



GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING

SOCIAL, HEALTH & ALZHEIMER'S COMMITTEE (SHAC)

Meeting Minutes

May 5, 2011

2:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Second Floor Conference Room

1700 West Washington Street, Phoenix, AZ 85007

Council Members, Liaisons, and Participants Present

Charles Brown, George Evanoff, Bernadine Hoffman, Anne Morrison (Chair), Joe Woods, C.T. Wright, Michelle Barth, David Besst, Mary Busch, Larry Clausen, Mary Cosaboom, Jay Crosby, Susan Cypert, Cathy Griner, Christie Kramer, Archie Mariano, Michele Michaels, Julia Wacloff, and Hannele Waissi

Council Members Absent

Kati Bates, Noreen Nickerson-Cruz, Allison Perrin

Council Staff Present

Cathy De Lisa

Guests Present and Signing In

Jennifer Cain

Call to Order, Welcome, Introductions & Approval of Minutes

New Committee Chair Anne Morrison called the meeting to order at 2:36 p.m. A welcome and introduction period followed at which time Bernadine Hoffman was thanked by Council Chair George Evanoff for her service as the SHAC Chair dating back several years. Draft minutes from the March 3, 2011 Social, Health and Alzheimer's Committee (SHAC) meeting were reviewed. *David Besst made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; Bernadine Hoffman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.* Draft minutes from the March 17, 2011 Oral Health Sub-Committee were reviewed by the Oral Health Sub-Committee members. *Bernadine Hoffman made a motion to approve as written, Mary Busch seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.* Draft minutes from the April 12, 2011 Oral Health Sub-Committee were reviewed by the Sub-Committee members. *Mary Cosaboom made a motion to approve as presented; Mary Busch seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

Information sharing from Arizona Commission for the Deaf and the Hard of Hearing

Michele Michaels, Hard of Hearing Specialist for the Arizona Commission for the Deaf and the Hard of Hearing (ACDHH) provided an update and overview of services and information from the Commission. Handouts distributed by Ms. Michaels included *Guidelines for Effective Communications with Deaf, Late-Deafened, and Hard of Hearing People, Age Less Age Well Presents... Can You Hear Me???* Issues with Hearing Loss free event flyer for her Tuesday, May 17th presentation at the Via Linda Senior Center in Scottsdale, Arizona, the *Fast Facts about Hearing Loss and Older Adults* and *Fast Resources about Hearing Loss* that were developed in

partnership with the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging as well as the About ACDHH brochure and the ACDHH "If you can read this, it might be too loud" flyer. Ms. Michaels also announced a survey of skilled nursing, assisted living administrators and managers, the opening of the deaf housing in Tempe for lower income residents, the availability of low-interest loans for assistive technology through the Arizona Technology Access Program at NAU, establishment of the Hard of Hearing Task Force and partnership with the Mental Health Task Force, and the relocation of the Commission's office to 100 N. 15th Avenue in June 2011. Copies of the materials distributed by Ms. Michaels are available for review through the Council on Aging office.

Updates:

- *Arizona Fall Prevention Coalition* – Cathy De Lisa provided a copy of the Coalition's report from Debby Elliott of the Area Agency on Aging Region One. The Coalition has plans to produce a "Speaker-in-a-Box" slide deck to be used by the Speaker's Bureau, and a "Table-in-a-Box" for displays at events, produce a video library for the Coalition's website; produce a scaled down Hazard House with three rooms that can be used at events, establish an Evaluation Sub-Committee, produce a National Fall Prevention event in September for the state, and achieve statewide participation in the Coalition. A copy of the handout is available for review through the Council on Aging office.

