



GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING

SOCIAL, HEALTH & ALZHEIMER'S COMMITTEE (SHAC)

MEETING MINUTES

January 10, 2013

2:30 – 4:30 pm

Arizona Department of Health Services

Laboratory Conference Room

250 North 17th Avenue

Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Council Members, Liaisons & Participants Present

Anne Morrison (Committee Chairperson), Becky Brimhall-Lepire, Bernadine Hoffman, Doyle Meredith, Allison Perrin, Trudy W. Schuett, C.T. Wright, Susan Archer, Michelle Barth, Susan Cypert, Debera Kopp, Steve Laughary, Dianne McNamara, Michele Michaels, Karen Richards, Patricia Talcott, Vicki Thompson, Hannele Waissi and Joan Zecherle

Council Members Absent

None

Council Staff Present

Cathy De Lisa, Kim Jennings, and Berntari Crosby

Guest Present and Signing In

Iretta Linebarger and Marcella Crain

Welcome, Introductions, Review & Approval of Minutes

Committee Chairperson Anne Morrison called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. A welcome and introduction period followed. Following a review of the September 13, 2012 SHAC draft minutes, *Meredith Doyle made a motion to approve as presented; Bernadine Hoffman seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.*

Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program Presentation & Discussion

Vicki Thompson of the Arizona Commission for the Deaf and the Hard of Hearing (ACDHH) gave a presentation on the Commission's Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program. Ms. Thompson reported that ACDHH works in the following areas: information and referral, interpreter licensure, telecommunications equipment and oversees relay service. According to Ms. Thompson, ACDHH offers telecommunications devices to the hard of hearing, and the program is not income based. A copy of Ms. Thompson's presentation is available for review through the Council on Aging's office.

Updates on SHAC Initiatives

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

Reporting on behalf of Phill Carll, Cathy De Lisa distributed a handout from Mr. Carll that provided an update on the National Alzheimer's Project Act and Arizona Alzheimer's Task Force. A copy of Phil Carll's handout is available for review through the Council on Aging's office.

Arizona Caregiver Coalition and Respite (ACCR)

Mr. David Besst was unable to attend due to illness. Joan Zecherle of Hospice stated she had attended the recent Respite Summit and highlighted the outcomes of that day that included the development of groups working on vouchers, registry and resources.

Arizona Fall Prevention Coalition (AFPC)

Karen Richards, member of the AFPC Steering Committee, reported that the AFPC meets the first Thursday of every month, the Coalition has distributed more than 80 surveys to home health agencies, and that evidence-based fall prevention training is being offered by students at A.T. Still University.

Discussion of 2013 SHAC Priorities

Committee Chairperson, Anne Morrison reviewed the 2013 SHAC Priorities with the group and asked for input on moving forward.

Announcements

Anne Morrison announced the Pima Council on Aging and Tucson Medical Center had produced a DVD about the 25th Centenarian celebration event and made the video available for viewing.

Trudy Schuett announced the Western Arizona Council of Governments (WACOG) and the Area Agency on Aging are holding an Inaugural Conference on Aging for Yuma County on January 31, 2013.

Meredith Doyle announced Governor Jan Brewer is scheduled to deliver the State of the State Address in Prescott, AZ on January 27, 2013.

Michelle Michaels of the Arizona Commission for the Deaf and the Hard of Hearing announced she would be a presenter at the Western Arizona Council of Governments (WACOG) inaugural conference on January 31, 2013. Ms. Michaels also announced the Commission is researching hearing aid insurance coverage, a report is scheduled for review and approval, and that a hearing aid coalition has been formed.

Anne Morrison announced the University of Arizona's Center on Aging is seeking older adults to match with students as mentors.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 4:26 p.m. by Committee Chairperson Anne Morrison.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Social, Health & Alzheimer Committee of the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging is scheduled on March 7, 2013; 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.