



GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING

SOCIAL, HEALTH & ALZHEIMER'S COMMITTEE (SHAC) MEETING MINUTES

July 10, 2014

2:30 – 4:30 pm

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

Council Members, Liaisons and Participants Present

Doyle Meredith (Acting Committee Chair), Becky Brimhall-Lepire, Charles Brown, Patsy Gillis, Diane Joens, Teresa Lopez, Lisa O'Neill, Melinda Preston, Trudy Schuett, Tonya Watson, David Besst, Janice Crist, Susan Cypert, Johannah Uriri Glover, Randy Maskell, Shawn McMahon, Karen Richards, Virginia Rountree, Deborah Schaus, Shawn Trobia and Hannele Waissi

Council Members Absent

George Evanoff, Joy Grainger, Deborah Lavinsky, Allison Perrin and C. T. Wright

Council Staff Present

Cathy De Lisa, Kim Jennings and Carolyn Sigler

Guests Present and Signing In

Annette Quinata

Welcome, Introductions, Review and Approval of May 8, 2014, Draft Minutes

Acting Committee Chair Doyle Meredith called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. A welcome and introduction period followed. During a review of the May 8, 2014, SHAC draft minutes, staff shared that Joy Grainger had requested to change the minutes deleting her name as being present during the last meeting. *Trudy Schuett made a motion to approve as amended; Melinda Preston seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

Remembering Bernadine Hoffman

The group remembered former Council Member Bernie Hoffman, who passed away in May, by sharing memories and observing a moment of silence.

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Rules for Home & Community Based Services

Virginia Rountree, Operations Administrator for the Division of Health Care Management at AHCCCS, discussed key provisions of the Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Settings Rules. According to Ms. Rountree, the final rule establishes requirements for qualities of settings that are eligible for reimbursement for the Medicaid home HCBS provided under

section 1915 of the Medicaid statute, and provisions in the final rule establish a more outcome-oriented definition of HCBS and maximize opportunities for participants in HCBS to have access to benefits of community living and receive services in the most integrated setting. Examples shared by Ms. Rountree included person-centered planning, choice of facilities and roommate and locking door for member's privacy rights. Guidance on application of the rule for non-residential programs (adult day services, sheltered workshops) has not been issued yet.

According to Ms. Rountree, states have requirements from CMS to evaluate client's setting, implement a public input process and develop a transition plan.

Discussion on Council's Development of Legislative Priorities List

Council Chair Becky Brimhall-Lepire reported that the Council and the Legislative and Policy Coordinating Committee had invited discussion on potential legislative priorities that will be reviewed, discussed further and considered at the September 12, 2014 Advisory Council on Aging meeting. SHAC members and participants were encouraged by the Council Chair to share ideas with staff as well.

Council's Ad Hoc Committee discussion

Tonya Watson provided an update and overview of the work being done by the Ad Hoc Committee on Review and Revitalization and Public Relations and reported that draft recommendations would be presented to the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging (GACA) at their meeting on Friday, July 11, 2014.

Updates & Discussion on SHAC Initiatives

David Besst, DES/Division of Aging and Adult Services, (DAAS) updated the group on Lifespan Respite, Caregiver Training and Az Links. According to Mr. Besst, lifespan respite voucher pilot program grant funding ends in September and the Arizona Caregiver Coalition is advocating for funding to continue the program. An update on the caregiver training included information around efforts to use dementia capable training funds and continued training of volunteers staffing the Caregiver Resource Line. Mr. Besst reported the Az Links website is being upgraded and will utilize the new DAAS data system; in the meantime the current website continues to be active.

Deborah Schaus with the Alzheimer's Association Desert Southwest Chapter, discussed the next phase of the development of the Alzheimer's Plan coordinated by the new consultant funded through St. Luke's Health Initiative. According to Ms. Schaus, the Task Force developed a bucket list of recommendations that include: public awareness and advocacy, advance and disseminate research, quality of care for individuals living with Alzheimer's Disease and related disorders, support for caregivers/care partners, safety, partnership and coordination, workforce development and education and creating a coordinated state infrastructure.

Ms. Schaus and Mr. Besst shared updates on grant funding that will support efforts to implement strategies around the goals of the Alzheimer's Plan.

In Julia Wacloff's absence, Cathy De Lisa provided the oral health coalitions webpage found on the Arizona Department of Health Services, Office of Oral Health.

<http://www.azdhs.gov/phs/owch/oral-health/azsmiles/resources/regional.htm>

Report Out and Discussion on Events Related to SHAC

Janice Crist reported on the Arizona Geriatrics Society Palliative Care conference on August 8, 2014 from 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. in Flagstaff.

Trudy Schuett shared her volunteer participation in a Mayo Clinic Alzheimer's study and updated the group on the next phase of her video series "Alone at the End of the Road" which will film in Yuma in August.

Lisa O'Neill reported the Caregiver Consortium annual conference is November 21, 2014.

Melinda Preston reported that she is working on the Tau Rx Alzheimer's Study for efficacy of a new drug.

Shawn Trobia reported that AARP will hold a Brain Health event at the Glendale Civic Center on October 28, 2014. Shawn also mentioned that she will be unable to attend the September 11, 2014 meeting because that is a day of community service for AARP.

Deborah Schaus reported on plans for the 2014 Walk to End Alzheimer's events: September 27 in Payson, October 4th in Prescott and Sierra Vista, October 11th in Bullhead City, Az/Laughlin, NV, October 18th in Sun City, October 25th in Las Vegas and the Verde Valley, November 1st in Tucson and November 8th at the State Capitol in Phoenix, AZ

David Besst reported that the caregiver conference would be coming in November during National Caregiver Month.

There was a brief discussion on the Council's plans for exploring sponsorship of a future Governor's Conference on Aging.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 4:01 p.m. by Acting Chair Doyle Meredith.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Social, Health & Alzheimer's Committee of the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging is scheduled for September 11, 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.