



GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING

LEGISLATIVE & POLICY COORDINATING COMMITTEE (LPCC)
MEETING MINUTES

July 14, 2011

10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Grand Canyon Conference Room
1700 West Washington Street
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Committee Members, Liaisons, and Participants Present

George Evanoff, (Council Chair), Marilyn Johnson, Noreen Nickerson-Cruz, Allison Crissman Perrin, Nancy Stump, C.T. Wright, Debra Boehlke, Christine Bryson-Lazo, Loretta Crimi, Tammy Frazee, Don Ritchie, Randy Maskell.

Committee Members Absent

Kati Bates, Charles Brown (Chair), Joyce Finkelstein, Bernadine Hoffman, Elizabeth Rohn-Nelson, Joe Woods.

Council Staff Present

Deneen Dantimo, Cathy De Lisa, Jena Grady, Intern.

Guests Present and Signing In

Nicole Zehring, Glen Spencer.

Welcome, Introduction, Review & Approval of Committee Minutes

Council Chair George Evanoff called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. A welcome and introduction period followed. Minutes from the May 5, 2011 meeting were reviewed. *C.T. Wright made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; Nancy Stump seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

Follow-Up to May 5, 2011 LPCC meeting

Deputy Executive Director Cathy De Lisa reported that the Committee's recommendation for older driver safety information from the Motor Vehicle Division was being researched by Jena Grady, Governor's Office on Aging (GOA) Intern, as requested, but she did not have anything to report at this time. In addition, at the last LPCC meeting, Christine Bryson-Lazo had inquired about keeping the space reservation for a Senior Action Day event in Prescott next fall. Since that time, she was asked to keep the October 14, 2011 reservation for the Yavapai College Performance Hall in Prescott, Arizona. Ms. De Lisa also reported that Governor's Advisory Council on Aging (GACA) staff would be working with Loretta Crimi of the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) to compile the volunteer transportation program information, as planned.

Senior Medicare Patrol Presentation & Discussion

Glen Spencer, Benefits Assistance Program Director, Area Agency on Aging (AAA) Region One, Incorporated, provided a PowerPoint presentation on "Preventing Health Care Fraud, Error & Abuse". Mr. Spencer stated there were seven State Health Insurance Program (SHIP) regions in Arizona that provide health benefits counseling to consumers seeking help related to Medicare. Points shared by Mr. Spencer:

- More than \$1 billion annual claims processed nationwide through Medicare.
- \$1 out of every \$10 Medicare costs is estimated to be fraudulent.
- In 2010, over \$70 billion lost to fraud, error, and abuse, 20 percent of all Medicare and Medicaid spending.
- Medicare fraud uses up resources, premiums are increased every year, and benefits may be decreased.
- Medicare Part A covers institutional care (e.g., hospitals skilled nursing, home health, hospice); Part B covers doctor visits, lab services, durable medical equipment; Part C is Medicare managed cover; and Part D is prescription drug coverage.
- If consumers miss their enrollment window for Parts B and D, it may result in financial penalty that follows them forever.
- Types of health care fraud include billing for services not provided, billing for non-covered services, upcoding or billing for higher priced treatment than actually provided and unbundling or billing lab services separately instead of one service.
- Identity theft - consumers must protect their Medicare card numbers; consumers should only provide their Medicare number to their doctor and or medical providers that they contact.

It was recommended that a checklist be created for seniors who have questions on how to report Medicare fraud and that the checklist might include what to do as well as contact information. Mr. Spencer offered to submit a draft document to Deputy Executive Director Cathy De Lisa who will forward that to the Advisory Council's Social, Health & Alzheimer's Committee (SHAC) for discussion and potential distribution. A copy of Mr. Spencer's presentation is available for review through the Council on Aging office.

Older Driver Safety Project

Jena Grady, GOA Intern, provided an overview of her Older Driver Safety Research Project. The project includes research on nationwide initiatives, statistics, current policies about licensing, public awareness, best practices and policies around unsafe driving reporting, medical advisory board, license renewal, other state campaigns, education for individuals, caregivers, the general public, driving alternatives and what role insurance plays. According to Ms. Grady, the project will be submitted to Deputy Executive Director Cathy De Lisa and Council Chair George Evanoff by on August 18, 2011 so that the final version can be completed and any policy recommendations submitted to the Governor's Office by end of August 2011. Council Chair George Evanoff stated the Executive Committee may be asked to review Ms. Grady's final project to consider potential recommendations since the LPCC doesn't meet again until September 22, 2011, and Ms. Grady has a very short timeframe. A copy of Ms. Grady's outline used during the presentation is available for review through the Council on Aging office.

Senior Action Day Updates to Share

Council Chair George Evanoff reported a Senior Action Day in northern Arizona is scheduled for October 14, 2011 at the Yavapai College Performance Hall in Prescott, Arizona. Letters of invitation to legislators will be distributed by Council staff in late August, early September. Council Chair George Evanoff thanked Christine Bryson-Lazo for her work on this project. Ms. Bryson-Lazo provided an overview of planning for the October 14th event along with ideas for invitations to the Senior Action Day event. Loretta Crimi from Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) offered to assist with outreach to transit contacts.

Committee Member Assignments in preparation for next LPCC meeting

- Loretta Crimi will provide information from the Department of Motor Vehicles Division to Intern Jena Grady for her research project.
- Council Chair George Evanoff will contact Dr. Allison Hughes, retired University of Arizona faculty and head of the Women's Commission for the City of Tucson, about speaking to SHAC about the plight of widows which may result in a new initiative for next year.
- Council Chair George Evanoff reported another potential project would be 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.

Announcements

- Christine Bryson-Lazo announced the Area Agency on Aging, Region III, Northern Arizona Council of Governments (NACOG) will host its 20th Annual Creating Caring Communities Conference on September 29, 2011 at the High Country Conference Center in Flagstaff, Arizona. Ms. Bryson-Lazo will forward a flyer to Deputy Executive Director Cathy De Lisa for those LPCC members not receiving the information via the Council's *Legislative Update*.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Council Chair George Evanoff at 11:22 a.m.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Legislative & Policy Coordinating Committee of the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging is scheduled for September 22, 2011. Location to be determined and announced by public meeting notice posted at the GACA website: www.azgovernor.gov/gaca/. These meetings are open to the public.