



GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING

LEGISLATIVE & POLICY COORDINATING COMMITTEE (LPCC)

Meeting Minutes

March 3, 2011

9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Second Floor Conference Room

1700 West Washington Street

Phoenix, AZ 85007

Committee Members, Liaisons, and Participants Present

Charles Brown, (Chair) George Evanoff, Joyce Finkelstein, Bernadine Hoffman, Marilyn Johnson, Noreen Nickerson-Cruz, Joe Woods, Brittany Carter, Loretta Crimi, Don Ritchie, Sandra McKeehen, Shawn Trobia, and Jim Waring.

Committee Members Absent

Kati Bates, Allison Crissman Perrin.

Council Staff Present

Cathy De Lisa, Elsa Gaynor, and Jena Grady, Intern.

Guests Present

Jerry Hartley, AARP

Call to Order, Welcome, Review and Approval of Minutes

Committee Chair Charles Brown called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m. A welcome and introduction period followed. Minutes from the January 6, 2011 meeting were reviewed and a technical correction noted by Bernadine Hoffman. *Joyce Finkelstein made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected, and Bernadine Hoffman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

Follow-Up to 1.6.2011 LPCC meeting

Deputy Executive Director Cathy De Lisa reported the Committee had requested a speaker from AARP at the January meeting as part of an on-going review of older driver safety programs; Jerry Hartley of AARP agreed to provide an update for the Committee on this date.

Presentation and Discussion – Older Driver Safety Program

Jerry Hartley, Arizona State Coordinator, AARP Driver Safety Program, provided a presentation on the various safe driving strategies included in the AARP Driver Safety Program. Older drivers, those 50 years of age and older, receive training on such aspects as scanning, avoiding blind spots with use of mirrors, allowing for a cushion and distance between vehicles, and safety strategies at intersections. According to Mr. Hartley, insurance companies provide a discount to those who complete the AARP Driver Safety Program. Other resources suggested by Mr. Hartley included “Car Fit” and “We Need to Talk.” A copy of Mr. Hartley’s packet used during the presentation is available for review through the Council on Aging office.

LPCC Research related to Older Driver Safety Program Campaign

Council Chair, George Evanoff, stated that Council members would be researching other older driver safety programs as part of the Committee's effort to build an older driver safety campaign, and that the process has been delayed because of recent changes in Council membership.

Discussion of Strategies/Action Steps to Build Campaign

Recommendations from the Committee on speakers or additional members to assist with the LPCC Priorities for 2011 included the Motor Vehicle Division and driver rehabilitation programs provided by occupational therapist. It was suggested that the Council members conducting research may wish to review Florida's older driver programs that include transportation options as well as improved signs for older drivers.

Transit Updates

Loretta Crimi of the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) provided an updates on special needs transportation programs. According to Ms. Crimi, training is provided for drivers of organizations that receive vehicles for special needs populations through ADOT. 2011 application process workshops were conducted in January and panel reviews are scheduled in nine regions throughout the state during March to determine who will receive vehicles.

Legislative Updates

Jena Grady, intern at the Governor's Office on Aging, provided an overview of highlighted legislation found on the Council on Aging's *Short List* of legislation tracked by Council staff and posted in the *Legislative Update*. Copies of the tracking list and Ms. Grady's overview are available for review through the Council on Aging office.

Announcements

- Brittany Carter, Arizona Health Care Association announced their March 21st conference in Tucson.
- Jim Waring of the Arizona Attorney General's office encouraged those wishing to have presentation on elder abuse or internet scams to contact his office.
- Loretta Crimi announced the Arizona Transit Association will be holding a conference in partnership with ADOT and the Livable Communities Coalition on April 11-12, 2011 in Mesa; information is available at www.azta.org.
- Shawn Trobia of AARP Arizona distributed flyers and announced they are accepting application for the Andrus Award for Community Service that honors outstanding volunteers in the community. Ms. Trobia also announced AARP is partnering with Walgreen's to offer the Wellness Tour bus which will be in Maricopa County in March, Tucson on April 11th and Flagstaff on April 18th. Copies of the flyers distributed by Ms. Trobia are available for review through the Council on Aging office.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Committee Chair Charles Brown at 10:53 a.m.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Legislative & Policy Coordinating Committee of the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging is scheduled for May 5, 2011; location to be determined and announced by public meeting notice posted at the GACA website, www.azgovernor.gov/gaca/.