



## GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING

### LEGISLATIVE & POLICY COORDINATING COMMITTEE (LPCC)

#### MEETING MINUTES

September 9, 2016

8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

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

**PENDING APPROVAL**

#### **Council Members, Liaisons and Participants Present**

C.T. Wright (LPCC Chairman), Becky Brimhall-Lepire, George Evanoff, Patsy Gillis, Deborah Hankerd, Doyle Meredith, Melinda Preston, Lisa O'Neill, Trudy Schuett, Steve Wagner, Christine Bryson-Lazo, Jantell Cansler, Mark Clark, Scott Geiger, Michele Michaels, Kathy Rood

#### **Council Members Absent**

Diane Joens

#### **Council Staff Present**

Lizette Cordero, Cathy De Lisa

#### **Welcome, introductions, review & approval of 7.8.2016 draft minutes**

Committee Chairman Dr. C.T. Wright called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. Following a welcome and introductions, the Chairman called for a review of the July 8, 2016 draft meeting minutes. *Deborah Hankerd made a motion to accept the minutes without changes; Becky Brimhall-Lepire seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

#### **Report out on plans for legislation and/or priorities in the next session**

Members and guests in attendance were invited by the Committee Chairman to share plans for legislation and/or advocacy priorities for the coming state legislative session. Jantell Cansler, volunteer for AARP, reported AARP will continue to support the CARE Act and other caregiver advocacy priorities. Ms. Cansler also reported that legislative support was being sought by the

Arizona Caregiver Coalition and the Arizona Lifespan Respite Coalition to help fund the Arizona Lifespan Respite program that was continued through legislation sponsored by Representative Kate Brophy McGee last session. Lois von Halle reported the \$500,000 request covers the state's funding portion of the lifespan respite care program and includes support for the caregiver resource line, the respite/care provider locator and the respite voucher program. Mark Clark, representing AZ4A liaison Olivia Guerrero, reported the Area Agencies on Aging plan to advocate for full funding to eliminate the waiting list for 3,000 elderly and/or adults with disabilities in need of home and community based services (HCBS) and address the growing demand in Arizona. According to Mr. Clark, the \$700,000 in lottery funds approved in the current budget provides one-time funding that allows 328 people on the waiting list to receive services; more than \$6 million is needed in order to eliminate the waiting list. The group discussed the cost of assistance in the home as markedly lower than that of emergency services and institutionalization caused by consequences of not having such support services.

### **Updates on LPCC 2016 objectives**

Committee Chairman Wright led a review and discussion of the LPCC 2016 objectives. Regarding objectives #1 and #2 - Executive Director Cathy De Lisa reported staff continues to track state and federal legislation on behalf of the Council and appreciates those LPCC members who have agreed to research and help track specific legislative topics beginning in January 2017. The Executive Director also reported the supportive statement for the Silver Alert legislation expansion had been posted and distributed as requested for objective #3. Committee Chairman Wright provided an overview of efforts by officers of the GACA to research and build a framework for the bipartisan work group for objective #4 then thanked GACA member George Evanoff for his energies and ideas. New GACA member Steve Wagner reported on the work of the Attorney General's Taskforce Against Senior Abuse (TASA) and the Health Care Committee of TASA for objective #5 stating the purpose and objectives are consistent with and mirror priorities of GACA.

### **Final input ahead of GACA Annual Planning**

Members of LPCC were invited by the Committee Chairman to share last thoughts on potential priorities. Topics raised included health care companies leaving the insurance exchange resulting in one option for those not covered by an employer sponsored health plan, Medicaid, Medicare or other public insurance programs, and the special challenges in rural Arizona such as lack of transportation options and few HCBS providers. GACA member George Evanoff suggested having Dan Derksen from the Center for Rural Health at the University of Arizona discuss ideas with the group.

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

Christine Bryson-Lazo reported Northern Arizona Council of Governments/NACOG has posted Save the Date notice for their 25<sup>th</sup> annual conference on October 5-6, 2017 in Flagstaff.

Steve Wagner reported on the CPR University on September 22-23 sponsored by the U of A College of Medicine, Phoenix.

Kathy Rood reported Jewish Children and Family Services has a senior concierge who helps older adults apply for SNAP and shared a flyer on a free event: R&R Retirement and Resources on October 26<sup>th</sup> at the Jewish Community Center in Scottsdale. A copy of the flyer is available for review at the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging office.

George Evanoff shared an article in the Monday, September 5 Arizona Daily Star that includes topics and speakers for the Advances in Aging lectures at the U of A Health Sciences featuring GACA member Lisa O'Neill lecturing on "Alzheimer's Disease Screening in Primary Care" on November 14. The copy of the article is available for review at the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging office.

Jantell Cansler reported:

- Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Summit, September 17, 2016 from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm, The Salvation Army Kroc Center, 1375 E. Broadway Road in Phoenix;
- Latino Disability Summit & Resource Fair, September 17, 2016 at Ability360 Center, 5025 E Washington Street in Phoenix;
- Central Phoenix Advocates for Dementia Awareness wine-tasting fundraiser;
- DUET Caregiver Symposium, October 6, 2016 from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm; and
- Walks to End Alzheimer's Disease are beginning October 1 in Prescott.

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

Mark Clark reported the Pima Council on Aging Medicare Conference is being held in various locations ahead of open enrollment and AZ4A plans another summit in September 2018.

Becky Brimhall-Lepire, GACA Chair thanked Dr. C.T. Wright for leading the LPCC group in 2016.

Cathy De Lisa offered to send resources and information displayed during the meeting to the group.

### **Adjourn**

Committee Chair Wright adjourned the meeting at 9:50 a.m.

### **NEXT MEETING:**

The next meeting of the Legislative & Policy Coordinating Committee of the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging is planned in January 2017; date, 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.