



GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING

Meeting Minutes

May 8, 2015

1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Arizona State Capitol Executive Tower

Second Floor Conference Room

1700 West Washington Street

Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Council Members, Liaisons, and Participants Present

Becky Brimhall-Lepire (Chair), Charles Brown, Andrew Compton, Patsy Gillis (Secretary), Deborah Hankerd, Diane Joens, Deborah Lavinsky, Teresa Ramirez Lopez, Doyle Meredith, Lisa O'Neill, Allison Perrin, Melinda Preston, Trudy Schuett, Tonya Watson (Vice Chair), C.T. Wright, Cydney DeModica, Kristin Fray, Olivia Guerrero, Ronald Moore, Babak Nayeri and Cynthia Saverino

Council Members Absent

Council Staff Present

Cathy De Lisa and Carolyn Sigler

Guests Present and Signing In

R. J. Erickson, Connie Gastelum, Beth Johnson, Jaclyn Meli, Mike Normand and Deborah Schaus

Call to Order, Welcome, Review & Approval of March 6, 2015 Draft Meeting Minutes

Council Chair Becky Brimhall-Lepire called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m. with a welcome and introduction period.

Council Member C. T. Wright introduced State Representative Reginald Bolding of District 27.

Draft minutes from the March 6, 2015, meeting were reviewed. *C. T. Wright made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; Charles Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

Special Transportation Update & Discussion

Mike Normand of Arizona Department of Transportation introduced Jaclyn Meli, the new 5310 Program Manager for ADOT. Mr. Normand then outlined for the Council the grant management and mobility program coordination through ADOT.

According to Mr. Normand, the 5310 Program administers federal funds and assists with purchasing vehicles for non-profits and creating one-click call centers providing transportation to

seniors. In order to provide funding for agency operations, fewer vehicles have been purchased; the Regional Coordinating Councils have funded several mobility manager positions.

Mr. Normand then introduced R. J. Erickson of Northern Arizona Council of Governments (NACOG) and Connie Gastelum, SouthEastern Arizona Governments Organization (SEAGO) who provided a PowerPoint presentation specific to mobility management in their respective regions.

A copy of the presentation is available for review at the Council on Aging office.

Liaison Reports

Arizona Association of Area Agencies on Aging (AZ4A) – Olivia Guerrero, CEO, Pinal-Gila Council for Senior Citizens reported on behalf of Elisa Davis. Highlights of her report included:

- All AZ4A members participated in the White House Conference on Aging Regional Forum held in Phoenix on March 31.
- June 15 is the 10th anniversary of World Elder Abuse Awareness Day and Maricopa Elder Abuse Prevention Alliance (MEAPA) is celebrating by having members at ten different locations release ten purple balloons at 10:00 a.m. In Maricopa County, Harkins Theatres will be displaying an intergenerational themed slide at four of their theatres from May 1 – 31.
- Pima Council on Aging held their 28th Annual Salute to the Centenarians in collaboration with Tucson Medical Center. They had nearly 40 centenarians attend.
- DES-Division of Developmental Disabilities has announced they are closing the kitchen facility that was being used to prepare meals for seniors in Pima and Pinal counties.
- Mary Beals Luedtka has been elected First Vice President for the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging (n4a) and recently visited Senators McCain and Flake and Congresswoman Kirkpatrick to advocate for the reauthorization of the Older Americans Act.
- The 24th Annual Elder Issues Conference: Elder Justice will take place October 15, 2015.
- Pinal Gila Council for Senior Citizens (PGCSC) is celebrating Older Americans Month with a Caregiver Conference on May 14 in Casa Grande. A Senior Issues and Caregiver Conference will be held in Payson on June 12.

The full written report from the Arizona Association of Area Agencies on Aging (AZ4A) is available through the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging office.

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

- Lynn Larson has been appointed Assistant Director for DAAS and Rhonda Coates has been selected to be the Deputy Assistant Director. Ms. Coates will begin with a focus on Adult Protective Services (APS).
- Bobby Riviera is acting APS Administrator while Tina Dannenfels is on leave.
- Jane Bruzzese is the new Community Services Administrator.
- AzLinks' soft launch and the resource directory will be interactive in a week.

Ms. Saverino and Babak Nayeri of the Arizona Department of Health Services read Governor Ducey's proclamation for Older Americans Month.

Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) – Babak Nayeri thanked the GACA members for allowing a picture to be taken of the Council for the Arizona Healthy Aging (A-HA) website and reported:

- The Department received a \$50,000 grant for the Healthy Brain Initiative.
- Chronic Disease Self-Management Program, Fall Prevention and Alzheimer's continue to be major focuses of A-HA.
- A grant has been received to train and provide Tai Chi instructors through county health departments and the Area Agencies on Aging around the state.

Arizona Department of Insurance (ADOI) – Steve Clutter was not in attendance.

