



GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING

Meeting Minutes

January 9, 2015

2:00 to 4:00 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), Charles Brown, Patsy Gillis (Secretary), Deborah Hankerd, Deborah Lavinsky, Teresa Ramirez Lopez, Doyle Meredith, Lisa O'Neill, Melinda Preston, Tonya Watson (Vice Chair), C.T. Wright, Andrew Carlson, Steve Clutter, Elisa Davis, Cydney DeModica, Kristin Fray, Babak Nayeri and Cynthia Saverino

Council Members Absent

Joy Grainger, Diane Joens, Allison Perrin and Trudy Schuett

Council Staff Present

Cathy De Lisa, Kim Jennings and Carolyn Sigler

Guests Present and Signing In

Rita Anand, Laurai Atcitty, Christine Bryson-Lazo, W. Mark Clark, Cynthia Freeman, Olivia Guerrero, Mary Lynn Kasunic, Wanda Leikem, Joyce Lopez, Mary Beals Luedtka, Ron Moore and Kimberly Roland

Call to Order & Welcome

Council Chair Becky Brimhall-Lepire called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. with a welcome and introductions.

Review & Approval of November 6 - 7, 2014, Annual Planning Meeting Draft Minutes

Draft minutes from the November 6 - 7, 2014, Annual Planning Meetings were reviewed. *Doyle Meredith made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; Melinda Preston seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

AZ4A Presentations & Discussion

Directors from the Arizona Association of Area Agencies on Aging presented to the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging outlining their agency's programs, funding sources, and challenges. Those reporting included:

Mary Lynn Kasunic, Region I
W. Mark Clark, Region II
Mary Beals Luedtka, Region III
Elisa Davis, Region IV
Olivia Guerrero, Region V
Wanda Leikem, Region VI
Laurai Atcitty, Region VIII, Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, Inc.

Copies of each of the presentations are available for review through the Council on Aging office.

Liaison Reports

Arizona Department of Economic Security (DES) Division of Aging & Adult Services (DAAS) – Cindy Saverino, Independent Living Supports Administrator reported:

- Director Clarence Carter announced his resignation effective Friday, January 9; Jim Hillyard has been named Acting Director of DES until a permanent Director is hired.
- DES is working on a bill to provide the APS Registry online.
- Lizabeth Woods is the new State Long Term Care Ombudsman.
- DAAS is still working out some of the issues with the new Division of Aging and Adult Reporting System (DAARS).

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

- Robert M. Barnes is serving as Interim Director for ADVS now that Ted Vogt has been appointed Chief of Operations to Governor Ducey.
- The City of Flagstaff is exploring the possibility of opening a State Veterans Home.
- Plans continue to develop for the Arizona State Veterans Home in Yuma.
- A groundbreaking was held on November 8 for the Veterans Cemetery in Marana and construction is under way for the cemetery at Camp Navajo.
- Arizona Western College in Yuma has been certified as a Veteran Supportive Campus. Staff is designated to serve the more than 400 veteran students at the college.
- Both the Phoenix and Tucson Veterans Homes had a variety of holiday events in December, with many service organizations providing volunteers and each veteran receiving multiple gifts.

Arizona Indian Council on Aging (AICOA) – Ronald Moore, President of the Arizona Indian Council on Aging reported:

- The Arizona Indian Council on Aging will focus on looking at integration and outreach to local cities and Councils of Government as they remind local and state leaders that Native Americans are residents of the State. AICOA will request assistance addressing areas of particular concern to Native American seniors.

Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) – Babak Nayeri reported that ADHS continues to focus on the three pillars of their Healthy Aging plan: 1) chronic disease management, 2) fall prevention and 3) Alzheimer’s. Dr. Nayeri also stated he is working with the Governor’s Office on Aging on the ADHS Aging 2020 Report.

Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) – Cydney Demodica reported that beginning in February there will be focus groups and meetings regarding age-related issues concerning both younger drivers as well as older drivers.

Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) – Cathy De Lisa reported on behalf of Jay Dunkleberger that AHCCCS has an Arizona Long Term Care System (ALTCS) Advisory Committee to assist AHCCCS with their strategic planning process for ALTCS. The Advisory Committee meets quarterly and welcomes a member of GACA to serve on that Council. If interested in serving, members of GACA should contact the GACA Council Chair.

Arizona Department of Insurance (ADOI) – Andrew Carlson introduced Steve Clutter who will be serving as the Liaison from the Department of Insurance to GACA. Mr. Carlson reported that the Department is reviewing long-term care insurance, a newer product that has seen rate increases of 44% to 85% in 2014. According to Mr. Carlson, the Department is working with insurers to avoid having consumers taken advantage of; the Consumer Affairs Department is open from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and can only regulate those who are regulated but will assist with nonregulated concerns as well. Their website is: www.azinsurance.gov.

Attorney General’s Office (AG) – No representative from the Attorney General’s Office was in attendance.

Council Chair Report

Council Chair Becky Brimhall-Lepire introduced new Council Member Deborah Hankerd, Manager of the Old Firehouse Senior Center in Tombstone, Arizona, and member of the Advisory Council for Region VI Area Agency on Aging.

Council Chair Brimhall-Lepire led a brief discussion on the Ad Hoc Committee recommendations resulting in the Action Plan and referred to the two draft amendments of Council By-Laws as well as the process for amending the By-Laws. The Council Chair requested discussion on the By-Laws amendments be tabled until the March meeting.

Tonya Watson, Vice Chair, made a formal proposal to modify the meeting schedule to have less down time between meetings in response to concerns voiced. The new schedule proposed:

LPPC	8:30 – 10:00 a.m.
AICC	10:15 – 11:45 a.m.
Executive Committee	12:00 – 12:50 p.m.
GACA	1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Tonya Watson made a motion to approve the proposed meeting times; Doyle Meredith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Executive Director's Office Updates

Executive Director Cathy De Lisa reported that staff had prepared a dashboard for reporting progress on the measurable outcomes of the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging's Action Plan. According to Ms. De Lisa, it is hoped the dashboard will be posted on the GACA website. Executive Director De Lisa also reported that the transition plan provided to the new administration included the work of the Ad Hoc Committee, the accomplishments of GACA and work being done by the Arizona Alzheimer's Task Force, the Arizona Fall Prevention Coalition and Aging 2020 as initiatives of the Governor's Office on Aging.

Council Member Reporting & Sharing

Council Members' Aging Related Updates

- Cindy Saverino reported the Planning Group of the Arizona Alzheimer's Task Force continues to work on the Alzheimer's Priority Plan.
- Cydney DeModica reported on age-related subcommittees that will advise ADOT on the Older Drivers Plan and that ADOT would be conducting focus groups over the summer.
- Kristin Fray announced there would be a conference for case managers on May 5.
- Deborah Lavinsky reminded members of the "Buff Bones for Bodies" instructor training program being offered in Phoenix on March 7 & 8.
- Becky Brimhall-Lepire encouraged attendees to take a 'Pass It On' packet, a free resource from the Federal Trade Commission, located on the resource table.
- Babak Nayeri shared information on his attendance at the John A. Hartford-sponsored conference "Change AGEnts" in December.
- Elisa Davis reported the Virtual Dementia Tour will be available at the Region IV January 29th conference.

Call to the Public

A guest made a statement about long-term care policies and veterans.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned by Council Chair Becky Brimhall-Lepire at 3:51 pm.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging is scheduled for March 6, 2015; time and location to be confirmed and announced by public meeting notice posted at the GACA website: www.azgovernor.gov/gaca. These meetings are open to the public.