



GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING

LEGISLATIVE & POLICY COORDINATING COMMITTEE (LPCC)

MEETING MINUTES

May 8, 2015

8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Arizona State Capitol Executive Tower
Second Floor Conference Room
1700 West Washington Street
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Council Members, Liaisons and Participants Present

Deborah Lavinsky (Committee Chair), Becky Brimhall-Lepire, Charles Brown, Andrew Compton, Patsy Gillis, Deborah Hankerd, Diane Joens, Teresa Ramirez Lopez, Doyle Meredith, Lisa O'Neill, Allison Perrin, Melinda Preston, Trudy Schuett, Tonya Watson, C. T. Wright, Tammy Frazee and Kathy Rood

Council Members Absent

Council Staff Present

Cathy De Lisa and Carolyn Sigler

Guests Present and Signing In

Pauline Kommenich and Deborah Schaus

Welcome, Introductions, Review & Approval of 3.6.2015 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 March 6, 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.*

Review and Discussion of Legislation Tracked During the 52nd Legislature

Committee Chair Deborah Lavinsky invited members to review and discuss the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging (GACA) Short List of legislation tracked during the 52nd Legislature, 1st regular session and displayed for the group. As part of the discussion on bills passed and signed by the Governor, Tammy Frazee from DES/Division of Aging and Adult Services (DAAS) reported that the on-line Adult Protective Services (APS) registry should roll

out by July 23. It will maintain reports for 25 years instead of 10 years, and DAAS will no longer be investigating Arizona State Hospital and Department of Corrections cases. During discussion about the proposed Arizona Silver-Haired Legislature, it was mentioned that Council Member Patsy Gillis had conducted research that was being reviewed by the Executive Committee.

Council's 2015 Draft Advocacy Issues – What Needs to Keep Moving Forward

Committee Chair Lavinsky led a brief review of the draft advocacy priorities developed by the GACA as a result of input received at the 2013 Senior Action Days, through the stakeholder survey and at LPCC meetings. The group noted while legislative efforts to support Arizona caregivers through lifespan respite and to offer access to affordable dental care for older adults were not successful, the approved budget supported increased Adult Protective Services staffing needs and legislation was passed and signed by the Governor that created online access to the APS registry of substantiated reports of abuse, neglect and exploitation of vulnerable adults.

Ms. Frazee reported that the upgraded AZ Links website will be launching as early as June, and will include resources for aging services. Information should be updated on a weekly basis.

Review & Discussion of Subcommittees' Measurable Outcomes

The committee reviewed the LPCC draft objectives as well as proposed draft objectives for the subcommittees ahead of the breakout session. GACA Vice Chair Tonya Watson referenced the approved GACA Action Plan that called for modifying the committee structure and processes and encouraged the group to focus on measurable objectives that are actionable, achievable and measurable.

Break Out of Subcommittees

Members of LPCC broke into the two subcommittees for a 45-minute time period.

Report Back by Subcommittees, Questions & Discussion

Legislative Tracking Subcommittee Co-Chair Patsy Gillis reported that the subcommittee approved minutes of March 23, 2015, discussed accomplishments to-date and requested that staff draft a framework for reviewing and considering legislation. The subcommittee's short-term goal will be to identify advocacy training options ahead of the September LPCC meeting. The subcommittee's long term goal is to track development of a Senior Caucus and support efforts of GACA to educate legislators on the work GACA does.

Senior Action Day Subcommittee Co-Chair Diane Joens reported Becky Brimhall-Lepire, C. T. Wright and Cathy De Lisa have met with Legislative leadership to get their support for Senior Action Days. The subcommittee discussed potentially holding ten Senior Action Day events around the state and decided to have those sponsoring an event to report the location, date and time to GACA staff by May 26. According to Co-Chair Joens, the Council members will be fully responsible for finding venues without fees or contracts and ensuring staffing and note taking for each event. Deborah Schaus from the Alzheimer's Association Desert Southwest Chapter has offered her office's support of the events.

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

There were no reports.

Adjourn

Committee Chair Deborah Lavinsky adjourned the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Legislative & Policy Coordinating Committee of the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging is scheduled for July 10, 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.