



GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING

LEGISLATIVE & POLICY COORDINATING COMMITTEE (LPCC)

MEETING MINUTES

November 3, 2011

10:00 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, (Council Chair), Allison Perrin, Joe Woods, C.T. Wright, Susan Archer, Christine Bryson-Lazo, Tammy Frazee, Debera Kopp, Randy Maskell, and Don Ritchie.

**Committee Members Absent**

Kati Bates, Joyce Finkelstein, Bernadine Hoffman, Marilyn Johnson, Noreen Nickerson-Cruz, Elizabeth Rohn-Nelson, and Nancy Stump.

**Council Staff Present**

Deneen Dantimo, Cathy De Lisa, Jena Grady and Kim Jennings.

**Guests Present and Signing In**

**Welcome, Introduction, Review & Approval of Committee Minutes**

Committee Chair Charles Brown called the meeting to order at 9:59 a.m. A welcome and introduction period followed. Minutes from the September 22, 2011 meeting were reviewed. *C.T. Wright made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; Allison Perrin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

**Follow-Up to 9.22.2011 LPCC meeting**

Deputy Executive Director Cathy De Lisa announced that Glen Spencer from the Area Agency on Aging, Region One, Incorporated had delivered Medicare Fraud folders for the November Social, Health & Alzheimer's Committee (SHAC) meeting as promised and copies of the newly-created product were available on the sign in table for all LPCC members, too. Ms. De Lisa asked if Jena Grady had been in contact with Cydney Demodica from MVD related to the Older Driver Safety presentation; Ms. Grady indicated she had not been in contact, yet. Ms. De Lisa reported that Senior Action Day event flyers and press releases were shared with the LPCC following the September meeting, and that LPCC Chair Charles Brown had asked the members to bring ideas for the Committee's 2012 priorities to the November meeting.

**Senior Action Day Report Back**

Council Chair George Evanoff reported all Senior Action Days except the November 8<sup>th</sup> East Valley event have been completed. He stated that while attendance by seniors was not what the

Executive Committee had hoped for when planning the events, the attendance by legislators, the input received and the ability to receive input directly from constituents were all seen as positives. Christine Bryson-Lazo outlined the extent of outreach conducted ahead of the October 14<sup>th</sup> Prescott event and commented that the prescribed burn in that area may have kept seniors from attending. Council Chair Evanoff stated that the Prescott event did include a lot of knowledgeable service providers who were able to share firsthand information with Representative Karen Fann and District 2 Supervisor Thomas Thurman. Ms. Bryson-Lazo reported that a follow-up meeting was being organized by the service providers to address concerns raised by those in attendance at the Prescott event. Council Chair Evanoff provided an overview of the two Tucson events and reported that Senators Paula Aboud and Linda Lopez and Representatives Steve Farley and Marcario Saldate attended the Tucson events. Senator Olivia Cajero Bedford and Representative Peggy Judd were scheduled to attend but had to cancel at the last minute due to serious illnesses; Representative Matt Heinz was working (University Medical Center) both days but requested information compiled from the events. C.T. Wright provided an overview of the Fountain Hills event which included participation by Representatives John Kavanagh, David Burnell Smith, and Michelle Ugenti along with Senator Nancy Barto, Mayor W. J. Lane of Scottsdale, Mayor Jay Schlum of Fountain Hills and members of the Fountain Hills City Council, Senior Services Foundation and Activity Center Commissioners and Nancy Gilliam from Senator Jon Kyl's office. On behalf of Council Secretary Noreen Nickerson-Cruz, Ms. De Lisa reported on the Sun City/Peoria event which was attended by Representatives Debbie Lesko and Rick Gray along with Ms. Gilliam and included a continental breakfast provided by the American Legion Post #62, host of the event. According to Council Chair Evanoff, while feedback from seniors did include concerns related to transportation and oral health, input received from all the events will be compiled, and a brief report will be prepared to share with the Governor, the legislators and state agencies for planning purposes if they so desire.

### **Report Back on Discussion Related to Older Driver Safety Report**

Council Chair George Evanoff stated he would be gathering stakeholders together along with Ms. Grady (and a member of the Executive Committee to assist with notes) to discuss the Older Driver Safety report and consider what action(s) the Council might take.

### **Brainstorming Discussion on 2012 Priorities for LPCC**

Committee Chair Charles Brown invited LPCC members to share ideas on 2012 priorities and invited the group to review the *2011 LPCC Overview* prepared for the Committee. After a review of the document; the following input was provided:

#### 1. Report back from stakeholders on Older Driver Safety Report

Input to be collected from:

- AARP,
- Department of Public Safety,
- Arizona Department of Transportation/Motor Vehicle Division,
- Arizona Association of Area Agencies on Aging,
- Trial Lawyers Association,
- Arizona Automobile Association – AAA, and
- Department of Insurance (Council Liaison from DOI).

Resources required:

Staffing for meeting coordination, production of public meeting notice, notes/minutes, and report that's drafted, circulated, then finalized.

2. Continuation of *Legislative Update* and legislative research

Resources required:

Arizona Capitol Times LOLA subscription, and staff time to research legislation and resources, draft newsletter, and send via email program.

3. Remind (Council) Liaisons of their value to LPCC

Invitation to be sent to participate in LPCC knowing replacement of appointed agency staff may delay process.

4. Promote improvement of transportation options for seniors' independence and include special reports/updates on the:

- DD Planning Council's special transportation grant,
- Verde Valley project on transportation, and
- Maricopa Association of Governments – MAG transportation project.

The idea of a LPCC Sub-Committee was discussed at this time for this purpose, and it was suggested that a timeline be developed based on available resources. Identification of resources required included:

Staffing for meeting coordination, public meeting notice, notes/minutes, and report that's drafted, circulated, then finalized.

5. LPCC Members/Council attendance at Senate and House Transportation Committee hearings

Available resource to track hearings:

Arizona State Legislature website links/posting (GACA staff to circulate link to website as found in *Legislative Update*.)

6. Invite members of the Senate and House Transportation Committees to provide priorities for transportation in the 2012 legislative session

Required resource:

GACA staffing to invite, follow up and schedule presentation to LPCC or Council on Aging.

7. Track and monitor the cuts in ALTCS to seniors

Available resources to help:

Arizona Association of Area Agencies on Aging,  
AHCCCS Liaison, and  
LPCC member from the Division of Aging & Adult Services and Aging 2020 report updates.

8. Ask SHAC to consider researching health insurance practices re: hearing aids

Available resource:

Department of Insurance Liaison. Also: may consider re-activating Hearing Loss Sub-Committee depending on DOI report.

A copy of the 2011 LPCC Overview is available through the Council on Aging office.

### **Announcements**

- Tammy Frazee, DES Division of Aging and Adult Services (DAAS), announced November was national caregiver month, and DAAS was helping host the National Lifespan Respite conference in Glendale which included an attempt to break the world record for noise created by an audience clapping; the group came up just short of that goal.
- Cathy De Lisa announced a report from the Council's legislative online account was available at the back table and included legislation from the 4<sup>th</sup> Special Session of the 50<sup>th</sup> Regular Session of the Arizona State Legislature related to the redistricting commission.

### **Adjournment**

*The meeting was adjourned by Committee Chair Charles Brown at 11:10 a.m.*

### **Next Meeting**

**The next meeting of the Legislative & Policy Coordinating Committee of the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging will be scheduled in January 2012; date and location to be determined and announced by public meeting notice posted at the GACA website: [www.azgovernor.gov/gaca/](http://www.azgovernor.gov/gaca/). These meetings are open to the public.**