



GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING

LEGISLATIVE & POLICY COORDINATING COMMITTEE (LPCC)

MEETING MINUTES

May 8, 2014

10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Arizona State Capitol Executive Tower

Third Floor Conference Room

1700 West Washington Street

Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Approved

Committee Members, Liaisons and Participants Present

C.T. Wright (Committee Chairman), Becky Brimhall-Lepire, George A. Evanoff, Joy Grainger, Diane Joens, Deborah Lavinsky, Doyle Meredith, Melinda Preston, Trudy Schuett, Tonya Watson, Christine Bryson-Lazo, Elisa Davis, Iretta Linebarger, Tiffany Yazzie and Kathy Wilson

Committee Members Absent

Charles Brown, Patsy Gillis, Teresa Lopez, Lisa O'Neill, Allison Perrin

Council Staff, Interns Present

Cathy De Lisa, Kim Jennings and Carolyn Sigler

Guests Present and Signing In

None

Welcome, Introductions, Review and Approval of March 6, 2014, Draft Minutes

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 March 6, 2014, meeting were reviewed. *George A. Evanoff made a motion to approve the minutes; Tonya Watson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

iTNGreaterTucson - Transit Option for Older Adults

Kathy Wilson, Executive Director of iTNGreaterTucson, provided the committee with an overview of the Tucson affiliate of iTNAmerica. According to Ms. Wilson, iTN offers transportation, available 24/7, for seniors and the visually impaired for an annual membership fee and per trip charge. Volunteers decide when and where they are available to drive and can earn miles credits or cash. The presentation, *Fast-Facts for Volunteers* and *Fast-Facts for Members* sheet and the *iTNGreaterTucson* brochure are available for review at the Council on Aging office.

Discussion of Legislation Impacting Older Arizonans, Council on Aging's Tracking List and Input/Priorities for Next Legislative Session

Executive Director Cathy De Lisa provided copies of the Advisory Council on Aging's *Short List* and *Unsuccessful Tracked Legislation* tracked on behalf of the Council, and members discussed legislation found on both copies impacting older Arizonans. Committee Chairman C.T. Wright invited members to consider potential legislative priorities to recommend for the next session and suggested staff might contact Mike Braun, Executive Director of the Arizona Legislative Council and ask him to provide information on the legislative process at the next LPCC meeting.

Copies of the Council's *Short List* and *Unsuccessful Tracked Legislation* lists are available through the Council on Aging office.

Report Out & Discussion on Events Related to LPCC

Joy Grainger reported she had heard of a nine (9)-county California pilot program for dual eligible on-site health services and wondered if there was anything similar being done in Arizona.

Members suggested the Attorney General's office might take another look at financial fraud legislation for the next session.

Trudy Schuett reported she was pleased that the Silver Alert bill (S1097) passed and was signed by the Governor.

Tiffany Yazzie reported the National Indian Council on Aging conference is scheduled for September 3 – 6, 2014, at the Sheraton Phoenix Downtown.

Christine Bryson-Lazo reported the Verde Valley – Mental Health Resources Guide is available at <http://www.nami-sedona.org/home>.

Nelya Rakhimova, Doctoral Candidate from Dresden Leibniz Graduate School, Dresden, Germany, and graduate of Arizona State University reported she is conducting research focusing on poverty and aging in Arizona with an emphasis on Maricopa County.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned by Committee Chairman C.T. Wright at 11:32 a.m.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Legislative & Policy Coordinating Committee of the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging is scheduled for July 10, 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.