



GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING

Executive Committee

Meeting Minutes

Friday, September 23, 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

Charles Brown, George Evanoff, (Council Chair), Joyce Finkelstein, Anne Morrison, Noreen Nickerson-Cruz (Secretary), and Joe Woods (Vice Chair).

Council Members Absent

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 8:32 am with a welcome.

Review of Minutes & Approval

Following a review of the July 15, 2011 draft Executive Committee minutes, *Noreen Nickerson-Cruz made a motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting as presented; Charles Brown seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.*

Chair Report/Update

Senior Action Day

Council Chair George Evanoff provided an overview of planning for the events including the purpose of dialogue that day, how things will be handled if no elected officials are in attendance, the importance of taking notes of main points made by those seniors in attendance to share with the legislators, the Governor, and state agencies for planning purposes if they so desire. Council Chair Evanoff discussed outreach to legislators to encourage attendance and ways Council members might assist their peers with the events. Staff will forward the final Senior Action Day flyers, list of invitees, and the press releases to the Council members facilitating the events in Tucson, Prescott, Fountain Hills, Sun City/Peoria, and the East Valley (Maricopa County).

Older Driver Safety research

As a result of the Legislative and Policy Coordinating Committee's action to forward the Older Driver Council Chair George Evanoff shared his idea of taking the report from the research project conducted by Office on Aging's intern, Jena Grady, and talking with individual stakeholders interested in older driver safety to gather their input before considering next steps with the Executive Committee. The group agreed by general consensus that individual input from the stakeholders to the Council Chair would be helpful for any future discussions and consideration of recommendations.

Discussions with Staff of the Developmental Disabilities Planning Council

Council Chair George Evanoff reported that he and Deputy Executive Director Cathy De Lisa have been in discussion with DD Planning Council Executive Director Larry Clausen on ways the two groups might partner to offer educational summits or possibly a one-day conference on topics of importance to both older and developmentally disabled adults in the Spring of 2012. More information will be gathered prior to the November Council meetings; the Council Chair will then consider appointing a Work Group for this effort.

Annual Planning Meeting

Council Chair George Evanoff reported that dates proposed for the Council's Annual Planning Meeting are December 8 - 9, 2011 and opened discussion on whether one or two days of meeting time was needed. By general consensus, the group agreed that at least one day was needed and potentially another half day if speakers or reports from agency liaisons were included. Council staff members were asked to draft a 2012 meeting schedule to forward to the Council Chair and then the Executive Committee.

Office Updates

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

- Kim Jennings has been hired as the Program and Project Specialist II. Kim's background includes program administration, human resources, event planning and auditing.
- Cassandra Larsen, Policy Advisor to Governor Brewer for Human Services is now working with the Governor's Office on Aging and the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging. Cassandra is also the Director of the Governor's Office on Children, Youth and Families.
- Office on Aging initiatives include coordinating the meeting plans for the quarterly Arizona Alzheimer's Task Force, and finalizing then posting the updates to the Aging 2020 Plan on the website. Staff members are also working on plans for certification of Mature Worker Friendly Employers and recertification of those certified in past years, coordinating Sub-Committee meetings between Council meetings and working with Council members facilitating the six Senior Action Day events in October.
- Budget information received indicates no changes; very limited resources so Council staff and members will need to continue to prioritize expenses.
- Assistant Policy Advisor Steven Killian has recommended holding the proposed Probate Panel after the first of the year since training by the State Bar Association is occurring later this fall.

Announcements

None

Adjournment

Council Chair George Evanoff adjourned the meeting at 9:24 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.