



GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING

Meeting Minutes
September 14, 2012
10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Arizona State Capitol Executive Tower
Second Floor Conference Room
1700 West Washington Street
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Council Members, Liaisons, and Participants Present

Becky Brimhall-Lepire, Charles Brown, George Evanoff, Bernadine Hoffman (Secretary), Marilyn Johnson, Teresa Lopez, Doyle Meredith, Anne Morrison, Allison Perrin, Trudy Schuett, Joe Woods (Chairman), C.T. Wright (Vice Chairman), Karen Zanzucchi, Debra Boehlke, Jay Dunkleberger, Nancy Gilliam and Cindy Saverino

Council Members Absent

None

Council Staff Present

Cathy De Lisa, Kim Jennings, and Berntari Crosby

Guests Present and Signing In

Christine Bryson-Lazo

Call to Order & Welcome

Council Chairman Joe Woods called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. A welcome and introduction period followed.

Review & Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the July 13, 2012 meeting were reviewed. *Becky Brimhall-Lepire made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; Bernadine Hoffman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

PRESENTATIONS

Council Chairman Joe Woods presented a plaque of recognition to Nancy Gilliam of Senator Jon Kyl's office.

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE PRESENTATION ON LIFE CARE PLANNING

Debra Boehlke, Community Outreach Education Specialist and Project Manager for the Attorney General's Office, provided a presentation on life care planning. Ms. Boehlke reported that the Attorney General's office offers life care planning information and documents to the public free of charge and displayed a video linked at their website. Ms. Boehlke stated the goal of the life care

planning documents is to allow people to make future health care treatment decisions before becoming incapacitated or incapable of making decisions. The following forms are included in the life care planning document package: durable health care power of attorney, durable mental health care power of attorney, living will (end of life care), letter to my agent (representative), and pre-hospital medical directive (DNR - do not resuscitate). A copy of the *Attorney General's Office Life Care Planning Information and Documents* packet as distributed is available for review through the Council on Aging's Office.

Council Chair Report

Acknowledging his decision to not seek another term, Council Chairman Joe Woods thanked the Council and Committees for their hard work and dedication on behalf of older Arizonans. Council Chairman Woods invited suggestions and recommendations on how to achieve more participation in 2013 Senior Action Day programs and reminded the members and liaisons that the Council exists to serve seniors.

Executive Director's Office Updates

Executive Director Cathy De Lisa reminded the Council that the Annual Planning meeting is scheduled on November 1 and 2, 2012 and during that time, the Council will determine 2013 priorities for all committees, establish 2013 meeting dates and outline the work of the Council for the next year. Ms. De Lisa recommended participation and input from liaisons as part of the process.

Ms. De Lisa also reported:

- Vanessa Vogel, an intern from the Arizona Department of Administration's *Arizona Interns in Action* program, had conducted research on direct care workers as requested by the Executive Committee and submitted her report to the Council Chairman.
- A presentation on Aging in Arizona was provided to students at the Southwest College of Naturopathic Medicine last month.
- Jamie Bennett has been named the Governor's Policy Advisor for Human Services following the retirement of Cassandra Larson.
- Berntari Crosby has joined the Office on Aging's team as an Administrative Assistant III, and a request has been made for a legislative research and special projects intern through the *Arizona Interns in Action* program.
- Efforts are underway to recognize dentists who donate their time and services to vulnerable, older adults.

Liaison Reports

Arizona Indian Council on Aging (AICOA) – Liaison not present

Area Agencies on Aging/Arizona Association of Area Agencies on Aging (Az4A) – Liaison not present

Arizona Department of Economic Security /Division of Aging & Adult Services (DAAS) - Cindy Saverino, reporting on Melanie Starns' behalf, stated that the DAAS Statewide Caregiver Resource Telephone Line has been operating since August and has 11 volunteers and averages about 35 calls per day. Ms. Saverino stated that DES/DAAS recently received two grants, one being for options

counseling which will target veterans and the other is for Lifespan Respite to work with caregivers. Ms. Saverino also talked about how DAAS and the Division of Developmental Disabilities are working with Department of Health Services to assist them with utilizing some grant carryover funds they had. The funds are being used to provide respite to caregivers caring for an individual with developmental disabilities. According to Ms. Saverino, September has been designated as Healthy Aging Month for DES. Healthy Aging Month will focus on World Alzheimer's Month and Grandparents Raising Grandchildren, Falls Prevention and Home and Community Based Services. Ms. Saverino informed the council that DAAS is currently working on a media plan for MIPPA Medicare Improvement for Patients and Providers Act (MIPPA) of 2008 which provides assistance with Medicare and provider tool kits. DAAS is also working on the state plan and will be asking the Council for assistance with securing locations for the informational sessions and forums. Ms. Saverino also stated that DAAS recently hired Darrell Reagan as the Mature Worker Coordinator. He brings a wealth of experience with him. He has worked for both the City of Phoenix and Glendale in Workforce Development.

