



GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING

SOCIAL, HEALTH & ALZHEIMER'S COMMITTEE (SHAC)

Meeting Minutes

January 6, 2011

2:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Executive Tower, Grand Canyon Room

1700 West Washington Street, Phoenix, AZ 85007

Council Members, Liaisons, and Participants Present

Kati Bates, Charles Brown, Allison Crissman Perrin, George Evanoff, (Council Chair), Bernadine Hoffman, (SHAC Chair) Noreen Nickerson-Cruz, Joe Woods, Larry Woods, Michelle Barth, Ann Benson, Dr. Robert Birdwell, David Besst, Mary Busch, Larry Clausen, Jay Crosby, Susan Cypert, Cathy Griner, Elizabeth Harris, Steve Laughary, Leslie Leshner, Archie Mariano, Karen Richards, Emma Violante, Hannele Waissi, Judy White, and Joan Zecherle

Council Members Absent

Dana Campbell Saylor, Joyce Finkelstein, and Karen Zanzucchi

Council Staff Present

Cathy De Lisa and Claire Parriott

Guests Present and Signing In

Ann Marie Grande, Christie Kramer, Kathy Salazar, Johannah Uriri Glover

Call to Order, Welcome, Introductions & Approval of Minutes

Committee Chair Bernadine Hoffman called the meeting to order at 2:32 p.m. A welcome and introduction period followed. Draft minutes from the November 4, 2010 Social, Health and Alzheimer's Committee (SHAC) meeting were reviewed. *Charles Brown made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; Emma Violante seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.* Council Chair Evanoff asked those Oral Health Sub-Committee members in attendance to review the draft minutes from the November 18, 2010 Oral Health Sub-Committee. *Dr. Robert Birdwell made a motion to accept as written and Emma Violante seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.*

Oral Health Updates & Sub-Committee Report

Dr. Bob Birdwell, Oral Health Sub-Committee Co-Chair, provided a brief update on the Oral Health Sub-Committee (OHSC) as well as information on national trends and activities targeting vulnerable elders.

Recent Accomplishments:

- 2009
 - Development of the Three-Year Work Plan
 - Project Development
 - Resource Development (identification)

- 2010
 - Completion of Oral Health fact Sheet: *Healthy Smiles Forever*
 - Completion (updated) of reduced fee resource (provider) list
 - Completion and distribution of health care education institution survey
 - Refine strategies to Three-Year Work Plan

2011 Objectives (potential):

- Narrow focus targeted population: “Vulnerable Adults”
 - Frail seniors
 - Developmentally, physically and mentally disabled adults
 - Identify available dental care resources
- Early intervention strategies
 - Preventative care including FI varnish
 - Oral health education for caregivers and older adults
- Advocate for federal, state and local efforts on oral health issues affecting older adults
 - Partnering with LPCC as appropriate

Additional 2011 Projects (potential):

- Stand Down: support 2011 veterans event
- Mission of Mercy: Support efforts of AzDA and their partners
- Promote work of Sub-Committee with other organizations
- Recruit new workgroup members
- Other outreach opportunities

National attention to adult dental needs:

- American Dental Association
 - Resolution 5H-2006 targeted at vulnerable elderly
 - November 2010 advocacy conference focusing on vulnerable adults
 - Build awareness, advocacy,; promote legislation and regulatory reform
 - Advocacy: Special Care dentistry Act 2010
 - Mandates “ABD” coverage under Medicaid
 - 100% Federal funding (FMAP)
 - 111th Congress HR 5634
- American Association of Special Needs Dentistry, ADEA, others

As of October 1, 2010, due to a legislative mandate, AHCCCS has cut the adult dental care benefit. As a result, AHCCCS will no longer provide emergency dental services. For more information please see www.azahcccs.gov.

Cathy De Lisa announced a proposed date for the next Oral Health Sub-Committee meeting as February 3, 2011 at 2:30 pm. Part of the main focus of the meeting will be to divide out Year 2 goals and objectives and to develop work groups in order to move forward with a focus on vulnerable adults.

Dr. Birdwell stated there will be some minor changes made to the Reduced Fee Dental Clinic List at the request of AHCCCS.

A copy of the *Healthy Smiles Forever* handout is available through the Council on Aging office.

