



GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING

LEGISLATIVE & POLICY COORDINATING COMMITTEE (LPCC)

MEETING MINUTES

March 11, 2016

8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Arizona Department of Health Services Building

Fifth Floor Conference Room 540

150 N. 18th Avenue

Phoenix, Arizona 85007.

Council Members, Liaisons and Participants Present

Becky Brimhall-Lepire, Andrew Compton, George Evanoff, Patsy Gillis, Deborah Hankerd, Diane Joens, Doyle Meredith, Lisa O'Neill, Melinda Preston, C.T. Wright, Jantell Cansler, Tammy Frazee, Pauline Kommenich, Michele Michaels, Kathy Rood and Steve Wagner

Council Members Absent

Jeff Fleetham, Trudy Schuett

Council Staff Present

Cathy De Lisa, Lizette Cordero

Guests Present

Elissa Torres

Welcome, introductions, review & approval of 1.8.2016 draft minutes

Committee Chair C.T. Wright called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m., following a delay due to a power outage, with a welcome and introductions then called for a review of the January 8, 2016 draft meeting minutes. *Doyle Meredith made a motion to approve the draft minutes as presented; Deborah Hankerd seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

Immediate Resuscitation Study

LPCC member Steve Wagner from the Right Care Foundation introduced Dr. Elissa Torres of the Grand Canyon University College of Business. Dr. Torres began by providing an overview of her work experience and outlining the basis for the study: *Financial and Social Impact for Not Performing Immediate Resuscitation at Senior Independent Living Facilities in Phoenix.* According to Dr. Torres:

- The study identified impacts to the patient, family members, local businesses and government;

- The population of interest for the study included Arizona residents over 65 years of age living in a senior independent living facility; 72 senior independent living facilities are in the Phoenix metro area; and
- The total financial impacts over a three year period exceed \$48 million dollars which was predominantly comprised of healthcare costs due to timely resuscitation.

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the study and the challenges of honoring Do Not Resuscitate (DNR) orders at time of emergency when advance directives are not immediately available to Firefighters and Emergency Medical Services/EMS.

A copy of Dr. Torres' presentation is available for review at the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging office.

Updates from the Taskforce Against Elder Abuse/TASA

Andrew Compton, GACA member representative to TASA, provided an update on the work of the Taskforce around advance directives, execution of the DNR, exploration of Physician's Order for Life Sustaining Treatment (POLST) as an approach to improving end-of-life care, and dementia capable training for first responders.

Review & discussion of legislation

LPCC Chairman C.T. Wright invited members to review and discuss legislation advancing through the Arizona State Legislature. Following a short discussion on the differences between the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging and the Arizona Silver-Haired Legislature proposed by HB2178, Executive Director Cathy De Lisa was asked by the LPCC Chairman to share and review the SHORT List of legislation tracked for the Advisory Council that included:

HB2178: AZ silver-haired legislature

HB2357: AHCCCS; podiatry services

HB2452: cash assistance; eligibility; children

HB2461: lifespan respite care; program termination

HB2667: dental care; treatment; volunteer care

SB1166: service animals; certification; registration; identification

SB1196: silver alert; Alzheimer's disease

SB1375: telephone solicitations

SB1507: ALTCS; dental services

SCR1005: rights of caregivers; recognition

SCR1008: grandfamily/kinship care month

SB1316: flexible credit loans - was cited as another bill being tracked by LPCC members.

LPCC Chairman C.T. Wright reminded GACA members that they are welcome to share viewpoints and opinions as an individual community member. Expressing the opinions of the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging requires prior approval by vote of the Council.

A copy of the SHORT List is available through the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging office.

Formulation of LPCC 2016 objectives

LPCC Chairman Wright called on Vice Chair Lisa O'Neill to lead a discussion on potential LPCC 2016 objectives. Vice Chair O'Neill encouraged the group to formulate objectives with concrete, measurable outcomes. Ideas discussed included:

- Track state and federal legislation and provide an update on status of tracked bills;
- Create a supportive statement for the Silver Alert legislation expansion; appropriate dissemination pending Governor's official response to the passed legislation;
- Assist in developing a bipartisan work group/caucus focused on senior issues with Senator Farley;
- Track financial exploitation focus by TASA

Assignment of tasks prior to next LPCC meeting

Executive Director De Lisa was asked to once again send the research conducted by GACA member Patsy Gillis last year on Silver-Haired Legislatures to the GACA members. GACA member Andrew Compton was asked to continue reporting out on TASA at the LPCC meetings.

Report out & discussion on LPCC-related research, conferences, workshops, seminars, training opportunities, best practices, etc.

Pauline Kommenich reminded LPCC members that the ASU College of Nursing and Health Innovation has free online continuing education training modules that include care of persons with dementia.

Cathy De Lisa reported the Arizona Geriatrics Society 9th Annual Spring Geriatric Mental Health and Aging Conference is on April 15, 2016 in Tucson, Arizona. The MOLAR coalition is offering a 16-CEU training program: The Affiliated Practice Toolkit on April 15 and April 22, 2016 at 2828 North Central Avenue in Phoenix, Arizona.

Adjourn

Committee Chair, C.T. Wright, adjourned the meeting at 10:01 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 13, 2016; time and location to be confirmed and announced by public meeting notice at the GACA website:

<http://govtrans.az.gov/gaca/>. These meetings are open to the public.