



GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING

LEGISLATIVE & POLICY COORDINATING COMMITTEE (LPCC)

MEETING MINUTES

March 6, 2015

8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Board of Pharmacy Conference Room

State Land Building, Suite 120

1616 West Adams

Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Council Members, Liaisons and Participants Present

Deborah Lavinsky (Committee Chair), Becky Brimhall-Lepire, Charles Brown, Patsy Gillis, Joy Grainger, Deborah Hankerd, Diane Joens, Teresa Ramirez Lopez, Doyle Meredith, Lisa O'Neill, Melinda Preston, C. T. Wright, Christine Bryson-Lazo, Jantell Cansler, Ted Evertsen, Tammy Frazee, Don Ritchie and Lisa Tomic

Council Members Absent

Allison Perrin, Trudy Schuett and Tonya Watson

Council Staff Present

Cathy De Lisa and Carolyn Sigler

Guests Present and Signing In

Jim Stephens, Nancy Larsen and Kathy Rood

Welcome, Introductions, Review & Approval of January 9, 2015, Draft LPCC Minutes

Committee Chair Deborah Lavinsky called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. A welcome and introduction period followed. Draft minutes from the January 9, 2015, meeting were reviewed. *Becky Brimhall-Lepire made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; C. T. Wright seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

Recommendations from the Subcommittees

Legislative Tracking Subcommittee Co-Chair Patsy Gillis provided an overview of discussion at the two subcommittee meetings held since the last LPCC meeting and reiterated that once the talking points for the Council members were approved by GACA, the members of the Council could use them when meeting on a one-to-one basis with their elected officials, contacting members of the legislature to attend LPCC or GACA meetings and calling legislators as part of GACA members' outreach. Subcommittee Co-Chair Joy Grainger reported she had reached out to members of the Senate Health and Human Services Committee to invite them to attend the LPCC meeting and discuss aging-related bills heard in that committee; however, due to prior commitments and the unexpected convening of the legislature on the same day, members were unable to attend.

Senior Action Day Subcommittee Co-Chair Diane Joens reviewed recommendations from the group that include the Subcommittee's timeline recommendations:

1. Within the next 30 days, the Council Chair and Co-Chairs of the Senior Action Day Subcommittee will meet with legislative leadership;
2. The members of the Subcommittee will start looking at venues/locations at the March 6th LPCC meeting considering where the events were successful last time and anticipating 5 – 6 events, total;
3. Draft save the date email messages and draft invitation letters will be prepared following the March 6th Subcommittee discussions;
4. An April Subcommittee meeting will be held to finalize locations to recommend to LPCC at the May 8th meeting;
5. Save the date emails will be distributed immediately after the sites/venues are confirmed;
6. Official invitation letters will be emailed from the Council Chair at or immediately following the end of the session;
7. The July LPCC Subcommittee meeting will focus on the media plan and sponsorship protocols;
8. Staff will see that letters of invitation to local and regional officials go out earlier with the state Legislators' letters of invitation; and
9. Council members will conduct one-to-one contact via phone calls, email, etc. closer to the dates of the events. Council members will use the talking points being developed by the Legislative Tracking Subcommittee.

Discussion of Subcommittee Recommendations

Committee Chair Deborah Lavinsky invited discussion on the Subcommittee recommendations. There was clarification that the timeline for Senior Action Day events is currently proposed as late September into early October. Senior Action Day Subcommittee Co-Chair and Past GACA Chair C.T. Wright reiterated that he and the Council Chair would be meeting with the Speaker of the House, President of the Senate and Majority and Minority Leaders to confirm best dates for the events and seek their support.

Executive Director Cathy De Lisa distributed the GACA Short List of legislation being tracked this session. Committee discussion during this time included HB2626: AZ silver haired legislature and research being done to identify best practices in states that have the silver haired legislature or an advisory council or both.

A copy of the GACA Short List of tracked legislation is available through the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging's office.

Input from Members of the Senate Health & Human Services Committee & Discussion

There were no members from the Senate Health & Human Services Committee in attendance.

Break Out of Subcommittees

Members of LPCC broke into the two subcommittees for a 30-minute discussion. Copies of materials distributed during the breakout discussions of the two groups are available through the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging office.

Report Back by Subcommittees to LPCC

Kathy Rood, reporting on behalf of the Senior Action Day Subcommittee, stated the group discussed concerns in limiting the number of events, additional, potential locations and the need for Council Members to participate due to the limited number of staff. According to Ms. Rood, the group also discussed reaching out to the Indian Council on Aging to include them in the events.

Joy Grainger, Co-Chair of the Legislative Tracking Subcommittee, reported the group is being proactive in reaching out to legislators and considering parameters when talking with legislators as private citizens and members of GACA or members of GACA committees/subcommittees; appreciates hearing input from the Council's partners and discussed the lack of a Senior Caucus in the legislature.

Report Out & Discussion on LPCC-Related Research, Conferences, Workshops, Seminars, Training Opportunities, Best Practices, etc.

Christine Bryson-Lazo reported that citizens can voice their support for or concerns about legislation and see others' feedback at azvoices.gov.

Joy Grainger reported the Arizona Housing Alliance will hold The Arizona Healthy Communities Conference in Mesa on March 25. Part of the conference will focus on new strategies for aging in place – linking housing and health care.

Jantell Cansler reported that the Arizona Caregiver Coalition will hold Family Caregiver Day on March 17 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Old Supreme Court Room at the Arizona Capitol Museum.

Diane Joens reported there are many activities in the Verde Valley and she will make sure to send announcements to staff for dissemination to committee members.

Adjourn

Committee Chair Deborah Lavinsky adjourned the meeting at 9:54 a.m.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Legislative & Policy Coordinating Committee of the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging is scheduled for May 8, 2015; time and 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.