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

Date: January 5, 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
Lisa O’Neill (Chair), Becky Brimhall (Vice Chair), Deborah Hankerd, Diane Joens, Bob Roth, Trudy Schuett (telephonically), David Spelich, Steve Wagner, C.T. Wright, Courtney Bennett, Eric Gudino, Cindy Saverino, B. Michael Nayeri, Roxanne Thomas and Jeryle Reina (on behalf of the Arizona Indian Council on Aging)

GACA Members Absent
George A. Evanoff (Secretary)

GACA Staff
Lizette Cordero, Cathy De Lisa

Guest Speaker
Melissa Kotrys, Health Current

Guests In Attendance & Choosing To Sign In
Linda Arters, Angela Banks, Christine Bryson-Lazo, Brett Galley, Steve Jennings, Michele Michaels, Matt Schiumo, and Karen Richards

Call to order, welcome, review and approval of December 1, 2017 draft meeting minutes
Chair O’Neill called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with a welcome and introductions. Following a request for review of the draft minutes of December 1, 2017, Becky Brimhall made a motion to accept the draft minutes as presented; the motion was seconded by Deborah Hankerd. The motion passed unanimously.
Presentation & discussion – health information exchange
Ms. Melissa Kotrys from Health Current provided an overview of the function and services offered through Health Current. According to Ms. Kotrys, Health Current is a public-private partnership that improves health and wellness by advancing the secure and private sharing of electronic health information, serves a data trustee and date manager for the Arizona health care community, manages and operates Arizona’s health information exchange (HIE) and provides secure access to patient health information for Arizona’s health care community. Services offered include:

- Data Exchange – Push/pull and query/response functionality.
- HIE Portal – Secure online access to patient data, a summary view.
- Alerts – ADT alerts and other clinical results notifications in human and machine readable formats.
- Direct Secure Email – Secure email for clinical information exchange; DirectTrust certified and HIPAA compliant.
- Clinical Summary – The delivery of a continuity of care document (CCD) based on an electronic request.

Ms. Kotry’s presentation is available for review through the Governor’s Advisory Council on Aging (GACA) office.

Liaison reports
Arizona Association of Area Agencies on Aging (AZ4A) – Olivia Guerrero
Ms. Guerrero was unable to attend and provided a report from the Area Agencies on Aging, Regions I, Region II and Regions IV through VI.

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

Arizona Department of Economic Security (DES) – Cindy Saverino reported:
1. The next State Plan on Aging is around 75% completed. There is one more focus group to complete. Prescott, February 2, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Yavapai College.
2. The State Long-Term Care Ombudsman is working with DES Division of Policy and Planning to develop State Rules for the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program. In 2008 the process was started and then a moratorium was put in place and the rules never went anywhere. The process is now moving forward. /The State Rules will mirror the Federal Rules which were put into place July 1, 2016.
3. Busy time of the year for the programs. Federal program reports are due the end of January to the Administration for Community Living, our federal partner.
4. Working on Annual Improvement Priority- to review client assessments and case management practices and see where we can do better to decrease the Home and Community-Based Services waitlist.
5. Division of Aging and Adult Services (DAAS) and the Arizona Caregiver Coalition is partnering on a new grant from ACL to provide respite to caregivers through Adult Day Health Centers. Each qualified caregiver will be able to send their loved one to an Adult Day Health Center. The Caregiver Coalition and the Area Agencies on Aging will pay the Adult Day Health Center directly, relieving the stress for the caregiver. Each caregiver can receive $300.00 per quarter to send their loved one to a center.
Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) – Mr. Babak Nayeri reported:
- **Advance Directives - Life Care Plan**
  - April 16th is National Make A Decision Day
    - The Attorney General’s Health Care Committee is planning and preparing details including strategies to raise awareness with a Call to Action.
- **Arizona Dementia Caregivers Alliance**
  - A series of three facilitated sessions are planned with the leadership/coordination group that includes the funders - Vitalyst, Virginia G Piper Charitable Trust and Maricopa County.
    - Process mapping.
    - Dimensions; service inventory.
    - Geographic clustering services.
    - Capacity, underserved populations including language needs.
- **Arizona Falls Prevention Coalition (AFPC) [https://www.AzStopFalls.org]**
  - The Coalition chapters (AFPC, Northern, Southern and Western) are enthusiastically active and growing local partnerships. The Coalition is now a sponsored project of the Technical Assistance Partnership of Arizona (TAP//AZ).
    - The Coalition is strongly positioned to apply for and receive funding in forms of: grants, gifts and charitable donations through TAP//AZ.
    - The Coalition is planning an Expo/Conference in Fall of 2018 – Will need Council’s support.

