



GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING

Meeting Minutes

Committee/Group: GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING (GACA)

Date: May 4, 2018

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Venue Address: Arizona State Capitol – Executive Tower
Third Floor Conference Room
1700 W. Washington Street
Phoenix, AZ 85007

GACA Members and Liaisons Present

Becky Brimhall (Vice Chair), Belinda Akes, Carol Brown, George Evanoff, Mary Hamway, Deborah Hankerd, Teri Kennedy, Lee Olitzky, Bob Roth, Steve Wagner, C.T. Wright
Liaisons: Tolanda Coker, John Carlson for John Halikowski, Olivia Guerrero, Priscilla Kadi, Jeryle Reina for Barbara Tinhorn, and Laurie Thomas for Babak Nayeri.

GACA Members Absent

Ellen Kirschbaum, Barbara Marshall, Lisa O'Neill (Chair), and David Spelich (Secretary)

GACA Staff

Lizette Cordero, Cathy De Lisa

Guests in Attendance & Choosing To Sign In

Christy Abrams, Linda Arters, Angela Banks, Cathy Chavez, Ted Evertsen, Brenda Holt, Abigail Polito Hawkins, Cindy Saverino, and Roxanne Thomas

Call to order, welcome, review and approval of February 2, 2018 draft email meeting minutes and April 6, 2018 draft meeting minutes

Vice Chair, Becky Brimhall called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with a welcome and introductions. Following, a request for review of the February 2, 2018 draft email meeting minutes and the April 6, 2018 draft meeting minutes. *C.T. Wright made a motion to approve; the motion was seconded by Deborah Hankerd. The motion passed without opposition.*

Older Americans Month – reading of proclamation

Due to a delay in receipt of the Older Americans Month proclamation, Ms. Priscilla Kadi, from the Division of Aging and Adult Services, was not able to read it as planned

Liaison reports (5 minutes to include updates, ideas for collaboration and/or requests to the Council)

With approval from the GACA Vice Chair, Mr. John Carlson provided the first report. Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) – Mr. John Carlson reported updates for Mr. John Halikowski.

- HB2317 - A permanent disability removable windshield placard is valid for as long as the person to whom it is issued qualifies for issuance, instead of for five years. This eliminates the need for individuals to physically come into the Motor Vehicle Division (MVD) office for placard renewals.
- MVD will also electronically code disability placards of deceased individuals to avoid renewals/reuse of these placards.
- A Virtual Office concept is currently being tested in some areas by MVD Technology. The Virtual Office will eliminate the need to come into the office for license and identification card renewals. Once individuals set up their account online they can download documents and photo and interact with someone remotely. The launch of the Virtual Office will take place by year end 2018 or early 2019.

Arizona Association of Area Agencies on Aging (AZ4A) – Olivia Guerrero

Ms. Olivia Guerrero reported:

Region I

- The Area Agency, Region One is involved with various opioids use projects that include AmeriCorps educating adults and caregivers using the RxMatters presentation, Area Agencies on Aging are partnering and delivering Mental Health First Aid and the Wellness Initiative for Senior Education (WISE) classes in Maricopa, Pinal, Mohave, La Paz and Yavapai Counties as part of a state targeted response grant, AmeriCorps VISTA started at the Agency in January to help build capacity to educate older adults about opioid medication misuse.
- Flaka Ismaili from Senator Flake's office along with VISTA and AmeriCorps members attended a meeting on March 26, 2018 to discuss the AmeriCorps Caring Circles program.

Region II Pima Council on Aging (PCOA)

- PCOA and Tucson Medical Center (TMC) will be holding their 31st annual Salute to Centenarians. It is expected there will be just under 50 individuals 99 years of age and older. PCOA identified 145 individuals of this age and estimate there are about 240 centenarians in Pima County and over 800 statewide.

