



## GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING

### **Meeting Minutes**

**May 9, 2014**

**10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

**Arizona State Capitol Executive Tower**

**Third Floor Conference Room**

**1700 West Washington Street**

**Phoenix, Arizona 85007**

#### **Council Members, Liaisons, and Participants Present**

Becky Brimhall-Lepire (Chair), Deborah Lavinsky (Vice-Chair), George Evanoff, Joy Grainger, Diane Joens, Teresa Lopez, Doyle Meredith, Lisa O'Neill, Allison Perrin, Melinda Preston, Trudy Schuett, Tonya Watson, C.T. Wright, Elisa Davis, Kristin Fray, Tina Dannenfelser, Vanessa Deatherage, Cydney Demodica, Jay Dunkleberger, Babak Nayeri, Melanie Starns, Wayne Tormala and Cindy Saverino

#### **Council Members Absent**

Charles Brown and Patsy Gillis

#### **Council Staff, Interns Present**

Cathy De Lisa, Kim Jennings, Carolyn Sigler and Kyle Farr

#### **Guests Present and Signing In**

Lori Boyd-Draper, David Jenson, Melanie Mitros, Anna Alonzo, Carol McMullin and Bob Roth

#### **Call to Order & Welcome / Review & Approval of January 10, 2014, Draft Minutes**

Council Chair Becky Brimhall-Lepire called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. with a welcome and introductions. Draft minutes from the January 10, 2014, meeting were reviewed. *Trudy Schuett made a motion to approve the minutes; Diane Joens seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

#### **Arizona Healthy Aging Proclamation & Updates**

Cindy Saverino, Administrator of the Independent Living Support unit at the DES Division of Aging and Adult Services and Wayne Tormala, Chief of the Arizona Department of Health Service (ADHS) Bureau of Tobacco & Chronic Disease presented then read a proclamation from Governor Janice K. Brewer designating May as Older Americans Month in Arizona. Mr. Tormala outlined how the national theme for this year's Older Americans Month: *Safe Today Healthy Tomorrow* fits with the focus of the ADHS Arizona Healthy Aging plan that centers on injury/fall prevention, chronic disease management and support for those persons with cognitive impairment. A copy of the proclamation is available for review at the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging office.

#### **Adult Protective Services (APS) Report & Discussion**

Melanie Starns, Assistant Director, DES/Division of Aging & Adult Services (DAAS) and Tina Dannenfelser, APS Administrator, presented an overview of Adult Protective Services and included a flow chart on the APS process. Council members asked how the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging might be helpful then discussed support for the need of increased staffing for caseloads. Discussion also included clarification that APS is responsible for adults 18 and older not just older adults, receives state general funds and Social Services Block Grant (SSBG) funding and no entitlement type federal funds. The presentation and the *Arizona Adult Protective Services (APS) Process* flowchart are available for review at the Council on Aging office.

The Council Chair called for a 10 minute break and reconvened at 11:34 a.m.

### **Arizona Long Term Care System – ALTCS Eligibility Discussion & Updates**

Lori Boyd-Draper, Acute Care Client Advocacy, and David Jenson, Medical Manager at the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS), presented on ALTCS eligibility requirements and the pre-admission screening. A copy of the ALTCS presentation is available for review at the Council on Aging office.

Jay Dunkelberger, Council Liaison from AHCCCS reported the following long term care priorities for the coming year.

- Advancing Member-directed Options within Arizona's Long Term Care Program
- Professionalizing the Direct Care Workforce - still moving forward
- Olmstead Act Update
- ALTCS Community Advisory Council

### **State Plan on Aging Updates & Discussion on Endorsement of 2015-2018 State Plan**

Cindy Saverino and David Besst, Caregiver Programs Coordinator at DES/Division of Aging & Adult Services Independent Living Supports unit provided updates on the current State Plan on Aging for the Council then outlined the goals and enhanced objectives found in the draft 2015-2018 State Plan on Aging.