Updates:

- *Fall Prevention Coalition* – The representative was not available to provide an update.
- *Alzheimer's Priority Plan* – Cathy Griner, Director of Program & Advocacy, Alzheimer's Association Desert Southwest Chapter provided an overview of the work to date related to the Alzheimer's Priority Plan and updated the group on the progress by the planning partners to develop the statewide Task Force and plan for public Work Teams. Work Teams will include:
 - *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)*
- *Arizona Caregiver Coalition* – David Besst, Arizona Department of Economic Security/Division of Aging & Adult Services (DES/DAAS), informed the Committee on the activity of the Arizona Caregiver Coalition. Mr. Besst made two announcements. First, the Coalition will hold its first formal advisory committee meeting next Wednesday, January 12, 2011. The Coalition will elect co-chairs, allowing the Coalition to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with DAAS, officially giving the Coalition their marching orders. Second, the Coalition continues to make strides in activities for the Arizona Lifespan Respite Care Program. The Coalition and Respite Care Program, in partnership with ARCH National Respite Network and the National Respite Coalition will be hosting the National Lifespan Respite Conference and Grantee Meeting, "The Many Faces of Respite Care," on November 2-4, 2011. The first day of the conference will address respite care. The conference will be tied in to the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) and according to Mr. Besst, the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging had agreed to help put the word out to the community about the conference.

Executive Committee Recommendation for 2011 SHAC Priorities

Committee Chair Bernadine Hoffman reviewed with the Committee the Executive Committee Recommendation for 2011 SHAC priorities. Committee members reviewed the document *Executive Committee Recommendations to the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging for 2011*. By general consensus, the Executive Committee agreed to recommend to the Council the following goals for 2011:

- 1) Oral Health Initiative: Continuation of the Oral Health Initiative;
- 2) Respite Care Network: Support the Arizona Caregiver Coalition in development of the respite care network – one point of contact for resources/information/support with faith-based/volunteer-based involvement;
- 3) Marketing: Channeling marketing/outreach for all initiatives, together (oral health, hearing loss, fall prevention, caregiving) to avoid duplication
 - a. Through PR campaign – with simplified, clear language (no acronyms)
 - b. Establishing senior corner with resource/information in libraries throughout state;
- 4) Study: hearing aid coverage in new insurance policies/benefit packages in other states and look at vision and oral health at the same time. (with LPCC doing research on hearing aid, dental, and vision coverage for seniors in other states.)

How to accomplish and continue:

Discussion included:

- Goal 1) Oral Health Sub-Committee: Year 2 goals and objectives to continue.
- Goal 2) Respite Care Network: ideas for supporting DAAS/ACC efforts to develop the volunteer process, gather input at round tables, get public guidance on input. (DAAS will coordinate this effort with David Besst, Anne Marie Grande, Steve Laughary, Larry Clausen, Elizabeth Harris, and Leslie Leshner of SHAC participating.)
- Goal 3) Marketing Program: utilizing resources and work coming from DAAS, SHA members will work on marketing programs to take to the public so they can see what is happening:
Ideas included:
- Creating a database referencing resources
 - Establishing a senior resource
 - Getting volunteers in libraries and senior centers to answer questions and help navigate information.
 - Placing information in convenient places for seniors such as retail and grocery stores and places of worship.
- Goal 4) Compile information on topics from SHAC members/resources and then LPCC provides research to fill in any gaps.

Committee member Mary Busch made a motion that the Committee recommend the Council adopt and pursue the Executive Committee recommendations for 2011 SHAC priorities. Council member Kati Bates seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

A copy of Executive Committee Recommendations to the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging for 2011 is available through the Council on Aging Office.

Ideas for Additional Membership (to assist with 2011 priorities)

Committee Chair Bernadine Hoffman asked Committee members to suggest ideas for additional Committee members. Members of SHAC suggested the following groups:

- Advertising Council
- Channel 8
- ASU School of Film/Journalism
- AARP of Arizona
- Caregiving/Skilled Nursing/Assisted Living Associations
- DUET
- Arizona Geriatrics Society
- Aging Services of Arizona
- Arizona Public Health Association
- Delta Dental

Announcements

- Mary Busch announced the opening of the expansion of the west-side dental clinic affiliated with the Arizona School of Dentistry and Oral Health in Mesa.

- Joan Zecherle, Hospice Valley, announced they will be holding caregiver workshops on January 12, February 16, and March 12, 2011.
- Leslie Leshner informed the Committee that non-medical caregivers continue to be unregulated as it appears legislation will not be introduced as hoped this session.
- Hannele Waissi, Foundation for Senior Living, announced they received a \$10,000 grant to renovate a bus for a mobile caregiver classes. They are collaborating with Banner Alzheimer Institute and hope to provide the classes to tribal communities.
- Steve Laughary stated Nightingale will be holding “Alzheimer’s Whisperer” events during February in east, west and central Phoenix.
- Cathy De Lisa asked Committee members to please send any information on aging-related legislation to the Council on Aging office.

Adjournment

Committee Chair Bernadine Hoffman adjourned the meeting at 4:13 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 March 3, 2011. Date and location to be determined and announced by public meeting notice posted at the GACA website, www.azgovernor.gov/gaca .