



## GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING

### SOCIAL, HEALTH & ALZHEIMER'S COMMITTEE (SHAC) MEETING MINUTES July 14, 2011

#### **Council Members, Liaisons & Committee Participants Present**

George Evanoff (Council Chair), Anne Morrison (Committee Chair), Allison Perrin David Besst, Debra Boehlke, Mary Busch, Larry Clausen, Jay Crosby, Ginger Froncek, Cathy Griner, Steve Laughary, Karen Richards, and Julia Wacloff.

#### **Council Members Not Participating**

Kati Bates, Charles Brown, Bernadine Hoffman, Noreen Nickerson-Cruz, and Joe Woods.

#### **Council Staff Present**

Deneen Dantimo and Cathy De Lisa.

#### **Guests Present and Signing In**

Penny Matteson, Randy Maskell, and Chrissy Sayre.

#### **Welcome, Introductions, Review & Approval of Minutes**

Committee Chair Anne Morrison opened the meeting at 2:35 p.m. A welcome and introduction period followed. Minutes from the May 5, 2011 SHAC meeting were reviewed. *David Besst made a motion to accept the minutes as presented; Mary Busch seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.* The minutes of the June 7, 2011 Oral Health Sub-Committee were reviewed. *Ginger Froncek made a motion to accept the minutes as presented; Steve Laughary seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

#### **Information Sharing**

Debra Boehlke from the Arizona Attorney General's (AG) office reported on the local World Elder Abuse Awareness Day event on June 15, 2011 stating it was a great success. According to Ms. Boehlke, several hundred people attended and a large number of people signed the "I will prevent elder abuse pledge"; anyone interested in signing the pledge may do so by visiting: <http://www.iwillpreventelderabuse.org/pix-V01/IWillPledgePDF.pdf> or the Attorney General's website: [www.azag.gov](http://www.azag.gov). A Task Force was created by the AG's office which consists of attorneys who prosecute Medicare fraud and consumer law attorneys who prosecute telemarketers.

#### **Updates**

- *Arizona Fall Prevention Coalition – National Fall Prevention Day* – Karen Richards reported the Arizona Fall Prevention Coalition Celebration for National Fall Prevention Day is scheduled on September 22, 2011 at Banner Good Samaritan Medical Center. The event will be advertised through the website: <http://azstopfalls.org>, the Area Agency on Aging Region One, Banner Good Samaritan, as well as through radio and other media.

- Arizona Alzheimer's Task Force and Work Teams & National Alzheimer's Project Act (NAPA)* – Cathy Griner reported there are four work teams with approximately 75 members meeting throughout the state and that the work team members are typically professionals in the field, family caregivers, or people with Alzheimer's disease. The majority of the teams are from the metro areas; however, team participants from rural areas are increasing. Recruitment for the teams will continue for three years. Most work teams meet monthly to determine the issues, needs, and recommendations related to their topic areas. A recommendation report will be submitted to the State in 2014. A copy of June's *Alzheimer's Association Desert Southwest Chapter Advocacy E-Newsletter* was made available to anyone attending the Committee meeting. As a point of interest, Ms. Griner reported that the State of Nevada just passed a resolution to establish a State Plan, and they are using the Arizona Alzheimer's Task Force and Work Teams as a model, with modifications. Ms. Griner reminded members that the National Alzheimer's Project Act was signed by the President during the first week of January 2011, and the Department of Health and Human Services Secretary is now responsible for developing a National Plan for Alzheimer's Disease. The Alzheimer's Association is requesting the public's input on what they want to see in a national plan strategy to help ensure the United States is ready to address the current and future needs of those affected by Alzheimer's disease. The public can submit their input at: <http://napa.alz.org>, and there will be an in-person NAPA Input Session held August 26 from 9:30 – 11:30 at Banner Sun Health Research Institute, Morin Auditorium, 10515 West Santa Fe Drive in Sun City. A copy of the June *Alzheimer's Association Desert Southwest Chapter Advocacy E-Newsletter* is available for review through the Council on Aging office.
- Arizona Caregiver Coalition & National Respite Conference* – David Besst reported the National Respite Conference planning is going very well. The conference is scheduled for November 2-3, 2011; a pre-conference is scheduled for November 1, 2011. Two of the three tracks of the conference have been sponsored; Arizona Association of Area Agencies - Az4 will be sponsoring one of the tracks. The conference still needs a diversity track sponsor. The Arizona Caregiver Coalition website is currently being redesigned and will include an electronic membership sign up feature. Mr. Besst stated there will be significant cuts to respite in regards to the Department of Developmental Disabilities (DDD).

### **Oral Health Report Presentation**

Sub-Committee Co-Chair Mary Busch provided an Oral Health Sub-Committee presentation and highlighted the importance of oral health to seniors who often have no dental benefits to defray costs and may have lost emergency care through the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS). Caregivers need to be educated on the importance of a healthy mouth and be trained on effective ways they can assist those for whom they care. One of the goals of the Sub-Committee, according to Ms. Busch, is to increase committee membership to improve statewide participation in the oral health initiative.

Jay Crosby shared an oral health infomercial he developed and stated the infomercial was intended to be easily tailored to specific needs and shared on emails and websites. Chair Anne

Morrison recommended sharing the infomercial with the Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs). David Besst stated he would like to send the infomercial to his state coordinators, as well as displaying it on the caregiver's website. Larry Clausen stated the developmental disabilities community finds that many caregivers and even health care providers would rather not get involved in providing oral health care to individuals with developmental disabilities or special needs because of the challenges. Mrs. Busch stated there are techniques to use and ways to prevent exchange of blood borne pathogens; people just need to get properly trained. Ginger Froncek stated there will be free videos available this summer from The Arizona Dental Foundation showing how to brush another person's teeth. Requests from Maricopa County group homes and caregivers are currently being received and can be submitted to Ms. Froncek at [ginger@azda.org](mailto:ginger@azda.org).

Dental Care Volunteers Campaign – Ginger Froncek stated she is working with Deputy Executive Director Cathy De Lisa on developing a certificate and letter of appreciation to be provided to dental care professionals who donate their time and services to vulnerable and older adults. One of the challenges, according to Ms. Froncek, is determining the process for referrals to those dentists willing to participate so that they aren't inundated and those most in need of palliative type care do receive it. Mary Busch proposed looking at the population that is already qualified for AHCCCS. Larry Clausen asked if there are faith-based organizations that can assist with promoting this project. Ms. Froncek stated there are events held throughout the state and while not faith-based, members of the Arizona Dental Association are planning a Mission of Mercy dental clinic at the coliseum in December 2012. Like other events, (Hope Fest and City Fest) the number of people who receive care is directly linked to the number of dental care professionals donating time and resources.

### **Announcements**

On behalf of George Evanoff, Executive Director Cathy De Lisa announced Roger Forrester, member of the Mature Workforce Committee has been asked to chair a Task Force of the Executive Committee that will focus on marketing and outreach first for the MWC and then other initiatives of the Council including the LPCC and SHAC. Mr. Forrester will work to help ensure the Task Force results in a coordinated effort to promote all the initiatives of the Council on Aging.

### **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 3:57 p.m.

### **Next Meeting:**

**The next Social, Health & Alzheimer's Committee will be held on September 22, 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](http://www.azgovernor.gov/gaca). These meetings are open to the public.**