



GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING

SOCIAL, HEALTH & ALZHEIMER'S COMMITTEE (SHAC) MEETING MINUTES

May 10, 2012

2:30 – 4:30 pm

Arizona Capitol Complex, Executive Tower
Second Floor Conference Room
1700 W. Washington Street,
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Council Members, Liaisons & Participants Present

Charles Brown, Bernadine Hoffman, Doyle Meredith, Anne Morrison, Allison Crissman Perrin, Trudy W. Schuett, Joe Woods, Michelle Barth, David Besst, Mary Busch, Phil Carll, Janice Crist, Susan Cypert, Johannah Uriri Glover, Steve Laughary, Randy Maskell, Michele Michaels, Karen Richards, Emma Violante, and Julia Wacloff.

Council Members Absent

Council Staff Present

Cathy De Lisa, Kim Jennings and Pam Jackson.

Guest Present and Signing In

Sheila Murphy

Welcome, Introductions, Review & Approval of Minutes

Acting Committee Chair Joe Woods called the meeting to order at 2:36 p.m. A welcome and introduction period followed. Following a review of the March 8, 2012 SHAC draft minutes, *Bernadine Hoffman made a motion to approve as presented; Doyle Meredith seconded the motion.* Mary Busch then requested that the March 8, 2012 SHAC draft minutes be corrected so that the last sentence on Page 2 under Oral Health Updates to Discuss read: "According to Ms. Busch, a three-year tele-dentistry grant has supported the development of several oral health coalitions and the Maricopa County Oral Health Leaders Advocate and Resources – MOLAR – is a successful model to emulate in developing statewide oral health coalitions." A second correction was requested by Emma Violante to change the name of "National Dental Hygienists Association conference" to "American Dental Hygienists Association's conference" in the last sentence of the second paragraph of that same section.

Bernadine Hoffman accepted the motion as amended; Doyle Meredith seconded the motion with the amendments. The motion passed unanimously.

Acting Committee Chair Joe Woods then adjourned the meeting upon the arrival of Committee Chairwoman Anne Morrison. Committee Chairwoman Morrison reconvened the Social, Health & Alzheimer's Committee meeting at 2:41 p.m.

Presentation and Discussion

Dr. Sheila E. Murphy provided a review of the *2011 Report: Oral Healthcare for Adults With Developmental Disabilities in Arizona* conducted for the Arizona Developmental Disabilities Planning Council. According to Ms. Murphy, the focus of the study was to identify the gaps in oral health care for developmentally disabled adults and identify ways to provide the care needed. Larry Clausen, Executive Director of the Arizona Developmental Disabilities Planning Council stated that with the consolidation of the Administration on Aging with the Office on Disability and the Administration on Developmental Disabilities to form the Administration on Community Living at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the findings have become obsolete since advocates for both groups now look at consolidation of efforts. It was also voiced by several attendees that finding an alternative source of funding should be established rather than relying on pro-bono work by dental professionals. Executive Director Clausen stated the entire report is available for review at the DD Planning Council office. A copy of Ms. Murphy's presentation is available for review through the Council on Aging office.

Oral Health Sub-Committee (OHSC) Report, Discussion and Recommendations for the Wrap Up of Three-Year Work Plan ahead of July GACA Meeting.

Mary Busch presented a brief overview of the work of the Oral Health Sub-Committee (OHSC) highlighting accomplishments and outlining those objectives the Sub-Committee was unable to complete due to the scale of the undertaking, waning Sub-Committee member participation or duplication in efforts of funded oral health coalitions such as MOLAR. Committee Chairwoman Anne Morrison stated that while the Three Year Oral Health Work Plan had proven successful at getting diverse oral health advocates and partners to the table, it was a massive undertaking for a Sub-Committee of the Council and at this time, local or regional coalitions appear best equipped to move the efforts forward with support from the Council on Aging. Committee Chairwoman Morrison asked that Julia Wacloff, Chief of the Office of Oral Health, Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) provide periodic reports on the progress of various coalitions throughout the State and inform SHAC on how the Committee and Council members might support ADHS and the coalitions' efforts. Committee Chairwoman Anne Morrison then called for a motion to recommend to the Council the sunset of the OHSC with submittal of a wrap-up report to the Council in July. *Bernadine Hoffman made a motion to sunset the Oral Health Sub-Committee; David Besst seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