Following the presentation, *George Evanoff made a motion for the Council to endorse the 2015-2018 State Plan on Aging as presented; C.T. Wright seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

### **Liaison Reports**

*Arizona Department of Veterans' Services (ADVS) – Kristin Fray, Admissions Coordinator, reported:*

- Governor Brewer's budget allocated funds for the creation of a new State Veteran home in Tucson. A timeline is being developed for this project.
- The current Tucson State Veteran Home has a "Market on the Move" allowing families to purchase 16 lbs. of produce for a \$10 donation.
- Construction of a Veterans' Chapel is in progress at the Southern Arizona Veterans' Cemetery in Sierra Vista. Donations are funding 100% of the costs and donations are still needed for seating, landscaping and other upgrades.
- The U.S. Department of Labor will be awarding grants to provide occupational, classroom and the on-the-job training for homeless veterans. These competitive grants are being

awarded to state and workplace investment boards, local public agencies, tribal governments and non-profit organizations.

- There are two upcoming “Stand Down” events: May 16-17 in Coconino “High Country” and May 16 in Graham/Greenlee counties.

*Arizona Indian Council on Aging (AICOA)* – No report received; Ronald Moore was absent.

*Arizona Association of Area Agencies on Aging (Az4A)* – Elisa Davis gave the following report:

- A consortium of the Arizona Area Agencies met with various members of the Arizona Congressional delegation in regards to the reauthorization of the Older American’s Act.
- The AAAs are participating in DAARS (new computer system for DAAS). The target date for implementation of the system is October 1.
- Most Area Agencies on Aging are in the Request for Proposal process for services in their region. Contracts with selected providers will begin July 1, 2014.
- AAA Social Service Block Grant (SSBG) funding received a reduction in funding in the amount of \$1.8 million. These reductions will result in less funding for direct services, an increase in waiting list numbers as well as the possibility of existing clients being cut from services.
- Older American’s Act funding did provide an increase for Home Delivered Meals and Congregate Meals. The increase will offset a small portion of the SSBG reductions.
- Most of the AAAs continue to monitor contracted providers as part of their contractual requirements as well as ensuring quality programs.

*Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT)* – Cydney Demodica reported attending a national transportation conference and learning how technology is expanding to support transportation safety and provide potential options for drivers and nondrivers.

*Attorney General’s Office (AG)* – Vanessa Deatherage reported that:

The Attorney General’s Office, in collaboration with the Arizona Peace Officer Standards and Training Board (AZPOST), is working to create two on-going elder abuse training modules: one for law enforcement (detectives, patrol officers, etc.) and one for first responders (fire personnel, EMT, etc.). These training modules will cover all areas of elder abuse. Ms. Deatherage stated that appropriately processing elder abuse complaints is essential to prosecuting the offenders.

The Council Chair called for a break to prepare for a working lunch then reconvened at 12:51 p.m.

### **Council Chair Report**

*Recognition of 2013 Council Chairman, Dr. C.T. Wright*

Council Chair Becky Brimhall-Lepire recognized C.T. Wright for his leadership as the Past Chair of the Governor’s Advisory Council on Aging. Dr. Wright was presented with a ceremonial gavel and certificate of appreciation.

### *Council Reappointments and Appointments*

Council Chair Brimhall-Lepire announced the appointment of new member Patsy Gillis and requested that members whose terms expire at the end of 2014 advise the Executive Director if they intend to seek reappointment.

### *Requests to the Council on Aging*

The Council Chair reported that members of the Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church senior ministry had requested that an update be provided to them on how input collected from the Senior Action Days is utilized by the Advisory Council on Aging. According to the Council Chair, C.T. Wright and Cathy De Lisa would be joining her to provide an update at the church on May 10, 2014.

### **Executive Director's Office Updates and Reports on Alzheimer's Task Force, Aging 2020 , Arizona Fall Prevention Coalition**

Cathy De Lisa welcomed new Administrative Assistant, Carolyn Sigler, and Intern, Kyle Farr and provided brief updates on the Arizona Alzheimer's Task Force, the Arizona Fall Prevention Coalition and the Aging 2020 Plan.

