



GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING

Meeting Minutes

Public Body: GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING (GACA)

Date: May 3, 2019

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), Carol Brown, Deborah Hankerd, Barbara Marshall, Lee Olitzky, Bob Roth, David Spelich, John Stiteler, Steve Wagner

Liaisons: Courtney Bennett, Eric Gudino for John Halikowski, Mary Beals-Luedtka for Olivia Guerrero, Barbara Tinhorn, Roxanne Thomas

Liaisons attending telephonically: B. Michael Nayeri, Frank Migali for Priscilla Kadi

GACA Members Absent

Belinda Akes

GACA Staff

Lizette Cordero

Guests in Attendance & Choosing to Sign In

Roxanne Thomas

Welcome, Call to Order, introductions, review & approval of April 5, 2019 draft minutes

GACA Chair, Lisa O'Neill, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. After a welcome and introductions Chair O'Neill requested a review of the draft minutes from the April 5, telephonic meeting. Following the review, GACA Chair O'Neill called for a motion. *David Spelich made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; Lee Olitzky seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote.*

Barbara Marshall-aye, Bob Roth-aye, Carol Brown-aye, David Spelich-aye, Deborah Hankerd – aye, John Stiteler-aye, Lee Olitzky-aye, Lisa O'Neill-aye, Steve Wagner-aye

Liaison reports (5-7 minutes to include updates, ideas for collaboration and/or requests to the Council)

Arizona Association of Area Agencies on Aging (AZ4A) - Ms. Mary Beals-Luedtka provided the Az4A Liaison Reports on behalf of Ms. Olivia Guerrero. Ms. Luedtka reported on Regions I – VI and Region VIII.

The full Az4A reports are available for review at the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging (GACA) office.

Arizona Attorney General's Office (AGO) – Ms. Courtney Bennett reported:

- Provided update on the Elder Abuse Creative Arts contest:
 - There were 45 submissions; 30 essays, 14 posters and only one video.
 - GACA and DES will be sent participant submissions to choose a winner.
 - The contest winners are expected to attend World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD) on June 13, 2019 to be presented with their prizes, however, transportation to the event is an issue. AGO asked for suggestions or donations to fund the transportation for the contest winners to be able to attend the WEAAD ceremony to receive their prizes. The AGO is still in the decision making process of having all the winners displayed on one poster or one poster for each winner.
 - Poster pdf's will be available to agencies who want to display the posters by mid May.

Arizona Department of Economic Security-Division of Aging & Adult Services – (DES/DAAS) – Mr. Frank Migali reported on behalf of Ms. Priscilla Kadi:

- DAAS continues to partner and problem solve with the Area Agency on Aging (AAA) on reducing the Home and Community Based Services (HCBS)-Homecare Services Waitlist. Through March the waitlist has been reduced from 1,735 to 1,239.
- Last week DAAS started the first Arizona Management System (AMS) deployment with a community partner, Pima Council on Aging (PCOA), who willingly partnered with DAAS to implement the system. DAAS will be working VERY closely with Mark Clark and his team over the next six to eight months to implement a lean management system.
- DAAS has released an SFY 2020 funding alert, which includes an additional infusion of \$3.8 million, net new dollars, from SSBG. This funding will directly support the reduction of the HCBS waitlist. Through this process DAAS will continue to partner with the AAA's to strategize, prioritize and problem solve the current waitlist while keeping sustainment at the forefront.
- Two members from the DAAS aging team, Cindy Saverino and Mike Coen had the privilege of presenting the DAAS best practice Respite Voucher Program at the 2019 American Society on Aging Conference just a few weeks ago.

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

- Thanked the Area Agency's on Aging (AAA's) for all their services and assistance.
- The following collaborations are being funded: Continued work with the Dementia Caregiver Alliance, Memory Café expansion and Finding Meaning to Cope with Ambiguous Loss – Therapeutic video by Pauline Boss.

- Margaret Arnold will be presenting at the Falls Prevention Coalition – Raising Awareness Event on 5/10/19.
- The ADHS is urging all to enter their medical information into the Health Information Exchange as this is the ideal place for folks to enter their life care plans to ensure their wishes are granted.

