



## GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING

### Meeting Minutes

**Committee/Group:** GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING

**Date:** July 7, 2017

**Time:** 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

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

#### **GACA Members and Liaisons Present**

Lisa O'Neill (GACA Chair), Becky Brimhall, George Evanoff, Deborah Hankerd, Diane Joens, Bob Roth, David Spelich, Steve Wagner, C.T. Wright, Tolanda Coker, Eric Gudino, Olivia Guerrero, Babak Nayeri and Cindy Saverino

#### **Guests Signing In**

Melinda Churchill, Leah Gibbs, Vicki Kronobeth, Adrienne McCowan, Bruce McMorran, Frank Migali, Heidi Robertson, Joe Tansill and Roxanne Thomas

#### **GACA Members Attending Telephonically**

Bob Roth (initially), Trudy Schuett

#### **GACA Staff**

Cathy De Lisa and Lizette Cordero

#### **Call to order, welcome, review & approval of May 5, 2017 & June 2, 2017 draft meeting minutes**

GACA Chair Lisa O'Neill called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m. with a welcome and introductions. Following a request for review of the draft minutes of May 5, 2017 and June 2, 2017; *George Evanoff made a motion to accept both the draft minutes as presented; the motion was seconded by Becky Brimhall. The motion passed unanimously.*

#### **Open Meeting Law Training & Discussion**

Danee Garone, Assistant Ombudsman from the Arizona Ombudsman Citizens' Aide office, conducted a one-hour Open Meeting Law Training and answered questions following the

presentation. A copy of the presentation is available through the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging (GACA) office.

### **Liaison reports**

Arizona Association of Area Agencies on Aging (AZ4A)

Ms. Olivia Guerrero provided an extensive report including updates from Area Agency on Aging, Region One, Area Agency on Aging Region II - Pima Council on Aging (PCOA), Area Agency on Aging Region III - Northern Arizona Council of Governments (NACOG), Area Agency on Aging Region IV - Western Arizona Council of Governments (WACOG), Area Agency on Aging, Region V - Pinal-Gila Council for Senior Citizens (PGCSC), Area Agency on Aging Region VI – South Eastern Arizona Governments Organization (SEAGO), Area Agency on Aging VIII – Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona (ITCA). The full AZ4A report is available through the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging (GACA) office.

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

- The State Plan on Aging is progressing. The research phase has been completed and they're currently in the process of writing the plan. Focus groups planned for needs assessments.
- Jennifer Kirchen, new Adult Protective Services (APS) Bureau Chief began in June.
- Division of Aging & Adult Services (DAAS) has been busy implementing the Arizona Management System, developing specific performance metrics.
- DAAS and the Arizona Caregiver Coalition are applying for a joint Administration for Community Living grant targeting caregivers, the Respite Voucher Program and Adult Day Health Centers.
- The Department of Economic Security (DES) is in the process of recruiting for the Assistant Director's position which has been vacant since October, 2016.

Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) - Babak Nayeri reported:

While the Alzheimer's caregiver service providers involved in the ADHS project are predominantly focused in Maricopa County, the involvement of the Alzheimer's Association Desert Southwest Chapter, the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS), the Governor's Office on Aging (GOA) and Vitalyst will help it take an increasing statewide role.

- The four funders have agreed to fund an integrated proposal with a 5-year commitment.
- The initial proposal to Vitalyst is due in October 2017.
- In response to the Governor's executive order declaring a public health emergency on Opiate related deaths, the ADHS has created a chronic pain website and a Chronic Pain Summit was held. Links below:
  - <http://azdhs.gov/prevention/womens-childrens-health/injury-prevention/opioid-prevention/index.php>
  - <http://azdhs.gov/prevention/tobacco-chronic-disease/index.php#chronic-pain-management>
- ADHS contractor, Arizona Living Well Institute (AZLWI) is planning more Chronic Pain Self-Management Program Master-Trainer and Lay-Leader training workshops.

Arizona Department of Insurance (AZDOI) - Tolanda L. Coker reported on the resources the Department of Insurance (DOI) has available for those affected by wildfires and provided the following information.

- If your premiums are coming due and you have been displaced due to a wildfire evacuation, contact your insurance company, you may be eligible for a grace period.
- If you have been displaced and were not able to take your medication with you, you may be eligible for a prescription refill sooner than typically allowed. Contact your insurance company or the Department of insurance for assistance.
- Once you are aware you will be evacuated contact your insurance carrier, they may be able to coordinate your Additional Living Expense coverage due to being displaced. If you are unable to contact the carrier prior to being displaced contact them as soon as possible.

