other Council committees. He stated he had asked Mr. Roger Forrester of the Mature Worker Connection in Tucson and member of the Council's MWC to head up that group; Mr. Forrester accepted. Members from all the Council committees will be invited to participate if interested in supporting this specific effort.

Rural Health

Council Chair George Evanoff announced that he had been in contact with Dr. Allison Hughes, retired University of Arizona faculty and head of the Women's Commission for the City of Tucson about a review of best practices for medical care and transit or rural health. A discussion regarding rural health will be a part of the Council's annual planning process in December 2011

Office Updates

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

- Deneen Dantimo has been hired as the new Administrative Assistant III. She worked at the DES Division of Aging and Adult Services prior to joining the Council staff.
- Steven Killian was unable to arrange for a probate speaker at the July 15, 2011 Council on Aging meeting but offered to help arrange a probate reform panel for a special presentation and discussion later in the fall. Council Chair George Evanoff stated he planned to ask the Council for support to sponsor that event.
- The hiring process is moving forward related to the Program & Project Specialist II staff position, and Ms. De Lisa stated she looks forward to arranging both certification and recertification of Mature Worker Friendly Employers with the new staff in the months ahead.

Announcements

None

Adjournment

Council Chair George Evanoff adjourned the meeting at 9:13 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/>. These meetings are open to the public.