



GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING

SOCIAL, HEALTH, & ALZHEIMER'S COMMITTEE (SHAC) ORAL HEALTH SUB COMMITTEE (OHSC)

MEETING MINUTES

November 3, 2011

Executive Tower

2nd Floor Conference Room

1700 West Washington Street

Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Council Members, Liaisons, and Participants Present

Charles Brown, Allison Perrin, Anne Morrison, SHAC Chair and OHSC Co-Chair, Co-Chair Mary Busch, Susan Archer, Ann Benson, Brittany Carter, Debera Kopp, Steve Laughary, Randy Maskell, and Julia Wacloff.

Council Members Absent

George Evanoff, Bernadine Hoffman, and Noreen Nickerson-Cruz.

Council Staff Present

Cathy De Lisa and Kim Jennings.

Guests Present & Signing In

Welcome, Introductions

Co-Chair Mary Busch opened the meeting at 4:13 pm with a welcome and introduction period.

Original Work Plan Objectives

Co-Chair Mary Busch led a discussion by the group comparing the original goals of the Oral Health Three-Year Work Plan to work accomplished during 2011. Highlights cited by Ms. Busch included the Arizona Dental Foundation's (ADF) efforts to recognize and provide continuing education (CE's) to dentists who donate their time to older/vulnerable adults needing relief from pain and suffering as well as posting of vetted oral health resources on the Arizona Department of Health Services, (ADHS) Adult & Senior Oral Health webpage.

Brainstorming on Year 3 Goals and Objectives

Members agreed by general consensus that the three goals listed on the Year 2 Oral Health Work Plan Goals and Objectives were still viable. They include:

Goal #1 – Improve the oral health of older/vulnerable adults.

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

Goal #3 – Advocate for federal, state, and local efforts on oral health issues affecting older/vulnerable adults.

Recommendations to bring forth to SHAC on Year 3

Goal #1 – Improve the oral health of older/vulnerable adults.

The group discussed suspending the second objective of Goal #1 – b. foster early interventions and treatment of problems associated with oral hygiene and moving forward with the following objectives:

- a. Promote free to affordable dental care.
- c. Facilitate oral health education opportunities for caregivers of older/vulnerable adults.

Promotion of CEs and recognition of donated services was seen as avenue to work on the first objective.

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

The group discussed promoting oral seminars, workshops and other educational opportunities offered by the SHAC Oral Health Sub-Committee partners as well as the oral health coalitions (like MOLAR), dental training programs, associations and health education centers. The following revised objectives include:

- Promote seminars, workshops and education on oral health by partnering with various agencies, organizations and individuals.
- Increase promotion and marketing efforts surrounding oral health for older/vulnerable adults by work of the Council's Marketing & Outreach Task Force.

Goal #3 – Advocate for federal, state, and local efforts on oral health issues affecting older/vulnerable adults.

The group discussed the work of coalitions and associations that include advocates and lobbyists who are focused on federal, state and local efforts related to oral health. The group will ask these organizations to provide speakers and share information with the Sub-Committee to compliment the work of the Council's Legislative and Policy Coordinating Committee and the legislation tracked through the Council's *Legislative Update*.

Additional ideas included:

- Encouraging individual members to invite their dentists to participate in the ADF donated services program for CE's and recognition.
- Recruiting volunteers for dental health fairs and provide recognition and CE's to them and finding ways to duplicate such health fairs around the state.
- Working with ADHS and providers to offer rural health fairs
- Placing additional oral health resources on the ADHS website
- Acting as a conduit for older/vulnerable adults who are seeking follow-up care that is affordable (sliding scale).

Announcements

Adjournment

Steve Laughary made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Allison Perrin seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned by Mary Busch at 4:55 p.m.

Next Meeting:

The Oral Health Sub-Committee will join the Social, Health & Alzheimer's Committee at their January 2012 meeting. Date and 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.