



GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING

SOCIAL, HEALTH & ALZHEIMER'S COMMITTEE (SHAC) ORAL HEALTH SUB COMMITTEE (OHSC) MEETING MINUTES February 3, 2011

Council Members & Committee Participants Present

In attendance: Dr. Bob Birdwell OHSC Co-Chair, Mary Busch, Mary Cosaboom, Jay Crosby, Ginger Froncek, Steve Laughary, Archie Mariano, Emma Violante, Julia Wacloff.
Participating telephonically: Bernadine Hoffman, SHAC Committee Chair.

Council Members Not Participating

Kati Bates, George Evanoff, Noreen Nickerson-Cruz.

Council Staff Present

Cathy De Lisa

Guest

Sheila Murphy

Welcome, Introductions

Sub-Committee Co-Chair Dr. Bob Birdwell opened the meeting at 2:32 pm.

Review & Discuss Year Two Oral Health Work Plan Goals & Objectives

Dr. Birdwell started discussions by suggesting the group look at what Year Two objectives might be feasible at this time and what partners are needed to make them happen, what can be done in the short-term then long-term and what needs to be suspended. As part of the discussion, Ginger Froncek shared survey results from the Preliminary Care Giver Training Survey that was mailed by the Arizona Dental Foundation to 42 contacts including Arizona's dental schools, dental hygiene programs, medical and nursing schools. While the response rate was much lower than hoped, members of the Sub-Committee noted these positives:

- Students are currently volunteering at Senior Centers.
- Student volunteers are targeting seniors and special needs populations for health education.
- Students were seen as capable of training caregivers on basic oral health care for seniors (with little faculty supervision at different stages of their training).
- There was interest in Train-the-Caregiver training for students.
- There was interest in Oral Health Resource Kits for students to take to senior centers and group homes to provide oral health education.
- There was interest in linkages to caregiver organizations in their communities.

A lengthy discussion ensued on where to start with education. A copy of the Preliminary Care Giver Training Survey form is available through the Council on Aging office.

Members of the Sub-Committee then discussed ideas on the following Year 2 goals and objectives.

Goal #1 Improve the oral health of older adults –

Objectives:

- Encourage and promote the donation of time by dentists and hygienists to provide care for older adults/vulnerable adults at highest risk.
It was suggested that the group might start by identifying and recognizing those who do so. Recognition ideas included letters, certificates, and plaques from the Council on Aging. Additional ideas included finding ways to offer continuing education for donated dental services and supporting efforts to provide a charitable (tax) deduction for donation of time by dental providers. It was suggested that the group might research how other states have developed such incentives and possibly arrange for a presentation to the Sub-Committee, SHAC and/or Council on what can be counted as a deduction.
- Invite the associations and foundations to partner in achieving mutual goals. Committee members suggest linking potential partners to specific goals and objectives. An example: a non-profit partner might add oral health educational presentations for caregivers as part of what they're currently doing. Suggested partners for this objective included Arizona Area Health Education Center (AHEC) programs, Direct Care Workforce Committee and the Foundation for Senior Living.

Goal #2 Increase access to educational opportunities on oral health for target populations, service providers, and the community.

Objectives:

- Promote seminars, workshops and conference on oral health.
- Identify ways to provide information to the public on the specific campaigns, products and messages contained in the Oral Health Three Year Work Plan by assembling a set of vetted links and provide them to partner organizations to highlight on their websites.
It was suggested that a small work group draft a fact sheet or resource that identifies where speakers and presenters on oral health can be obtained. It was suggested that educational resources provided to the Sub-Committee from the Washington Dental Service Foundation and United Way of Tucson be highlighted on a partner website along with other vetted oral health links and information. Members volunteering to work on these objectives included Mary Busch, Emma Violante, Ginger Froncek and Steve Laughary.

By general consensus, it was agreed that before the next SHAC meeting on March 3, 2011, the following would be accomplished:

1. A further analysis of the Preliminary Care Giver Training Survey responses would be done by Ginger Froncek and Dr. Birdwell.
2. The *Healthy Smiles Forever* oral health fact sheet would be provided to the Arizona Department of Health Services Office of Oral Health for posting on that website. Other vetted oral health links and resources will be forwarded to Julia Wacloff as well.

To finish the work started this date, GACA staff member Cathy De Lisa will coordinate an Oral Health Sub-Committee on March 17th at 2:30 p.m.; location to be determined and announced by public meeting notice.

Brief updates on state and federal legislation

A brief discussion on legislation included H2233 Mobile Dental Facilities and H2156 Dental Hygienists; Supervision Requirements.

Report back for the next SHAC meeting

The short-term goals to be accomplished prior to the SHAC meeting will be reported out on March 3, 2011. In addition, Sub-Committee and potential partners will be encouraged to attend the March 17, 2011 Oral Health Sub-Committee in order to continue the work of the Year 2 goals and objectives.

Announcements

- Archie Mariano announced the 23rd Annual Arizona Indian Council on Aging Conference on March 21 – 24, 2011 and requested ideas for a speaker on oral health care for March 21st. More conference information is available at the Inter Tribal Council of Arizona website: <http://www.itcaonline.com/>
- Emma Violante provided information on the Hydra Brush product.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m. by Sub-Committee Co-Chair, Dr. Bob Birdwell.

Next Meeting:

The Oral Health Sub-Committee will join the Social, Health & Alzheimer's Committee on Thursday, March 3, 2011 at 2:30 p.m. Location to be confirmed and announced via public meeting notice on the Advisory Council on Aging's website: www.azgovernor.gov/gaca . These meetings are open to the public.