Region IV Area Agency on Aging - WACOG

- In February WACOG hosted a Lay Leader training for the Chronic Disease Self-Management Program, training 11 new Lay Leaders including four new WACOG volunteers. Under the program, \$5,000 can be spent on renovations and repairs and \$3,000 can be spent on adaptive aids and devices, such as ramps or walk-in showers. Currently, WACOG has assisted six caregivers with renovations and one more is in the qualifying process.

Region V Pinal-Gila Council for Senior Citizens, Area Agency on Aging (PGCSC)

- PGCSC is celebrating its 43rd year in May, 2018.
- PGCSC had its annual assessment from DES Aging & Adult Administration of the organizations fiscal, admin and program components with no corrective actions.

Region VIII – Area Agency on Aging conducted Title III and VI annual monitoring visits in two Tribal communities: Cocopah Indian Tribe and Havasupai. The fiscal year 2018 program monitoring of the 21 Tribal Nations will be completed by MAY 2018.

- ITCA-AAA Technical Assistance & Training
 - One A Matter of Balance (MOB) 8-session class was completed the San Carlos Apache Tribe's Older Adult Center.
 - One A Matter of Balance Skills Observation was conducted with two MOB coaches from the Pascua Yaqui Tribe.
 - Conducted one Passenger Assistant Safety and Sensitivity (PASS) Driver's Training for 16 participants from six Tribal Communities.

Arizona Indian Council on Aging (AICOA) Advisory Board

- Region VIII held a policy briefing for two AICOA advisory board members and two Region VIII staff that traveled to Washington, D.C. during the annual Inter Tribal Association of Arizona (ITAA) Congressional Week.
- Staff Training & Professional Development: one staff member attended the Region One State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) Training.
- Region VIII Ombudsman Coordinator conducted a National Ombudsman Reporting System (NORS) Training for five participants from three Tribal Communities.

The AZ4A report is available for review through the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging (GACA) office.

Attorney General's Office – Due to unexpected circumstances, Ms. Bennett was unable to attend as planned.

Arizona Department of Economic Security (DES) – Division of Aging & Adult Services (DAAS) – Priscilla Kadi reported:

- Waitlist for Home Based Community Services (HBCS) continues and the Division of Aging and Adult Services (DAAS), in partnership with the Area Agency on Aging Region One, is looking into why there is a waitlist.
- Adult Protective Services (APS) is working on reducing the work back log by deploying a new tool for assessment of safety and consistent measures.
- During the month of May colleagues will participate in Dementia Friends training in Region One.
- There is a full time APS Case Manager opportunity available. Several employee appreciation activities and spirit week have been held at DES.

Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) – In the absence of Mr. Babak Nayeri, Ms. Laurie Thomas provided the ADHS liaison report on his behalf and the information was made available as a handout.

Arizona Department of Insurance (AZDOI) – Ms. Tolanda Coker reported:

- The AZDOI is moving into the ADOA building located at 100 N. 15th Ave., Ste. 102 in Phoenix on June 15.
- The Department will be taking part in two pre-retirement seminars in September; one in Phoenix on September 15th and one in Tucson on September 22.

- Medicare card reminders: new Medicare cards began to be issued last month, and members should be sure to destroy old cards; not just throw them away which may put members at risk of identity theft. Medicare/Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services/CMS will never call and ask for personal information over the phone. If receiving calls of this nature, do not provide the information, and report any information about the caller to the Department.
- A reminder that the Affordable Care Act (is still in effect and although the individual mandate went away, individuals who need medical coverage can still attain coverage off the exchange.

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

Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) – Dara Johnson was unable to join telephonically as planned.

Arizona Indian Council on Aging (AICOA) – Ms. Jeryle Reina reported updates for Ms. Barbara Tinhorn highlighting visits on the Hill in Washington D.C., advocacy for SHIP, inter-tribal issues, continuing and sustaining environmental appropriations for rural tribal areas, public health emergency preparedness, and plans for the National biennial conference in September.

