



GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING

SOCIAL, HEALTH & ALZHEIMER'S COMMITTEE (SHAC)

MEETING MINUTES

September 11, 2014

2:30 – 4:30 pm

Arizona State Capitol Executive Tower

Third Floor Conference Room

1700 West Washington Street

Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Pending Approval

Council Members, Liaisons and Participants Present

Allison Perrin (Committee Chair), Becky Brimhall-Lepire, Charles Brown, Patsy Gillis, Diane Joens, Deborah Lavinsky, Teresa Lopez, Lisa O'Neill, Melinda Preston, Trudy Schuett, Tonya Watson, David Besst, Mary Busch, Susan Cypert, Johannah Uriri Glover, Victoria Grando, Nancy Kiflemariam, Randy Maskell, Karen Richards, Kathleen Rood, Deborah Schaus and Emma Violante

Council Members Absent

George Evanoff, Joy Grainger, Doyle Meredith and C.T. Wright

Council Staff Present

Cathy De Lisa, Kim Jennings and Carolyn Sigler

Guests Present and Signing In

Elisa Davis and Julia McLeod

Welcome, Introductions, Review and Approval of July 10, 2014, Draft Minutes

Allison Perrin, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:31 p.m. Committee Chair Perrin invited those in attendance to join her in a moment of silence in remembrance of September 11, 2001. A welcome and introduction period followed. Minutes from the July 10, 2014, SHAC meeting were reviewed. *Charles Brown made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; Becky Brimhall-Lepire seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

Suicide Prevention Program – Presentation & Discussion

Pam Wessel, Pima Council on Aging (PCOA) Director of Services, provided an overview of PCOA and its programs. Ms. Wessel outlined the PCOA suicide prevention program, warning signs of suicide, and the safeTALK and ASIST training programs provided by PCOA. A copy of the Pima Council on Aging Suicide Prevention Program presentation is available for review through the Council on Aging office.

Community Initiative on Medicare Assistance Programs

Nancy Kiflemariam, City of Phoenix Community Initiatives/Employment Initiatives provided information on two up-coming Medicare Assistance Enrollment and Resource Fairs targeting older Phoenix residents. The events on October 25 and November 15 will coincide with Medicare Open Enrollment. A copy of Ms. Kiflemariam's save-the-date handout is available through the Council on Aging office.

Updates & Discussion on SHAC Initiatives

Arizona Caregiver Coalition, Lifespan Respite, Az Links - David Besst, DES/Division of Aging and Adult Services (DAAS) provided updates on the Arizona Caregivers Coalition, Lifespan Respite Coalition and Az Links. According to Mr. Besst, the Respite Voucher pilot program is ending. The DES Division of Developmental Disabilities and the Arizona Developmental Disabilities Planning Council have a new portal on the respite locator that helps families find direct care workers for persons with developmental disabilities. Mr. Best reported the Az Links/consortium website will be unveiled in October with a new database for resources and referral functions and the Arizona Caregiver Coalition is advocating for respite program funding to support and sustain the Caregiver Resource Line.

Arizona Fall Prevention Coalition - Karen Richards, Steering Committee Member of the Coalition from SCAN Health Plan Arizona, announced two events in Maricopa County on National Fall Prevention Awareness Day and circulated flyers about the events. Members were reminded that the coalition has taken a statewide focus, it meets next on Friday, September 26th at the Carnegie Center, 1101 W Washington Street in Phoenix (teleconferencing available) and the Governor's proclamation regarding September 23, 2014 as Fall Prevention Awareness Day is posted at the coalition's www.azstopfalls.org website.

Oral Health Statewide Coalition - Mary Busch of A.T. Still University provided updates and contact information on each of the regional oral health coalitions in Arizona. Ms. Busch reported she is coordinating efforts to build a grassroots, statewide coalition.

Arizona Alzheimer's Task Force & Alzheimer's State Plan - Deborah Schaus, co-facilitator of the Arizona Alzheimer's Task Force from the Alzheimer's Association Desert Southwest Chapter, shared a copy of the recent fact sheet outlining cognitive decline statistics in Arizona and discussed the challenge the Planning Group has encountered trying to incorporate more than 100 recommendations from the four Work Teams. According to Ms. Schaus, the October 3, 2014 Task Force meeting has been cancelled and will be rescheduled in November to allow the Planning Group more time to consider the recommendations and push forward on development of the plan.

Copies of the fall prevention community event fliers, the Regional Oral Health Coalitions presentation and the Alzheimer's Association "Cognitive Decline in Arizona; Data from the 2012 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System" handout are available for review through the Council on Aging office.

Report Out and Discussion on Events Related to SHAC

Melinda Preston reported that the Tau Rx Alzheimer's Research Study she worked on has been completed.

Diane Joens reported she plans to attend Northern Arizona Council of Governments/NACOG annual conference in Flagstaff on October 16, 2014.

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

Cathy De Lisa reminded the attendees that additional materials including copies of the fall prevention event flyers were available on the resource table.

Adjourn

Council Chair Allison Perrin adjourned the meeting at 4:10 p.m.

Next Meeting:

The date and location of future meetings will be determined and announced by Public Meeting Notice posted at the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging website: <http://www.azgovernor.gov/gaca/>. These meetings are open to the public.