



GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING

Meeting Minutes

PENDING APPROVAL

Committee: LEGISLATIVE & POLICY EDUCATION COMMITTEE - (LPEC)

Date: January 10, 2020

Time: 11:15 a.m. – 12:03 p.m.

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

GACA & LPEC Committee Members Present

GACA: Barbara Marshall (LPEC Chair), Belinda Akes, Carol Brown, Lisa O’Neill, Steve Wagner
LPEC: Abigail Polito Hawkins, Pauline Kommenich, Scott Geiger

GACA Members Absent

Bob Roth, David Spelich, John Stiteler, Steve Wagner

GACA Staff

Lizette Cordero

Welcome, introductions, review & approval of September 6, 2019 draft minutes

LPEC Chair, Barbara Marshall, called the meeting to order at 11:15 a.m. Following a welcome and introductions, Committee Chair Marshall requested a review of the September 6, 2019 draft meeting minutes. *Carol Brown made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; Lisa O’Neill seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Belinda Akes-aye, Barbara Marshall-aye, Carol Brown-aye, Lisa O’Neill-aye, Steve Wagner-aye.*

Discussion: state & federal legislation

- Council Chair O’Neill discussed SB 1049-Advisory Council on Aging introduced by Senator Brophy McGee. The Bill has a slight revision regarding where the GACA would be housed. The bill suggests the GACA be housed in the Governor’s Office of Youth, Faith and Family (GOYFF) which is a large department that could fully support the GACA.

Discussion: 2020 Objectives and potential future agenda items AZ20

- Committee Chair Marshall discussed the 2020 approved LPEC Objectives:
 - Objective 1 – Education: Quality of Care and needs for Advance Directives, Palliative Care, Hospice, CNF and ALF.
 - Objective 2 – Continue support for Attorney General’s “Why Should I Care About Elder Abuse” contest.
 - Objective 3 – Build awareness on importance of advance directives and encourage completion of advance directions.
 - Objective 4 – Provide education on how a bill is drafted and general advocacy tips.
 - Objective 5 – Continued support for Legislature and Community Partners in Aging.
- Steve Wagner suggested contacting Courtney Bennett to conduct a presentation on updates from the Attorney General’s Office.
- Council Chair O’Neill suggested; that assuming the GACA continues, Senior Action Days be planned for 2021.

Report out & discussion on LPEC-related research, conferences, workshops, seminars, training opportunities, best practices, or related items

Steve Wagner reported on the prevalence of calls from licensed Senior Care Facilities when a resident falls. Mr. Wagner reported that on every EMS dispatch for a fall, individuals are initially classified as a patient. When a patient is not transported to a hospital, these incidents are categorized as patient refusals. Of the 1,179 fall dispatches for one year in Scottsdale alone, 543 became patient refusals. Fall dispatches that did not result in transport to a hospital cost Scottsdale approximately \$1.4 million in 2018 and may impact firefighters’ response time to other requests for assistance. Approximately 30%-40% of non-transport at licensed facilities result in a non-emergent lift assist.

Mr. Wagner also reported on the Community Health Workers Advisory Group (CHW) at the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS).

Scott Geiger reported that the Department of Economic Security (DES) is sponsoring and working on the next World Elder Abuse Awareness Day Conference scheduled for June 15, 2020. DES is anticipating there will be over 350 attendees. Mr. Geiger also reported that Adult Protective Services (APS) is conducting a Stakeholder Meeting on January 23, 2020 at the Desert Willow Conference Center from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Lisa O’Neill mentioned that the Community and Legislative Partners in Aging (CLPA formerly known as the Senior Caucus), meetings are also relevant to the work of the GACA and are very well attended. These meetings are a collaboration with legislators to discuss important concerns that impact aging adults throughout the state of Arizona. The next CLPA meeting is scheduled for January 21, 2020.

Carol Brown mentioned the Senior Neglect Ad Hoc Committee and their objective of better communication and dialogue between agencies.

Jack Pervis, member of the public, mentioned that guardianship fraud may be an issue in the elderly community. Mr. Pervis referenced a case in Las Vegas where a company was prosecuted.

All meeting materials are available for review through the Governor’s Advisory Council on Aging (GACA) Office.

Adjourn

LPEC Chair, Barbara Marshall, adjourned the meeting at 12:03 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting of the Legislative and Policy Education Committee of the Governor’s Advisory Council on Aging is scheduled for March 6, 2020; the time and location to be confirmed by public meeting notice posted at the GACA website <https://aging.azgovernor.gov/>. These meetings are open to the public.

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