Arizona Department of Insurance (ADOI) – No representative in attendance

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

- **5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and individuals with Disabilities** – The Federal Transit Administration provides ADOT formula FTA and Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds for small urban and rural areas annually through the capital assistance program. Program funds are used for capital assistance, the purchase of vehicles, related equipment and operating funds statewide. In addition, mobility management awards are available to assist agencies and communities with their coordination efforts. Eligible recipients include private nonprofit and public agencies that provide transportation to the elderly and disabled. Examples include senior centers and programs for the physically, mentally (including seriously mental ill or SMI) and developmentally disabled (DD) populations. For more details please visit the link below.
<https://www.azdot.gov/planning/TransitProgramsandGrants/5310-enhanced-mobility-of-seniors-and-individuals-with-disabilities>
- **Arizona Travel ID - Effective October 1, 2020**, only the Arizona Travel ID (driver license or ID card), a U.S. passport and other federally approved identification will be accepted at TSA airport security checkpoints for domestic travel. For more information on acquiring a Travel ID please visit the ADOT website link below.
<https://www.azdot.gov/motor-vehicles/driver-services/arizona-travel-id/overview>

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

Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) – Council Chair, Lisa O'Neill, reported on behalf of Ms. Dara Johnson as follows:

- **SB 1244 – DCW and Assisted Living Caregiver Reciprocity**
 - AHCCCS is supporting SB 1244 that outlines a pathway for Assisted Living Caregivers and in-home care Direct Care Workers training and testing reciprocity.
 - The scope of practice is nearly identical and seeks to help with workforce development shortages within the two industries by helping workers transition back and forth between facility-based and in-home care.
- **Home and Community Based Settings (HCBS) Rules**
 - AHCCCS is preparing to implement state's transition plan to come into compliance.
 - AHCCCS completed a series of community forums in April and is continuing to accept public comments on the updated Transition Plan through 05/31/19. A recorded webinar is also linked on the website to provide information to those individuals who were unable to participate in a community forum.
 - More information on the HCBS Rules can be found on the [AHCCCS website](#).
- **NEW Community Intervener Service**

- AHCCCS is working on the development of a new Community Intervener services for ALTCS members with a combined vision and hearing loss beginning 10/01/19.
- Community Interveners provide visual, auditory and environmental information which members with a dual sensory loss are unable to gather on their own and support members to lead self-directed lives through skill building interventions.

The AHCCCS full reports is available for review at the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging (GACA) office.

Arizona Indian Council on Aging (AICOA) –Ms. Barbara Tinhorn reported:

- The Vice Chair of the ICOA attended an event in Washington D.C. and reported there was a lot of proactive work, advocacy efforts and information shared on the needs of the elderly population in rural areas.
- The 28th Biennial Arizona Indian Council on Aging will take place on October 27-29, 2019 at We-Ko-Pa Resort & Conference Center in Fountain Hills, Az.

Break at 10:06 a.m.

Reconvened at 10:17 a.m.

GACA Chair report & discussion

- Recommendations from the Executive Committee – Chair O'Neill reported the Executive Committee reviewed and recommended two Sponsorship Requests for GACA review.
 - Indian Council on Aging (ICOA) is requesting GACA sponsorship for the 28th Biennial Arizona Indian Council on Aging Conference taking place on October 27-29 in Fountain Hills, Az. The sponsorship levels are: Eagle Sponsor - \$5,000 +, Bear Sponsor - \$3,000-\$4,000, Turtle Sponsor - \$1,000-\$2,999 and Helping Hands - \$500-\$999. The Executive Committee agreed this sponsorship request is favorable to GACA and a worthwhile event. A discussion ensued and the Executive Committee agreed the Turtle Sponsorship of \$1,000 is appropriate and favorable to GACA as it includes: Logo recognition on screen during one Morning Session and recognition on ITCA website and AICOA Conference Program. Council Chair O'Neill presented GACA members with the recommendation from the Executive Committee for approval of the Turtle-\$1,000 sponsorship request. *John Stiteler made a motion to approve the ICOA Turtle Sponsorship - \$1,000. Barbara Marshall seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Barbara Marshall – aye, Bob Roth –aye, David Spelich – aye, Lisa O'Neill – aye, Deborah Hankerd – aye, Lee Olitzky-aye, John Stiteler-aye, Steve Wagner-aye, Carol Brown – abstained due to possible conflict of interest.*
 - Western Arizona Council of Governments (WACOG) is requesting \$1,000 sponsorship to be utilized to offset the expenses for the event's printing, marketing and outreach to the community. GACA's benefit of sponsorship will allow WACOG and the Area Agency on Aging to further awareness, education advocacy and prevention of Elder Abuse. Council Chair O'Neill presented GACA members with the recommendation from the Executive Committee for approval of the \$1,000 sponsorship request from WACOG. *Bob Roth made a motion to approve the WACOG \$1,000 sponsorship request. Steve Wagner seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Barbara Marshall-aye, Bob Roth –aye, David Spelich – aye, Lisa O'Neill – aye, Deborah Hankerd*

