



## GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING

**Meeting Minutes**  
**September 9, 2016**  
**1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.**  
**Arizona State Capitol Executive Tower**  
**Third Floor Conference Room**  
**1700 W. Washington Street**  
**Phoenix, Arizona 85007**

### **Council Members and Liaisons Present**

Becky Brimhall-Lepire (Chair), George A. Evanoff (Secretary), Patsy Gillis, Deborah Hankerd, Diane Joens, Doyle Meredith, Lisa O'Neill (Vice Chair), Melinda Preston, Trudy Schuett, Steve Wagner, C.T. Wright

### **GACA Members Absent**

All members present

### **GACA Staff Present**

Lizette Cordero, Cathy De Lisa

### **Guest Presenter**

Director Timothy Jeffries – Department of Economic Security (DES)

### **Guests Signed In**

Christine Bryson-Lazo, Michele Michaels and Linda Arters

### **Call to Order, Welcome, Review & Approval of Draft Meeting Minutes**

GACA Chair Becky Brimhall-Lepire called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m. with a welcome and introductions. Following completion of other agenda items, the GACA Chair called for a review of the July 8, 2016 draft meeting minutes. *Deborah Hankerd made a motion to approve the draft minutes as presented; C.T Wright seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

### **Presentation & Discussion - Director Timothy Jeffries Arizona Dept. of Economic Security (DES)**

Director Jeffries, (Director J) began by stating his job as DES Director is not work but rather a vocation. According to the Director, he has served 556 days as the DES Director, visited 163 sites and responded to 12,000 emails to date. Director J outlined the reasons for the transformation that has taken place in the Department of Economic Security (DES) during his leadership highlighting achievements including improvement in Adult Protective Services (APS) due to the drop in caseloads.

## **Liaison Reports**

*Arizona Association of Area Agencies on Aging (AZ4A)* – Mark Clark (for Olivia Guerrero) reported:

The Area Agencies will be conducting their needs assessments for the next Area Plans; that input is due in March 2017 to the Division of Aging and Adult Services. Mr. Clark encouraged members and guests to talk to their Area Agencies on Aging and discuss the plans. In addition, he announced an initiative by Az4A to replicate the national Leadership Council on Aging with the intent to increase effectiveness and impact. According to Mr. Clark, the next Aging Summit sponsored by Az4A will take place in the Phoenix, AZ area in September 2018.

Arizona Department of Economic Security (DES) - Cindy Saverino reported:

- DES is conducting a policy/procedure reduction activity. Director J wants a reduction of 20%. DES has exceeded the expectation and the reduction is currently around 29%.
- DES will begin to map out the 2019- 2022 State Plan on Aging and bringing all State departments that were involved in Aging 2020 to the table. It is anticipated Focus Groups will begin in January 2017.

The Arizona Alzheimer's Task Force (AATF) is moving forward with finalizing a tri-fold that will include the Arizona Alzheimer's Framework for Action and Calls to Action.

Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) – Dr. Babak Nayeri reported:

September 22, 2016 is National Falls Prevention Awareness Day. Governor Doug Ducey has declared September Falls Prevention month. Falls are the 3<sup>rd</sup> leading cause of mortality among adults 65 years and older, and in 2015 in Arizona, 885 deaths resulted from falls in persons 65 years of age and older. Falling incidents in Arizona are seven times higher than in other states throughout the country. The Arizona Falls Coalition is actively working to make risk assessment of medications for persons 65 and older mandatory in order to manage medications that are necessary.

Arizona Department of Insurance – *No representative in attendance*

Arizona Department of Transportation – *No representative in attendance*

Arizona Department of Veterans' Services – *No representative in attendance*

Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) - Jay Dunkleberger reported:

Heightened Scrutiny Visits – The new Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) guidelines over what qualifies as a home and community based setting is ongoing. AHCCCS is conducting site visits to specific providers to determine how they might fit under the new rule.

Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Setting Rules – There will be a meeting scheduled soon to discuss feedback from CMS on AHCCCS' plan for compliance with the new setting rules. CMS has also finalized its new rules for Medicaid that will impact the long term care (LTC) system in Arizona, Medicaid members and the industry as a whole. These rules will be staggered and be in effect, July 2019.

CMS member information changes include:

- AHCCCS develop a model member handbook
- Develop model definitions for terminology
- Defines minimum font size of member information, (12 point), information on alternative formats must be in 18 point font
- The provider directory must identify the provider's ability to accommodate members with physical disabilities.
- 1,557 of the affordable care act addresses, additional member information and language requirements.
- Language assistance information will have to be posted in the top 15 languages in the state that the Contractor operates.

