



## GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING

### Meeting Minutes

**PENDING APPROVAL**

**Committee:** AGING IN COMMUNITY COMMITTEE - (AICC)

**Date:** January 10, 2020

**Time:** 12:45 a.m. – 1:45 p.m.

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

#### **GACA and Committee Members, Guests Present**

Carol Brown (AICC Chair), Belinda Akes, Lisa O'Neill,  
AICC: Abigail Polito Hawkins, Brenda Holt

#### **GACA Members Absent**

Barbara Marshall, Bob Roth, Lee Olitzky, David Spelich, John Stiteler, Steve Wagner

#### **GACA Staff**

Lizette Cordero

#### **Welcome, introductions, review & approval of September 6, 2019 Draft Minutes**

AICC Chair, Carol Brown, called the meeting to order at 12:45 p.m. Following a welcome and introductions, Committee Chair Brown requested a review of the September 6, 2019 draft meeting minutes. *Belinda Akes made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; Lisa O'Neill seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Lisa O'Neill-aye, Carol Brown-aye, Belinda Akes-aye.*

### **Discussion: 2020 objective recommendations and potential future Agenda items**

Committee Chair, Carol Brown, stated ideas/recommendations/suggestions are welcome for possible 2020 agenda items and should be forwarded to the GACA staff, Lizette Cordero, Executive Assistant. Committee Chair Brown also discussed the approved 2020 AICC objectives:

- Objective 1 – Caregiver Advocacy: Preventing readmissions and after care issues.
- Objective 2 – Educate statewide on placement of referral services.
- Objective 3 - Support recommendations from the Alzheimer’s State Plan
- Objective 4 – Support Alzheimer’s ASSOCIATION Desert Southwest annual walks.
- Objective 5 – Sponsor 1 to 5 Virtual Dementia Tours (on hold pending Executive Director hire).

A discussion ensued and Ms. Abigail Polito Hawkins, from the Alzheimer’s Association Southwest Chapter, suggested she can arrange for a representative to conduct a presentation on the Alzheimer’s Annual Walks and collaboration with the GACA to raise awareness on the importance of the walks which help raise funding for ongoing Alzheimer’s research. Chair O’Neill stated it is mandated the GACA work with the Alzheimer’s Association to educate and raise awareness on Alzheimer’s and Dementia related diseases.

### **Report out & discussion on AICC related research, conferences, workshops, seminars, training opportunities, best practices, or related items**

- Belinda Akes reported she has been working on projects related to housing for Veterans and the renovation of the old Wendy’s building in Casa Grande is moving forward. The building owner donated the property to Pinal-Gila Council for Senior Citizens Area Agency on Aging for its new central kitchen to package meals for its Meals on Wheels program and congregate meals for its senior centers in Eloy, Coolidge and Florence.
- Brenda Holt from AARP reported the organization is currently focusing on the 2020 census and voting registrations. AARP will be donating \$60 million to the Alzheimer’s Association for research. Ms. Holt also reminded all of the Aging Network Breakfast every other month at the church of the Beatitudes in Phoenix. The list of all upcoming Arizona events can be found at the AARP website; <https://states.aarp.org/arizona/>
- Michelle Wagher from Aetna Medicare Solutions is currently working on sponsorships for the Senior Olympics in February.
- Committee Chair Brown invited all to support the GACA at the Sunset Review Hearing on January 15, 2020 in Senate Hearing Room 109 at 2:30 p.m.

Prior to adjournment, 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 hosted. The bill suggests the GACA be hosted by the Governor’s Office of Youth, Faith and Family (GOYFF) which is a larger all- inclusive office.

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

### **Adjourn**

AICC Committee Chair, Carol Brown, adjourned the meeting at 1:45 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting of the Aging in Community Committee of the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging to be determined and announced by public meeting notice posted at the GACA website <https://aging.azgovernor.gov/>. These meetings are open to the public.

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