Arizona Department of Health Services – (ADHS) Executive Director Cathy De Lisa reporting on Dr. Babak Nayeri's behalf, stated ADHS has established 55 plus as the demarcation marker for older adults, and the department is currently working on healthy aging as a state wide effort with DAAS and other agencies.

Arizona Department of Transportation – Liaison assignment pending

Arizona Department of Insurance – Liaison assignment pending

Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) – Jay Dunkleberger informed the Council the direct care worker training program is scheduled to begin on October 1, 2012. Mr. Dunkleberger stated a website fact sheet for agency can be found at www.azaccess@gov/dcw.

Attorney General's Office (AG) –Debra Boehlke reported attorney general's office is reviewing legislation for non-medical caregivers and requested research compiled by legislative intern on non-medical caregivers from Executive Director Cathy De Lisa. Ms. Boehlke stated agency is vetting legislation on an enhanced sentencing bill which will give longer prison sentences to those who commit crimes on the elderly. Ms. Boehlke stated she is working with veterans' court, assisting tribal entities, sponsoring shred-a-thons and attending events.

Senator Jon Kyl's Office – Nancy Gilliam thanked the Council for the work being done and reported continued resolutions had passed to keep government funded, and no new bills are expected as Congress heads into a lame duck session.

Committee Reports

Executive Committee – Council Chairman Joe Woods encouraged suggestions for increasing participation for senior day events and stressed the importance of each Council member's involvement in the Annual Planning meeting scheduled in November.

Legislative & Policy Coordinating Committee (LPCC) – Committee Chairman Charles Brown reported the Committee had a presentation from Leslie Cohen (Sonoran University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities, Education, Research and Service (UCEDD)) on Building

Accessible and Sustainable Transportation for Increased Independence. Committee Chairman Charles Brown stated the purpose of the initiative is to increase accessible transportation capacity for persons with developmental disabilities, their families , caregivers and the elderly living in cities and towns smaller than 82,000 and to help people achieve greater independence via accessible and sustainable transportation systems. Committee Chairman Brown reported the group received a report from George Evanoff, Chairman of the Older Driver Safety Report Review Committee that included a draft fact sheet for physicians titled “At Risk Driver Evaluations/Guidelines for Physicians”. Committee Chairman Brown reported the LPCC also had a presentation from Jo Reed of Wider Opportunities for Women (WOW) regarding their Elder Economic Security Initiative. Mr. Brown stated the purpose of the initiative is to improve economic security for the elderly, women and families.

Mature Workforce Committee (MWC) – Committee Chairman Doyle Meredith informed the Council that the Committee had prepared a Certificate of Appreciation for Roger Forrester and Joel Millman and presented the certificate to Mr. Forrester for the work done as Co-Chairman of the Market and Outreach Task Force. Committee Chairman Meredith reported that:

- Program and Project Specialist Kim Jennings provided website statistics;
- Mr. Devin Hearn provided an overview of Goodwill Industries;
- Roger Forrester gave a presentation on the newly-created PEERS program that provides networking opportunities with employees and employers;
- Becky Brimhall-Lepire gave a presentation on the difference between nursing homes and assisted living in staffing and services; and
- Jan Davie, Executive Director for Workforces Strategies, gave a presentation on independent contracting as a changing workforce option.

Social, Health & Alzheimer’s Committee (SHAC) – Committee Chairman Anne Morrison reported that:

- Dr. Edward Perrin gave a presentation on depression and delirium;
- The Committee had a brainstorming session to submit ideas for the Annual Planning Meeting;
- The Arizona Fall Prevention Coalition has scheduled an event September 21, 2012 at St. Joseph’s Hospital;
- The Arizona Alzheimer’s Task Force meets again on September 21st and recommendations from the four work groups are forthcoming; and
- The Alzheimer’s Association Desert Southwest Chapter is holding a Town Hall from 2 -4 pm on September 21st to gather input on the National Plan and advocate for funding at the national level.

Older Driver Safety Report Review Committee (ODSRRC) – Committee Chairman George Evanoff reported the Physician’s Fact Sheet was nearly complete and will be made available to physicians for reporting purposes. According to Mr. Evanoff, a consumer focused document is being developed for the general public to outline what is in place to report at-risk drivers as well as available resources.

Announcements

None

Call to the Public

Christine Bryson-Lazo, representing the Arizona Coalition for the Elder Economic Security Initiative, asked the Council to consider endorsement of the Elder Index and support efforts to address economic vulnerability of the elderly.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned by Council Chairman Joe Woods at 12:14 pm.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging will be scheduled in January 2013; date and location to be determined and announced by public meeting notice posted at the GACA website: www.azgovernor.gov/gaca. These meetings are open to the public.