Network changes

- Expansion of rules regarding how the state ensures adequate networks from contracted health plans

Defines specific providers that the states develop minimum standards for

- Defines the process the states have to use to develop and maintain those standards

Long Term Services and Support (LTSS)

- States have to develop time and distance standards where appropriate for when member travels to the provider.
- States can develop other standards where the service travels to the member.

Arizona Long Term Care System Request for Proposal (ALTCS RFP) – AHCCCS in the process of finalizing its ALTCS RFP, timelines

- RFP - November 1, 2016
- Proposals due January 23, 2017
- Implementation October 1, 2017

Arizona Indian Council on Aging - *No representative in attendance*

Attorney General's Office - Amilyn Pierce reported:

To date, the Attorney General's Office has given 27 presentations to 800 people on the topics of Life Planning, to 400 regarding the Taskforce Against Senior Abuse, and 1,000 about consumer protection. The Attorney General's Office is also planning a Senior Safety Forum in Sun City in partnership with the Area Agency and working to translate the Life Planning packets into Spanish by the first of the year. Legislative proposals were completed by the end of August and will be shared closer to the New Year. Digital Training is planned for certified peace officers.

***5 minute break***

**Governor's Advisory Council on Aging (GACA Chair report**

Recommendations from the Executive Committee - GACA Chair Becky Brimhall-Lepire reported the group had recommended acceptance of the amendments to the by-laws and called for a review and approval of the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging (GACA) By-Laws as posted and distributed. George Evanoff *made a motion to approve the by-laws as written; Deborah Hankerd seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

Follow up discussions related to committees & presentations - GACA Chair Becky Brimhall-Lepire began by thanking all those members who have served as GACA officers, committee leadership and all GACA council members and staff for their hard work and dedication in 2016 resulting in the achievement of measurable outcomes in both the Aging in Community Committee (AICC) and the Legislative and Policy Coordinating Committee (LPCC). Ideas for future projects, speakers and presentations in AICC and LPCC should be forwarded to the Executive Director.

Annual Planning Meeting, November 4, 2016 - Ms. Brimhall-Lepire reported preparations for the November Planning meeting are underway, and ideas for potential speakers, topics and ideas for next year's GACA meetings should also be shared with the Executive Director. The Chair reminded members to come prepared to participate, be engaged and know which committees they wish to serve on in 2017.

#### **Executive Director's office updates**

Cathy De Lisa, Executive Director thanked Patsy Gillis and Steve Wagner for assisting at the Health Fair at Tanner Terrace in Glendale and reported many of the residents wanted to know what GACA had to offer them as many of the vendors were service providers. Ms. De Lisa reported the Governor's Office on Aging is getting ready to recognize the list of dentists provided by the Arizona Dental Foundation who donate their time and services to at-risk older adults. Letters of appreciation and a certificate from the Governor will be mailed to them. In addition, Ms. De Lisa reported gathering input and ideas for the GACA 2017 draft priorities from organizations including the Health System Alliance of Arizona that named a sustainable health care workforce as an ongoing priority and the Maricopa Elder Abuse Prevention Alliance/MEAPA Financial Exploitation Committee. Ms. De Lisa reported that ideas for partnering with the Division of Aging and Adult Services related to their State Plan on Aging public meetings and Senior Action Days in 2017 had been shared with the Executive Committee. Ms. De Lisa concluded by expressing appreciation to the Planning Group of the Alzheimer's Task Force that has coordinated efforts to launch the Calls to Action in November during National Alzheimer's and Family Caregiver Month.

#### **Council member reporting & sharing, GACA Members, Council Members' aging-related updates (i.e., research, training, seminars, workshops, webinars, conferences, best practices, etc.)**

Steve Wagner reported on the CPR University on September 22-23 sponsored by the University Of Arizona College Of Medicine, Phoenix.

Lisa O'Neill reported the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Caregiver Consortium - Caregiver Education Conference is on November 18, 2016.

Mark Clark reported on the passing of Marian Lupu, the founding director of Pima Council on Aging at age 91; he announced PCOA would be celebrating 50 years of service in 2017.

**Call to the public**

Christine Bryson-Lazo announced a Wine Fest in Sedona, Arizona on September 25, 2016.

**Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned by GACA Chair Becky Brimhall-Lepire at 2:45 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting of the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging is the Annual Planning Meeting scheduled for November 4, 2016; time and location to be confirmed and announced by public meeting notice posted at the GACA website: <http://govtrans.az.gov/gaca/>. These meetings are open to the public.

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