



GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING

Older Driver Safety Report Review Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 26, 2012

11:30 am – 1:00 pm

Arizona Capitol Complex
Executive Tower Building

First Floor Governor's Office on Children, Youth and Families,
A&B Conference Room, Suite 101
1700 W. Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Council Members and Committee Members Present

George Evanoff, Committee Chair; Cydney Demodica, Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT); Dana Kennedy, Arizona Area Agencies on Aging; Jerry Hartley, AARP (telephonic); Linda Gorman, American Automobile Association, Arizona, (AAA Arizona) (telephonic); Keith Lyman (telephonic); and Catherine O'Neal, Arizona Department of Insurance (telephonic).

Council Staff Present

Cathy De Lisa, Kim Jennings, and Pam Jackson.

Guests Present and Signing In

None

Call to Order & Welcome

Committee Chair George Evanoff called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. A welcome and introduction period followed.

Review & Approval of 11.28.2011 Draft Minutes

During a review of the draft minutes, Cydney Demodica was asked by Committee Chair Evanoff to provide additional information related to key points. *George Evanoff called for a motion to approve the minutes; Cydney Demodica made the motion and Dana Kennedy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

Brief Overview

11.28.2011 Discussion - Committee Chair Evanoff started by thanking Cydney Demodica for the information highlighted during a review of the draft minutes and found in the materials provided as part of the meeting packet.

Intent of Review Committee – Committee Chair Evanoff reiterated that the purpose of the committee was to provide reasonable recommendation and guidance on Older Driver Safety issues, training, and education.

Review of Input Received

At the direction of the Committee Chair, the group reviewed all of the input received to include Ms. Gorman's (AAA) response to the Council's draft report, Ms. Demodica's PowerPoint presentation "*Gazing into the Crystal Ball; Consideration for the Future*" and the ADOT *Driver Condition/Behavior Report*. Ms. Demodica (ADOT) stated that in Arizona, the law states (Arizona Revised Statute § 28.3171(A) and (B)) that at age 65 all drivers must have their driver's license renewed every five (5) years. The renewal process includes a vision screening and can be more in-depth (written exam, road testing) based on how the onsite personnel judge the capabilities of the driver. Ms. Demodica also highlighted key points in the information she had shared that include:

- Arizona Revised Statute § 28.3005 provides guidelines on physician reporting and that ADOT does cancel, revoke and/or restrict drivers licenses based on the physician's reports.
- A.R.S. §28.3005 provides immunity for the physicians who report, but that reporting isn't mandatory.
- Drivers licenses are restricted based on ability, not age, and the restriction is based on the data provided by a physician or medical review board (A.R.S. §28-3159 (A)(1)).
- The *Driver Condition/Behavior Report* must be well substantiated and that all of the reports are fully investigated.

When asked about statistics on how many restricted licenses were issued each year, Ms. Demodica (ADOT) stated she would provide those statistics to Executive Director Cathy De Lisa to distribute to the Council and Committee.

Discussion of Potential Recommendations

The group discussed the need for having both law enforcement and physicians represented in the Committee. Committee Chair Evanoff asked Ms. Kennedy (Arizona Association of Area Agencies on Aging) if the Area Agencies on Aging did a lot of work with older driver safety, and she agreed to collect information and provide that to the group. The brochure, **GrandDriver** from the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators was distributed by Ms. Demodica who stated the Committee may want to use it as part of building public awareness. By general consensus, the group agreed that more information on existing laws, processes and resources including assessment, education and training needed to be publicized through a marketing campaign. A copy of the **GrandDriver** handout is available through the Council on Aging Office.

Record of Recommended Adjustments

Committee Chair George Evanoff summarized the group's recommendations as:

1. Staying with the current Motor Vehicle Division program that begins renewing drivers license at age 65 and every 5 years thereafter.
2. Developing a plan to inform the public of existing programs to include AAA, AARP and the Arizona Association of Area Agencies on Aging programs.

3. Working with the Arizona Medical Association to learn what training is done for physicians on driver restrictions or license revocation.
4. Considering ways to work with hospital discharge planners on older driver safety issues faced at discharge.

Consensus on What Next

Following discussions, the group agreed by general consensus to:

- Gather the information as agreed upon and submit it to the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging staff, and
- Meet again to finalize recommendations for the Council on Aging ahead of the July 2012 council meeting.

Committee Chair George Evanoff requested that Ms. De Lisa try to arrange an appointment with the head of the Arizona Medical Association prior to the May Council meetings.

Adjournment

Committee Chair George Evanoff adjourned the meeting at 12:25 p.m.

Next Meeting

The date and location of any future meeting will be determined and announced by Public Meeting Notice posted at the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging website: <http://www.azgovernor.gov/gaca/>. These meetings are open to the public.