Policy Assistant Brett Galley reported it was a long week; session had wrapped up at 12:26 a.m. after passing the budget. Mr. Galley indicated he would be working with Executive Director Cathy De Lisa to provide updates on legislation and budget items related to aging issues.

9:50 a.m. - 20 minute break was taken for Older Americans Month (OAM) Celebration & Recognition of GACA Liaisons

GACA Chair report & discussion

Reminders – avoiding conflict of interest - Vice Chair, Becky Brimhall reminded everyone to avoid conflict of interest and used the example that if attending a meeting on behalf of business or work, not representing GACA, cannot speak on behalf of GACA or insinuate representation of GACA. The member's presence does not indicate GACA endorsement or opposition to a topic or issue. Ms. Brimhall reminded all of the fine line. Ms. Brimhall stated "When in doubt, do not attempt to speak on behalf of the GACA just represent you."

Recommendations from the Executive Committee – as requested by the Vice Chair, Executive Director Cathy De Lisa provided a statement on behalf of Council Chair Lisa O'Neill outlining the Council's purpose and responsibility related to the State Plan on Aging and asking the members to review the draft 2019-2022 State Plan provided by email following the meeting and submit any input to staff no later than May 18, 2018. The Executive Committee will review a compilation of the input and provide any feedback to DAAS for response prior to the June 1, 2018 GACA telephonic meeting.

No Action was recommended

Discussion – Status of GACA 2018 priorities & objectives – Vice Chair Brimhall facilitated a review of the GACA objectives requesting input from the Executive Director. According to Executive Director De Lisa:

1. AZ4A and Virtual Dementia Tour sponsorships have been placed on hold until the new fiscal year.
2. Open Meeting Law training is scheduled for the July GACA meeting
3. Plans are underway to include the remaining training for GACA member at the Annual Planning Meeting on 11/2/2018.

Executive Director's Office Updates – Ms. De Lisa reported the Executive Committee had asked the Chair and the ED to prepare an opening statement to help clarify requirements under the Open Meeting Law and outline how members of the public can engage in the working committees. (Aging in Community, Legislative and Policy Coordinating and Marketing Committees) In addition, the Executive Director reminded the members of the process for collecting input and determining 2019 objectives at the November working meeting.

Executive Assistant Lizette Cordero stated there were no Travel Policy updates to report.

Council Member reporting & sharing

Bob Roth reported on attending the Aging2.0 Caregiving Forum on May 1, 2018 in San Francisco. Carol Brown reported an interest in advocating for financial institution staff education on how to recognize and identify scams. Ms. Brown also reported on working being done to develop a program for senior health in the summer months.

Steve Wagner reported updates and discussions with Tempe and other municipalities regarding unwanted resuscitations due to first responders not having access to the Do Not Resuscitate (DNR) form.

Belinda Akes acknowledged the quality care a family member received in a Texas assisted living facility.

Becky Brimhall reported on work completed for the third annual Dementia Friendly Tempe Summit on 4/7/18 and the PARC Walk at the Zoo on April 28, 2018.

Lee Olitzky reported on work being done around Long Term Services and Support (LTSS) for tribal communities with Medicare.

Teri Kennedy reported the Az Nexus has an inter-professional team conference that the three state universities and private colleges are collaborating on to improve elder care for Arizonans.

Call to the public

Brenda Holt stated AARP has a Caregiver Initiative Resource Guide and Prepare to Care Calendar of Caregiver events.

Angela Banks stated Tanner Terrace Apartments is partnering with AARP and hosting a Virtual Dementia Tour to raise awareness and advocacy.

Linda Arters stated June is Elder Abuse Awareness month and handouts regarding elder abuse were placed on the resource table.

Adjourn

Vice Chair Becky Brimhall adjourned the meeting at 11:03 a.m.

Copies of all meeting materials are available for review at the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging office.

NEXT MEETING: The next Governor's Advisory Council on Aging meeting is a telephonic meeting at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, June 1, 2018; the next in-person meeting is planned on July 13, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.; 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.