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

- Col. Wanda Wright has been appointed as Director of Arizona Department of Veterans' Services
- The Arizona Coalition for Military Families, Arizona Department of Veterans' Services and the Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) collaborated to present the Arizona Roadmap to Veteran Employment Summit on March 26. Nearly 180 people attended.
- The next phase of the Arizona Roadmap to Veteran Employment will focus on employer training for companies who wish to become Veteran Supportive Employers. This free training is being implemented in partnership with the Arizona Coalition for Military Families.
- The State Veterans' Cemeteries in Marana and Camp Navajo are on track to be completed by the end of 2015.
- There will be a Memorial Day Ceremony at the Veterans Cemetery in Sierra Vista on May 25 at 6:00 pm.

Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) – Jay Dunkleberger was not in attendance.

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

- The AICOA is working on their annual conference scheduled for September 15 and 16 at Wild Horse Pass Casino.
- He attended Native American Congressional Week in Washington, D.C. last week and advocated for reauthorization of the Older Americans Act and met with Senator John McCain, the Senate Special Committee on Aging, and Congressman Raul Grijalva.
- He brought brochures and a calendar of events for the Inter Tribal Council that is establishing priorities for next year, focusing on dementia and Alzheimer's research on reservations.
- He attended the White House Conference on Aging Phoenix Region Forum in March.
- The AICOA is working to establish relationships with aging advocacy groups such as AARP.

Attorney General's Office (AG) – Amilyn Pierce was not in attendance.

Discussion – Measurable Outcomes & 2015 Priorities

Tonya Watson, Vice Chair, led a brief review of the Action Plan and referenced some of the items that have been completed, are on-going and will be accomplished later this year.

Council Chair Report

Council Chair Becky Brimhall-Lepire began by reporting she had received a letter from the Governor confirming her re-appointment as Council Chair for 2015 in January following the GACA meeting on January 9.

Ms. Brimhall-Lepire reported no recommendations were forthcoming from the Executive Committee at this time.

The Council Chair reported the By-Laws Ad Hoc Committee, consisting of the Council Chair, the Executive Director and Council Member Lisa O'Neill, met on April 20 to review and propose final amendments to the current GACA By-Laws. After a brief summary of the amendments from Executive Director Cathy De Lisa and discussion about the amendments, Council Chair Brimhall-Lepire reminded the group that the amended version will be posted to the GACA website for a minimum 30-day review period. The amended version will be reviewed then voted on at the July 10 GACA meeting.

Ms. Brimhall-Lepire invited the group to provide feedback on the work of the committees and subcommittees as part of the review and discussion of the GACA Action Plan. Comments included varied opinions on the change to emailing and displaying meeting materials instead of preparing meeting packet hard copies in an effort to conserve resources as suggested by the Executive Committee.

Executive Director's Office Updates

Executive Director Cathy De Lisa reported:

- The Governor's Office on Aging will once again be a co-sponsor of the Arizona Alzheimer's Consortium community event in Mesa on June 12. Council Members were asked to volunteer to assist at the event.
- Aging 2020 agency staff leads are holding a planning session on July 15th to determine next steps with the Aging 2020 Plan and have invited the Governor's Policy Advisor for Health and Human Services to participate.
- The Planning Group of the Arizona Alzheimer's Task Force will be meeting later this month to wrap up final pieces of the framework of the Alzheimer's Plan and expects to launch implementation beginning with the new fiscal year in July.
- The next meeting of the Arizona Falls Prevention Coalition is scheduled for July 9.
- Right Care Foundation has expressed an interest in getting feedback from GACA related to the program.

Council Member Reporting & Sharing

Council Members' Aging Related Updates

- Deborah Hankerd reported the Old Firehouse Senior Center is fundraising for remodeling of their current building and they have already received funding for and installed a new security system. Ms. Hankerd provided copies of the Old Firehouse Senior Center Newsletter for attendees. Ms. Hankerd noted the Tombstone Lion's Club hosted an

appreciation dinner for volunteers on January 31. The Old Firehouse Senior Center's Outstanding Volunteer, Richard Gilbert, contributed over 800 hours in 2014.

- Charles Brown reported the community center in Sun Sites raised over \$20,000 so far to fund improvements to that building.
- Melinda Preston reported she is researching mental health care providers in Maricopa County who accept Medicare patients.
- Allison Perrin reported that Banner Alzheimer's Institute is partnering with two primary care providers for Dementia Care Pathway training.
- Deborah Lavinsky reported that May is National Osteoporosis Month and she is providing free Tai Chi and Buff Bones lessons during the month.

Call to the Public

Shawn Trobia of AARP shared outcomes of the Phoenix Regional Forum of the White House Conference on Aging on March 31 and outlined the role of AARP in helping to host the event.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned by Council Chair Becky Brimhall-Lepire at 2:56 pm.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging is scheduled for July 10, 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.