



GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING

LEGISLATIVE & POLICY COORDINATING COMMITTEE (LPCC)

Meeting Minutes

January 6, 2011

9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Grand Canyon Room

1700 West Washington Street

Phoenix, AZ 85007

**Committee Members, Liaisons, and Participants Present**

Kati, Bates, Charles Brown, George Evanoff (Chair), Joyce Finkelstein, Bernadine Hoffman, Noreen Nickerson-Cruz, Joe Woods (Vice Chair), Larry Woods, Christine Bryson-Lazo, Tammy Frazee, Ritch Steven, and Pam Stevenson

**Committee Members Absent**

Dana Campbell-Saylor, Allison Crissman Perrin, Marilyn Johnson, and Karen Zanzucchi

**Council Staff Present**

Cathy De Lisa, Elsa Gaynor and Claire Parriott

**Guests Present**

Cathy Griner, Steve Jennings, Sandra McKeehen and Shawn Trobia

**Call to Order, Welcome, Introductions & Housekeeping**

Committee Chair Charles Brown called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m. A welcome and introduction period followed.

**Review and Approval of Minutes**

Minutes from the November 4, 2010 meeting were reviewed. *Joyce Finkelstein made a motion to approve the minutes as written, and George Evanoff seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

**Deputy Executive Director's Updates (Follow-up)**

Deputy Executive Director Cathy De Lisa reported the Committee had made a request for advocacy training and that training was scheduled for the November Council on Aging meeting. The November Council meeting was not called due to a lack of quorum, and Cathy Griner, Alzheimer's Association Desert Southwest Chapter, agreed to do the training today. In addition, Ms. De Lisa reported that the Governor's Office on Aging will be hosting an interactive session with Jed Johnson, Director of the National Center on Senior Transportation (NCST), on January 19, 2011. The session will be focused toward transportation agencies and providers rather than individuals, caregivers at this time. Ms. De Lisa referred to the invitation emailed to the Committee and asked members to please RSVP to Claire Parriott at the Office on Aging if you would like to attend. A copy of the invitation is available through the Office on Aging office.

### **Advocacy Presentation and Discussion**

Cathy Griner, LMSW, Director of Program and Advocacy, Alzheimer's Association Desert Southwest Chapter, led the committee in an advocacy presentation and discussion. A copy of the Alzheimer's Association Desert Southwest Chapter Advocate Training presentation is available through the Council on Aging Office.

According to Ms Griner, the Alzheimer's Association Desert Southwest Chapter covers the entire state of Arizona and southern Nevada and advocacy is a priority for the Chapter. A sign-up sheet for those wanting to stay informed of issues and services related to Alzheimer's disease public policy at the state and federal level was circulated by Ms. Griner who stated that completing the sign-up sheet will also put members on the distribution list for the National Alzheimer's Association organization. A copy of the Alzheimer's Association Desert Southwest Chapter sign-up sheet is available through the Council on Aging Office.

### **Executive Committee Recommendation for 2011 LPCC Priorities**

Committee Chair Charles Brown reviewed with the Committee the Executive Committee Recommendation for 2011 LPCC priorities. Committee members reviewed the document *Executive Committee Recommendations to the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging for 2011*. By general consensus, the Executive Committee had agreed to recommend these objectives to the Council as a priority for LPCC in 2011:

- 1) Older Driver Safety Campaign: Continue to research the problem, resources and information available; build an awareness campaign.
- 2) Legislative Research: LPCC will assist other Council on Aging committees with legislative research.

Discussion on Goals 1 & 2:

#### **Research**

- Form a Legislative Research Sub-Committee.  
Members who volunteered to be a part of the Legislative Research Sub-Committee included George Evanoff and Larry Woods. (Steve Jennings and Shawn Trobia of AARP Arizona will confirm participation.)
  - Research what other states are doing from a legal standpoint (including Department of Motor Vehicle requirements).
  - Continue research of older driver safety assessments and best practices from other states; include research information provided in past presentations from AAA Arizona, Dr. Yarrri of Banner Alzheimer's Institute and Lynn Hedrick of DriveAble Solutions.
  - Research legislation for other Governor's Advisory Council on Aging Committees, as requested.

It was suggested that research might include use and effectiveness of traffic circles as well as new technology such as 'driver-less' cars.

#### **Outreach**

- Form an Outreach Sub-Committee in the future.  
Members who volunteered to be a part of an Outreach Sub-Committee included Noreen Nickerson-Cruz, Joyce Finkelstein, and Christine Bryson-Lazo.

Other suggestions:

- Speakers – Request updates from ADOT and other organizations on what improvements are being made that include concerns related to older drivers.
- Senior Action Day – include older driver safety updates at these events.

The Committee agreed by general consensus to have the Legislative Research Sub-Committee research the legislation and issues first then provide information to the Outreach Sub-Committee to create a one-page resource fact sheet on Older Driver Safety.

*Committee member Joyce Finkelstein made a motion to recommend to the Council that LPCC adopt the older driver safety campaign and legislative research as its action plan for 2011. Noreen Nickerson-Cruz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

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

**Ideas on Additional Members to Assist with LPCC Priorities for 2011**

The group discussed requesting the involvement of those organizations having presented on Older Driver Safety.

**Announcements**

- Ritch Stevens, American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) Arizona, distributed the AARP 2011 Advocacy Priorities list to the Committee. A copy of the *AARP 2011 Advocacy Priorities* is available through the Council on Aging Office.
- Tammy Frazee, Department of Economic Security/Division of Aging and Adult Services (DES/DAAS), stated DES/DAAS hopes to see legislation requiring a the same level of fingerprint clearance identification card for people working with vulnerable adults as those working with children passed this year.
- Pam Stevenson, Attorney General’s Office (AG), informed the Committee the AG’s office is going through a major transition following the election but there is a strong interest in the continuation of the elder programs and initiatives.

**Adjournment**

*The meeting was adjourned by Committee Chair Charles Brown at 11:08 p.m.*

**Next Meeting**

**The next meeting of the Legislative & Policy Coordinating Committee of the Governor’s Advisory Council on Aging is scheduled for March 3, 2011; location to be determined and announced by public meeting notice posted at the GACA website, [www.azgovernor.gov/gaca/](http://www.azgovernor.gov/gaca/).**