



GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING

**LEGISLATIVE & POLICY COORDINATING COMMITTEE (LPCC)
LEGISLATIVE TRACKING SUBCOMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

March 23, 2015

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

**Arizona State Capitol Executive Tower
Governor's Office on Aging
1700 West Washington Street, Suite 101
Phoenix, Arizona 85007**

Subcommittee Members, Liaisons and Participants Present

Patsy Gillis (Subcommittee Co-Chair joining telephonically), Teresa Ramirez Lopez (Council and Subcommittee member joining telephonically), Christine Bryson-Lazo (telephonically), Ted Evertsen (telephonically), Tammy Frazee (telephonically), Elizabeth Harris (telephonically), and Randy Maskell (telephonically)

Council and Subcommittee Members Absent

Becky Brimhall-Lepire, Deborah Lavinsky, Mary Busch, Jantell Cansler, Brittany Carter, Kevin Earle, Nancy Larsen, Jim Stephens and Lisa Tomic

Council Staff Present

Cathy De Lisa

Welcome, Introductions

Subcommittee Co-Chair Patsy Gillis called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m. and invited members to provide an introduction that included what organization they represented.

Review & Discussion of Bills Moving Forward

Subcommittee Co-Chair Patsy Gillis invited input from the members on legislation that has been tracked on the SHORT List provided by the Executive Director as well as any other aging-related bills. Group members reviewed:

HB2021: adult protective services; information online

HB2170: lifespan respite; appropriation

HB2171: lifespan respite; program termination

HB2492: AHCCCS coverage; ALTCS; medical services,

HB2626: Arizona silver haired legislature,

SB1136: nursing facility assessment; continued,

SB1194: medically underserved areas; loan repayment, and

SB1282: teledentistry; dental hygienists; dental assistants.

Subcommittee Co-Chair Patsy Gillis provided a brief update on research she conducted on HB2626: Arizona silver haired legislature and reported the bill did not see action this session.

A link to the tracking list is available through the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging's office.

Review of GACA Draft 2015 Advocacy Issues

Subcommittee Co-Chair Gillis asked that Cathy De Lisa, Executive Director provide a brief overview of the GACA Draft 2015 Advocacy Issues sheet provided to the group. According to Ms. De Lisa, the issues sheet was the result of a review of input gathered from Senior Action Days and the stakeholder survey during the last Senior Action Day cycle; input was also gathered from LPCC partners during meetings in 2014. According to Ms. De Lisa, the Council will edit this list and approve an updated list of advocacy issues ahead of the Senior Action Days in the fall of 2015 so input from the Subcommittee and LPCC members is requested. Subcommittee Co-Chair Gillis asked that members bring any additional points for consideration to the May 8, 2015 LPCC meeting for the Subcommittee's breakout session.

A copy of the draft GACA 2015 Advocacy Issues sheet is available through the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging's office.

Ideas from Subcommittee Members on Talking Points for GACA

Partner members of the Subcommittee were invited to share what had worked well during advocacy efforts with legislators and other elected officials as suggestions for the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging members. Input included the importance of contact when the legislature isn't in session and understanding the different approaches needed based on legislative membership. The group also discussed offering education on advocacy for the LPCC and having members of the Subcommittee share ideas from other state organizations or associations during the breakout session at the May 8, 2015 LPCC meeting. The Subcommittee members expressed interest in having a list of legislators who attended Senior Action Days and/or sponsored aging-related legislation to support the Senior Action Subcommittee in preparation for the fall events.

Consensus on Recommendation to LPCC at May 8, 2015 Meeting

By general consensus it was agreed that the group would:

1. Provide an update on where tracked bills are in the legislative session or how it ended if the session is over before that time,
2. Explore education opportunities for advocacy training with the LPCC, and
3. Offer to track the development of a Senior Caucus.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned by Subcommittee Co-Chair Patsy Gillis at 1:47 p.m.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Legislative and Policy Coordinating Committee's Legislative Tracking Subcommittee is scheduled as part of the May 8, 2015 LPCC meeting; location to be announced by public meeting notice posted at the GACA website: www.azgovernor.gov/gaca/. These meetings are open to the public.