Updates on SHAC Initiatives

Arizona Fall Prevention Coalition

Karen Richards reported that the Coalition would be meeting next on June 7, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. at the Area Agency on Aging, Region One, and call-in capability is available. Cathy De Lisa then provided an update received from Debby Elliott indicating the Fall Prevention Coalition had received \$20,000 in funding from St Luke's Health Initiative in support of efforts to further educate and assist home health agencies with implementation of fall prevention efforts: education of staff; incorporation of fall prevention into routine care of clients including assessment, medical review, physical activity and home safety, management of chronic conditions and to track measurable outcomes. According to Ms. Elliott, a survey of home health

agencies was developed and is being field tested; outreach continues through events and the speakers' bureau, and planning is underway for an event on National Fall Prevention Awareness Day on Sept 21, 2012 at St. Joseph's Hospital (Phoenix).

National Alzheimer's Project Act (NAPA) and Arizona Alzheimer's Task Force

Phil Carll, Program and Advocacy Director for the Alzheimer's Association Desert Southwest Chapter, provided an update on the Arizona Alzheimer's Task Force and the work of the four Work Teams, discussed the draft of the National Plan to Address Alzheimer's Disease and indicated the final plan is due to be released by the end of May 2012. Mr. Carll reported that the Task Force Planning Group had received a two-year grant from St Luke's Health Initiative for project management and that the next Arizona Alzheimer's Task Force meeting will be held on June 8, 2012 at which time Work Team 3 will present their preliminary recommendations on Independence & Safety, and Work Team 4 will present their preliminary recommendations on Quality of Care.

Arizona Caregiver Coalition & Respite

David Besst, Caregiver Support Specialist for the Department of Economic Security (DES) Division of Aging and Adult Services (DAAS) reported that, in partnership with the Arizona Caregiver Coalition, a Caregiver Resource Line has been developed that will offer family caregivers a way to call to get help with information and referrals from trained Caregiver Advocate Volunteers. This initiative was funded by the Lifespan Respite grant received in 2009 and DAAS is currently re-applying to get additional funding to expand the Lifespan Respite Program, including examining the feasibility of developing a statewide Caregiver Registry. According to Mr. Besst, this will assist families by providing access to a list of trained and vetted caregivers along with other resources.

Hearing Loss

Michele Michaels, Arizona Commission for the Deaf and the Hard of Hearing, announced May is Better Speech and Hearing Month, provided handouts on how to shop for a hearing aid and/or personal amplifiers, and reported on a study that found that hearing loss is about twice as common in people with diabetes. Ms. Michaels also stated there is Hearing Loss Support Specialist training available on-line that provides from 42 to 65 continuing education units (CEUs). Ms. Michaels closed by informing the committee that she would be providing a full presentation to the Council on Aging at their Friday, May 11, 2012 meeting. Mary Busch mentioned that A.T. Still University has an Audiology Department that can assist residents with hearing issues. The handouts provided by Ms. Michaels are available for review through the Council on Aging office.

Announcements

- David Besst announced that May is Older Americans Month and his division has many events planned to commemorate the occasion and had secured a proclamation from the Governor.
- Steve Laughary from Maricopa County Oral Health Leaders Advocate Resources (MOLAR) announced that the MOLAR Coalition meets next on June 8, 2012 at 4021 N. Central Ave, Phoenix, on the 14th floor.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 4:07 p.m. by Committee Chairwoman, Anne Morrison.

Next Meeting:

The next Social, Health & Alzheimer's Committee is scheduled for July 12, 2012; 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.