### **Committee Reports**

*Executive Committee* – Council Chair Becky Brimhall-Lepire reported the Executive Committee had discussed aging-related funding in the state budget as well as legislation passed. A discussion ensued related to state funding requested and what was allocated to Adult Protective Services and information shared earlier in the APS presentation. *Trudy Schuett made a motion for Council support for APS on their needs; Lisa O'Neill seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.*

The Council Chair reported staff were asked to go ahead and change the format of the Council orientation manual to a flash drive to save resources and allow for easier updating and that the next orientation training will be on July 11, 2014 following the Council meeting. The Council Chair reported that a folder of information on the National Indian Council on Aging conference, being held from September 3 – 6, 2014 at the Downtown Sheraton in Phoenix, had been provided to her and the Executive Committee had discussed asking to provide a greeting at the event. According to the Council Chair Brimhall-Lepire, staff would be gathering more details on the conference from the Arizona Indian Council on Aging Liaison and Intertribal Council staff to provide to the Executive Committee. Members were asked to provide any updates to the Council roster information to Carolyn Sigler, Administrative Assistant.

*Ad Hoc Committee on Review & Revitalization and Public Relations* – Tonya Watson reported that since its inception, the Ad Hoc Committee met monthly working on the internal review process then referenced draft and approved meeting minutes from all the meetings held since the January 10, 2014 GACA meeting included in the meeting packets. According to the Committee Chair, the committee has surveyed the Council Liaisons, drafted six goals and plans to survey the full Council by June 1<sup>st</sup> to gather information prior to the next Ad Hoc Committee meeting. Input received from the Council members will help shape final recommendations proposed at the July Council meeting.

*Legislative and Policy Coordinating Committee* – C.T. Wright reported that the group had a presentation from Kathy Wilson of iTNGreaterTucson on the member-based transportation option offered in that community, then reviewed the lists of legislation tracked by the staff for the Council during the legislative session. Mr. Wright reminded members that the committee and the Council members are encouraged to bring forth ideas for legislative priorities at the July 10, 2014 LPCC meeting.

*Mature Workforce Committee* – Diane Joens reported the Committee heard from four entities regarding their health and wellness programs for employees.

*Social, Health & Alzheimer's Committee* – Allison Perrin reported that in observance of Older Americans Month, the Committee heard presentations and best practices from four volunteer programs and initiatives in the state who support aging in community.

### **Council Member Reports**

#### *Regional Council Meeting*

- Doyle Meredith reported he attended the Northern Arizona Council of Governments/NACOG Regional Council Meeting
- Trudy Schuett reported she was not able to attend the last Western Arizona Council of Governments/WACOB Regional Council meeting.

#### *Council Members' Aging Related Updates*

- George Evanoff reported a group meeting had been planned with the Vice Mayor of Oro Valley to discuss efforts to establish a senior center in that community.
- Teresa Lopez reported the Alzheimer's Association Desert Southwest had advocates in Washington D.C. last month who met with Arizona's congressional delegation and Chicanos Por La Causa is providing educational outreach, meals and leadership seminars for older adults.
- Diane Joens reported a Prime Time Fair with resources for older adults is being held in Cottonwood on May 10, 2014 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Middle School.
- Joy Grainger reported the Phoenix Business Journal is holding a nonprofit summit connecting nonprofits with businesses.
- Trudy Schuett reported she had provided flyers with information on her video project "Alone at the End of the Road."

### **Call to Public**

None

### **Adjourn**

*The meeting was adjourned by Council Chair Becky Brimhall-Lepire at 2:17 pm.*

### **Next Meeting**

**The next meeting of the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging is scheduled for July 11, 2014; location to be confirmed and announced by public meeting notice posted at the GACA website: [www.azgovernor.gov/gaca](http://www.azgovernor.gov/gaca). These meetings are open to the public.**