- aye, Lee Olitzky-aye, John Stiteler-aye, Steve Wagner-aye, Carol Brown – abstained due to possible conflict of interest.
- Meeting Decorum Sheet – Chair O’Neill asked council members to review the Meeting Decorum Sheet that outlines the conduct expectation of all GACA meeting participants. Chair O’Neill explained this document is for transparency purposes like the document created for Open Meeting Law to ensure everyone is clear on the expectation and meeting attendance rules. As there were no suggestions or edit requests to the document at this time, Council Chair O’Neill called for a motion to approve the GACA Meeting Decorum Document. *Carol Brown made a motion to approve the GACA Meeting Decorum Document as presented. Lee Olitzky seconded the motion to approve. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Barbara Marshall-aye, Bob Roth –aye, David Spelich – aye, Lisa O’Neill – aye, Deborah Hankerd – aye, Lee Olitzky-aye, John Stiteler-aye, Steve Wagner-aye, Carol Brown – aye.*
- Overview and discussion of progress on GACA Committee 2019 objectives (LPEC, AICC, Marketing) – According to GACA Chair, Lisa O’Neill, all 2019 objectives are on track.

Staff report and discussion

- Updates on GACA staffing, operations & related items – Executive Assistant, Lizette Cordero, reported she’s been informed by the GACA Policy Advisor that the Governor’s Office has received approximately 90 resumes that are currently being reviewed for the GACA/GOA Executive Director position. No confirmation or set date for the Executive Director’s appointment has been determined at this time. .
- GACA volunteer hours tracked – Ms. Cordero reiterated the importance of tracking the GACA Sanctioned time. Ms. Cordero also advised “When In Doubt, Include it in the Sheet”. If not sure an event classifies as a “GACA Sanctioned Event” include it in the spreadsheet as the spreadsheet is reviewed by the Council Chair for accuracy.
Chair O’Neill added the tracking of the additional GACA volunteer hours is not a race. The collection and recording of the data is for transparency purposes and to show all the additional time Council Members spend on advocacy efforts aside from the monthly meetings and when attending other Aging related events that align with the GACA objectives.
- Travel updates and/or reminders, if needed – According to Ms. Cordero there is an updated version of the Travel Claim form. Ms. Cordero stated she will forward the form to council members and also reminded Council Members to submit their travel claims as soon as possible for processing.

Council Member reporting & sharing

- Council Members’ aging-related updates on research, training, seminars, workshops, webinars, conferences, best practices or related items.
 - Roxanne Thomas reported the Indian Council on Aging Conference will be held on October 27-29, 2019 at the We-Ko-Pa Resort & Casino in Fountain Hills, Az.
 - Barbara Marshall thanked anyone and everyone who is involved with the Meals on Wheels program that she recently used for her mother.
 - Bob Roth suggested a speaker at a future GACA meeting on the medical use of Cannabis. Chair O’Neill explained the speaker must discuss the pros/cons of medical Cannabis use as this is not Federally Approved and there are still issues/concerns with the medical use

of Cannabis in the medical community, i.e.; the use/interaction of Cannabis with other medications and side effects.

- Deborah Hankerd distributed the Tombstone Old Firehouse Senior Center Newsletter that outlines all the activities at the Senior Center, volunteer news and events. Ms. Hankerd also reported the Southeastern Arizona Governments Organization (SEAGO) contract has been completed and submitted for future funding of the Tombstone Senior Center.
- Lisa O'Neill reported she will be attending the Geriatric Workforce Enhancements Program (GWEPS) grant meeting at the 2019 HAPS Annual Conference on May 22-26, 2019 in Portland, OR.
- Carol Brown reminded all May is Older Americans Month. Ms. Brown also mentioned the Aging Well Resource Fair in conjunction with World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD) will take place on June 15, 2019 at the Yuma Civic Center in Yuma, Az
- Lee Olitzky reported GWEB has partnered with tribal nursing homes and Nurse Educators are now transferring information to the Indian population.
- Steve Wagner reported the stakeholders group for DNR's, lift assist and unwanted resuscitations has recommended the new name **EMS Senior Core Stakeholders**.
- John Stiteler reported he is working with the State Department regarding outdated architect codes. Architects are currently working with 2012 codes for community expansion improvements as mandated by the State. However, issues are arising with the use of the 2012 codes that would be mitigated with the use of the updated 2015 codes.
- Barbara Tinhorn expressed her gratitude for the GACA approval of the ICOA \$1,000 sponsorship request.

Call to the public

There were no comments/suggestions from the public at this time.

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

Adjourn

GACA Chair, Lisa O'Neill, adjourned the meeting at 11:09 a.m.

NEXT MEETING: The next Governor's Advisory Council on Aging meeting (telephonic) is scheduled for June 7, 2019. 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.