



GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING

LEGISLATIVE & POLICY COORDINATING COMMITTEE (LPCC)
MEETING MINUTES

January 9, 2014

10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Arizona State Capitol Executive Tower
Second Floor Conference Room
1700 West Washington Street
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Committee Members, Liaisons, and Participants Present

C.T. Wright (Committee Chairman), Charles Brown, George Evanoff, Joy Grainger, Bernadine Hoffman, Diane Joens, Doyle Meredith, Trudy Schuett, Tonya Watson, Christine Bryson-Lazo, Brittany Carter, Elisa Davis, Tammy Frazee, Don Ritchie and Cindy Saverino

Committee Members Absent

Becky Brimhall-Lepire, Allison Crissman-Perrin, Deborah Lavinsky, Teresa Lopez and Lisa O'Neill

Council Staff, Interns Present

Cathy De Lisa, Kim Jennings and Berntari Crosby

Guests Present and Signing In

Janice Crist, Representative Debbie Lesko

Welcome, Introductions, Review and Approval of September Draft Minutes

Council and Committee Chairman C.T. Wright called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. A welcome and introduction period followed. Draft minutes from the September 12, 2013 meeting were reviewed. *George Evanoff made a motion to approve the minutes; Charles Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

Based on time schedules and by general consensus of the group, the order of items on the agenda was changed by Committee Chairman Wright.

Discussion of Legislation Impacting Older Arizonans

At the invitation of Committee Chairman Wright, Senator Steve Farley shared information with the Council regarding legislation impacting older Arizonans including legislation he sponsored or helped sponsor last session and plans for legislation during the second regular session of the 51st Legislature. According to Senator Farley, a bill passed last year allows residents to have long-term care health savings to pay for their future long term care needs and allows a tax deduction for premiums of long term care insurance. Senator Steve Farley reported he is currently working on a bill mandating the reporting of suspected elder financial fraud or abuse

by financial institution staff to the Attorney General. Representative Debbie Lesko outlined the area she represents, common concerns raised by her constituents and offered ideas for location of future senior action days.

Report Out from the Council's Annual Planning Meeting & Ad Hoc Committee Work in 2014

Council Chairman C.T. Wright provided a report out on the Council's Annual Planning meeting indicating the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging took time at their November Annual Planning meeting to look inward and consider briefly where the Council is at this point in time. According to Council and LPCC Chairman Wright, it has been nearly 10 years since three standing committees – the Legislative and Policy Coordinating Committee, Mature Workforce Committee and Social, Health and Alzheimer's were developed with objectives created that link to the Council's mission. The 2013 Senior Action Days provided the Council with the opportunity to hear directly from older constituents and their advocates, and one thing members could agree on is that it's time to review and revitalize the Advisory Council on Aging. With this intent of review and revitalization, The Chairman announced he had appointed an Ad Hoc Committee dedicated to leading an internal review and a strategic process over the coming year that will be working with each of the committees to review and revitalize as well and it was expected that recommendations for changes – however large or small – will be made to the initiatives of these groups. Members of the committee were invited and encouraged to participate in the process.

Tonya Watson, Ad Hoc Committee Chairwoman, gave a report on the Ad Hoc Committee work to date that included:

- Ad Hoc Committee members, George Evanoff, Lisa O'Neill and Tonya Watson, held their initial meeting at the University of Arizona Center on Aging on December 17, 2013.
- Committee reviewed purposed and overall expectations as conveyed the Council Chairman Wright.
- Committee heard input and historical perspectives on the Council from veteran Council member Evanoff and Council Executive Director Cathy De Lisa.
- Members agreed to the following:
 - Keep committee structure at three committees for now.
 - Executive Director Cathy De Lisa will serve as the Ad Hoc Committee's staff liaison.
 - Formally assess where the Council is now using the SWOT (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats) analysis tool.
 - Using SWOT results, input from the stakeholder survey, Senior Action Day data and Council and staff input, the group will develop a blueprint for strategic action for the Council for the coming decade.
 - Discuss ways to identify and leverage the value of the Council and its work.

2013 Senior Action Day(s) Discussion

Council Chairman C.T. Wright discussed 2013 Senior Action Day events and gave each Council member an opportunity to share an overview of the Senior Action Day event(s) they sponsored. Council Chairman Wright facilitated a discussion and review of data from: the *Governor's Advisory Council on Aging 2013 Senior Action Day Input Received*, the *Governor's Advisory*

Council on Aging Stakeholder Responses of Top Concern of Older Arizonans and Aging in Arizona: "Why Older Arizonans Need Our Support." Council and Committee Chairman C.T. Wright thanked everyone for their hard work and dedication. A copy of the *Governor's Advisory Council on Aging 2013 Senior Action Day Input Received*, the *Governor's Advisory Council on Aging Stakeholder Responses of Top Concern of Older Arizonans and Aging in Arizona: "Why Older Arizonans Need Our Support"* is available through the Council on Aging office.

Announcements

Don Ritchie announced that AARP is helping to sponsor legislation regarding senior abuse issues and invited members of LPCC to AARP's Arizona Legislative Breakfast scheduled on Thursday, January 16, 2014 from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on the Senate lawn.

Elisa Davis announced Region IV and AARP are co-sponsoring the second annual Conference on Aging on January 30, 2014 and legislative advocacy training will be offered on January 29, 2014 ahead of the conference.

Christine Bryson-Lazo announced the Elder Economic Security Initiative is broadening to gather statewide stakeholders and using conference calling options.

Tonya Watson announced she had recently attended the NACOG regional council meeting.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned by Committee Chairman C.T. Wright at 11:29 a.m.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Legislative & Policy Coordinating Committee of the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging is scheduled for March 6, 2014; 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.