Ms. Coker also provided the following four (4) hand-outs.

1. Making Repairs After a Disaster – AZDOI
2. Insurance Tips – AZDOI
3. Is My Fire-Related Loss Covered By My Insurance Policy? – AZDOI
4. Preparation for Flooding Begins Immediately Following A Wildfire – Arizona Department of Emergency And Military Affairs

Copies of the materials are available through the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging (GACA) office.

Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) – Eric Gudino reported:

- Hours have been added at the Motor Vehicle Division (MVD) in the Phoenix and Tucson metro areas, now opening at 7:30 a.m.
- Wait time for Phoenix and Tucson metro area MVD offices have been reduced by half to approximately 30 minutes
- Additional services added to ServiceArizona, which allows for insurance updates and to set appointment for voluntary ID/Drivers Licenses.

Arizona Department of Veterans' Services - No representative in attendance

Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) – Ms. Dara Johnson was unable to attend the meeting but provided the liaison report ahead which was made available to the group. A copy of AHCCCS Liaison's report is available through the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging (GACA) Office.

Arizona Indian Council on Aging – Ms. Roxanne Thomas and Heidi Robertson from ITCA reported Mr. Ronald Moore's term as Chairman of the Arizona Indian Council on Aging was ending and the new Leader would be updated on the Liaison role to GACA. The staff shared the date and location of the biannual AICA conference – October 9-10, 2017 at We-Ko-Pa Resort and Conference Center in Fountain Hills, Arizona.

Attorney General's Office – Assigned Liaison pending

## **5 minute break taken**

### **GACA Chair report & discussion**

GACA Chair O'Neill reported the following recommendations from the Executive Committee:

- A trial run of the proposed meeting schedule for the September 8, 2017 GACA meetings  
8:00 – 8:45 a.m. Executive Committee meeting  
9:00 – 11 a.m. Governor's Advisory Council on Aging meeting  
11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Legislative and Policy Coordinating Committee  
12:15 – 12:45 p.m. lunch  
12:45 – 1:45 p.m. Aging in Community Committee  
2:00 – 3:00 p.m. Marketing Committee.

Following a brief discussion, *Deborah Hankerd made a motion to accept the GACA meeting trial schedule for the September 8, 2017 meetings as discussed; the motion was seconded by George Evanoff. The motion passed unanimously.*

- Approval of the updated sponsorship application form

Following a discussion and review of the draft sponsorship application; *Becky Brimhall made a motion to accept the draft sponsorship application with the revisions discussed; the motion was seconded by Deborah Hankerd. The motion passed unanimously.*

- Approval of the creation of two Ad Hoc Committees to assist the Executive Director with preparations specific to the 2017 Senior Action Days. Proposed: Event Emergency Preparedness Ad Hoc Committee to develop protocol for event emergency preparedness and Survey Ad Hoc Committee that would help develop the Senior Action Day survey questions, the distribution, collection and tracking process and assist with analysis of data. Members of the two Ad Hoc Committees will be selected by the Executive Director.

Following a discussion of the two Ad Hoc Committees as proposed, *George Evanoff made a motion to approve the two Ad Hoc Committees as proposed; the motion was seconded by C.T. Wright. The motion passed unanimously.*

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

Due to lack of time, the Executive Director provided a brief update on activities around the Alzheimer's Task Force including the Governor's letter of support and work being done around the Arizona Management System and office metrics.

Executive Assistant Lizette Cordero was asked to provide travel updates to those GACA members eligible for travel claims. According to Ms. Cordero:

- Travel claims can only be submitted and reimbursed if travel is 50 miles or more each way.
- Travel claims must be submitted prior to the last day of the month after the meeting takes place.
- Lodging on the day after the meetings will not be reimbursed.

- Members should always ask for the government rate when booking hotels. Lodging costs that exceed the government allowable rate for the specific month will not be reimbursable. Reimbursement will be for the allowable rate plus taxes only.

### **GACA Member reporting & sharing**

GACA member, Diane Joens updated the group on the Verde Valley Military Park which includes a monument inscribed with 83 names of local Veterans.

GACA member Deborah Hankerd from Tombstone provided the Old Firehouse Senior Center Newsletter

### **Call to the public**

No public comment made.

### **Adjourn**

GACA Chair, Lisa O'Neill, adjourned the meeting at 3:23 p.m.

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

**NEXT MEETING:** is scheduled for **September 8, 2017 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.