- *Alzheimer's Priority Plan* – Cathy Griner, Director of Program & Advocacy, Alzheimer's Association Desert Southwest Chapter provided updates on the actions of the Arizona Alzheimer's Task Force that met on March 18th and has launched four statewide public Work Teams that will implement the strategies and actions for the Alzheimer's Priority Plan contained in the State Plan on Aging 2011-2014. SHAC members were encouraged by Ms. Griner to join any of the Work Teams:
 - *Impact of Disease on the State (State Plan on Aging Goal 3)*
 - *Access to Services (State Plan on Aging Goals 1 & 6)*
 - *Independence and Safety (State Plan on Aging Goals 4 & 5)*
 - *Quality of Care Promotion and Regulation (State Plan on Aging Goals 7 & 8)*

Ms. Griner circulated copies of the Advocacy E-Newsletter she produces and highlighted information contained in the April 2011 issue including the Alzheimer's Task Force and Work Teams. Ms. Griner also provided an update on the Arizona Alzheimer's Consortium's free community service event on June 3, 2011 at the Rio Vista Recreation Center in Peoria, Arizona and encouraged those wishing to attend to register quickly as seating is limited.

- *National Respite Conference* – David Besst, Caregiver Support Specialist, Arizona Department of Economic Security/Division of Aging & Adult Services (DES/DAAS) provided an update on the Arizona Caregiver Coalition and circulated a copy of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) recently signed by the Coalition and the Arizona Department of Economic Security. According to Mr. Besst, the establishment of the MOU helps complete requirements for federal respite funding and helps keep the state at the forefront of this effort. Mr. Besst stated that planning for the national respite conference is going well and that the "Call for Papers" was extended to May 27, 2011. He reminded SHAC members that the three session tracks are specific to respite care. At the request of the Oral Health Sub-Committee, he provided ideas on how the group might promote oral health for caregivers and suggested the Sub-Committee might join the next

quarterly meeting he has with the Area Agencies on Aging to discuss oral health caregiver training.

Oral Health Updates & Sub-Committee Report

Sub-Committee Co-Chair Mary Busch reported:

- 1) The group is working to more clearly define the populations the Sub-Committee hopes to target through the three main goals of the Oral Health Work Plan.
- 2) A grid was developed by Ginger Froncek to assist with this effort in matching strategies to populations and the Sub-Committee would be editing that grid as part of the breakout session.
- 3) The Sub-Committee hopes to build awareness and broaden the scope of participation.

Break-Out Discussions

The members of SHAC divided out into groups for the next 40 minutes to discuss oral health and ideas for future development of an outreach sub-committee.

Report Back from Break-Out

Cathy De Lisa, GACA Staff, reported that the informal group discussing the potential for an outreach sub-committee:

- 1) Stated the purpose of such a group would be to build awareness of the initiatives and work of the Social, Health and Alzheimer's Committee and may include other Council committee initiatives.
- 2) Reported the outcomes they hoped to achieve would be focused on education of caregivers and increased awareness of resources throughout the state.
- 3) Identified potential partners such the Area Agencies on Aging, Centers for Independent Living, and local, regional councils on aging.
- 4) Generated ideas on implementing outreach efforts at low or no cost through the leveraging of existing resources.
- 5) Stated their intent not to duplicate efforts of other programs or groups. (Az Links)

Anne Morrison, SHAC Chair reported on the discussion of the Oral Health Sub-Committee.

According to Ms. Morrison, the group:

- 1) Plans to broaden and diversify participation in the Oral Health Sub-Committee.
- 2) Edit the draft oral health grid to include skilled nursing and assisted living staff and residents.
- 3) Research and collect data to represent what is needed and help build the case for improving the oral health of older, vulnerable adults.
- 4) Confirmed members to represent the Sub-Committee and present oral health training for caregivers at the May 17th meeting as invited by David Besst.
- 5) Proposed a tentative next Sub-Committee meeting on June 7, 2011 to GACA staff for consideration and coordination.

Announcements

Mary Cosaboom announced the 2012 national conference of the American Dental Hygienist Association would be held in Arizona and plans include having the traditional community service project, as completed by attendees, focus on older adults this time.

Adjournment

Committee Chair Anne Morrison adjourned the meeting at 4:35 p.m.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Social, Health & Alzheimer's Committee of the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging will be on July 14, 2011. Date and location to be determined and announced by public meeting notice posted at the GACA website, www.azgovernor.gov/gaca .