



GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING

Annual Planning Meeting Minutes

November 8, 2013

9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Arizona State Capitol Executive Tower

Third Floor Conference Room

1700 West Washington Street

Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Council Members, Liaisons, and Participants Present

Charles Brown, George Evanoff, Joy Grainger, Bernadine Hoffman, Diane Joens, Deborah Lavinsky, Doyle Meredith (Secretary), Lisa O'Neill, Trudy Schuett, Tonya Watson, C.T. Wright (Chairman), Phyllis Antone, and Jay Dunkleberger

Council Members Absent

Becky Brimhall-Lepire (Vice-Chairman), Teresa Lopez, Anne Morrison and Allison Perrin

Council Staff Present

Berntari Crosby, Cathy De Lisa, and Kim Jennings

Guests Present and Signing In

Ginger Froncek

Welcome, Housekeeping Items/Reminders

Council Chairman C.T. Wright called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. with a welcome and a review of housekeeping items and reminders.

Review & Discussion of Day 1

Council Chairman C.T. Wright invited the members to provide their observations and comments related to the first day of the annual meeting and began by sharing his own concerns and input. Council Chairman Wright then reviewed the priorities the group had developed by consensus the previous day and expressed his belief that the 2014 priorities will need to be in alignment with the Council's purpose and mission and considered achievable by staff and the Council's leadership.

Special Update on Oral Health Initiative

Ginger Froncek, Executive Director of the Arizona Dental Foundation provided an overview of the work of the Foundation and the opening of the Arizona Community Dental Clinic. According to Ms. Froncek:

- The clinic is a part of the donated dental program that includes dental professionals serving adults 65 years and older, those on Social Security Disability Income/SSDI, and the medically compromised;

- The clinic is helping offset the two-year waiting list for donated dental services and is currently open two days per week; and
- A goal of the clinic is to expand services to include full sedation, the billing of insurance and staffing of four chairs on a full-time basis.

In response to a question from Council members, Ms. Froncek stated the Council could support the work of the Foundation by sharing information on grant or funding opportunities and considering support for restoration of funding to the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System/AHCCCS for dental care. Copies of Ms. Froncek's handouts are available for review at the Council on Aging office.

Discussion: Strategies and Action Steps for Council's 2014 Priorities

Referencing discussions from the prior day, Council Chairman C.T. Wright asked the members to review the notes posted that included ideas for committee 2014 priorities.

10 Minute Break – the group decided to postpone a recess until doing so for lunch.

Review of Plans & Potential Panels, Speakers, Presentations for 2014 Priorities

The members reviewed the notes from the previous day's discussion and agreed by consensus that:

LPCC would keep the same name and (1.) follow the National Highway Safety Administration's (task force) projects and determine support, as able that would be forwarded to the Executive Committee, (2.) provide detailed review of legislation at each meeting with expert testimony if available, (3.) Re-educate groups on advocacy endorsement from the Advisory Council on Aging in alignment with the Executive Committee's PR work, and (4.) Advocate to the Attorney General's office and Maricopa Elder Abuse Prevention alliance (MEAPA) regarding the need for increased alerts on fraud/scams targeting seniors/vulnerable adults. In addition, LPCC will consider joint venture of events/forums/seminar with MWC and SHAC.

MWC - considering initial discussion on potential change in name of committee and focus, the group agreed, by general consensus, to defer to the Council's leadership and the strategic process to recommend both short-term and long-term priorities while engaging the current MWC members.

SHAC – would keep the same name and continue to focus on health, Alzheimer's. It was also discussed that this group might continue a social aspect around social connectedness and include financial well-being.

Members provided input on ideas for panels, speakers or presentations for all of the committee and Council meetings. Staff was asked by the Council Chairman to explore what might be arranged at the 2014 meetings.

Break - Council Chairman C.T. Wright called a recess at 11:30 a.m. to allow members to pick up lunch and return for their working lunch. Meeting reconvened at 11:50 a.m.

Updates and Discussions

Following a review of the proposed GACA 2014 meeting dates, *Charles Brown made a motion to accept the dates as presented; Diane Joens seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

Council Chairman invited members to share feedback on the meeting format and times and asked for input on how to make the best use of members' time/talents. Suggestions included asking Liaisons to stick to a time limit, avoid jargon and explain terms or use lay terms. It was also suggested that the LPCC meeting might periodically be moved to Fridays if legislators indicated they would attend. A discussion ensued on the pros and cons of doing so comparing schedules of legislators residing outside Maricopa County to those residing within the county.

Discussion of 2013 Accomplishments for Annual Report

Executive Director Cathy De Lisa asked the Council members to review the draft form outlining 2013 accomplishments and let her know what needed to be edited or added. The process and timeline for completion and submittal of the Council's Annual Report was shared by Ms. De Lisa. A copy of the draft 2013 accomplishments is available for review at the Council on Aging office.

Final Discussion Regarding 2014 Planning

Council Chairman C.T. Wright invited members to share final thoughts, ideas, comments or critiques of the 2014 planning.

Announcements

Council member Trudy Schuett announced plans to begin a multimedia project in 2014 called "Alone at the End of the Road", the Arizona Humanities Council was focusing on the private sector for sustainability and a collaboration had been established between the Arizona Indian Council on Aging and Western Arizona Council of Governments/WACOG.

Call to the Public

No public in attendance.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned by Council Chairman C.T. Wright at 12:49 pm.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging is scheduled for January 10, 2014; location to be confirmed and announced by public meeting notice posted at the GACA website: www.azgovernor.gov/gaca. These meetings are open to the public.