Arizona Department of Insurance (AZDOI) – No representative in attendance.

Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) – Mr. Eric Gudino reported:
- **Representative Drew John** is introducing legislation to eliminate the requirement to renew the disability placard every five years. Individuals will be able to renew their placards online and will no longer be required to go to the Motor Vehicle Department office.

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

Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) – No representative in attendance.

Arizona Indian Council on Aging – Ms. Roxanne Thomas, from Inter Tribal Council on Aging and Jeryle Reina, Vice Chair, Arizona Indian Council on Aging reported:
- There will be quarterly meetings beginning in March.
- Two representatives will attend Congressional Week in Washington, D.C. in April to lobby for the aging population with the 21 tribes.

Attorney General’s Office – Ms. Courtney Bennett reported an update on the Consumer Fraud grant received:
- Webpage should be up mid-month to help build awareness and monthly alerts will be mailed to those signing up for information from the Task Force Against Senior Abuse (TASA).
Note: Prior to the break and as part of the GACA Chair report, Chair Lisa O’Neill took time to recognize and thank Ms. Diane Joens and Ms. Trudy Schuett for their service as members of the Governor’s Advisory Council on Aging.

Break – 9:54 a.m. to 10:05 a.m.

**GACA Chair report & discussion**

- GACA Chair O’Neill shared recommendations from the Executive Committee that included a review and discussion of application requests for sponsorships from three organizations. Following a time of questions and answers related to each of the requests, Deborah Hankerd made a motion to sponsor the AZ4A Aging Well in Arizona 2018 Aging Summit at the Platinum Sponsor level of $15,000. Diane Joens seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- GACA Chair Lisa O’Neill invited discussion on the GACA 2018 objectives. Hearing none, the Chair referred the group to the next agenda item.

**Executive Director’s office updates**

Executive Director Cathy De Lisa provided a short update on the email migration, year-end wrap up efforts, annual report data and reported on the continued commitment to the Arizona Alzheimer’s Task Force. The Governor’s visit to the office with one-to-one interactions during his holiday walkabout was also shared.

Lizette Cordero was asked to share any travel updates with the group, and the Executive Assistant indicated information would be emailed to those submitting travel claims.

**Council Members reporting & sharing**

Deborah Hankerd reported on: (1) efforts of Healthy Tombstone that have resulted in an award at the regional level and potential interest by this group for the Virtual Dementia Tour, (2) number of meals and lunches served by the Senior Center monthly, and (3) plans for more fundraising for the Center thanks to the donation of a litter of baby pigs.

Becky Brimhall reported April 28 was the date Dementia Friendly Tempe would be joining the Arcadia Rotary Club in hosting the Zoo Walk. Walk begins at 7:00 a.m. and admission to the Zoo is free for those participating.

Bob Roth reminded attendees of National Health Care Decision Day on April 16th.

Steve Wagner reported the Health Current overview was also linked to latest efforts to ensure access to Do Not Resuscitate records available to first responders at time of need.

Lisa O’Neill reported attendance at a meeting coordinated by Judge Peck in Ajo Arizona to address the needs of older adults at home. More than 50 from 30 Pima County agencies participated. The meeting was the first of quarterly meetings planned.
Call to the public
Public member Linda Arters shared an overview of SB178 signed by the President in October.

Public member Angela Banks shared appreciation for support of the Area Agencies on Aging and shared the importance of services they provide to affordable housing residents.

Adjourn
GACA Chair, Lisa O’Neill, adjourned the meeting at 10:50 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, February 2, 2018; the next in-person meeting is planned on March 2, 2018. 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.