



GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING

Meeting Minutes

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

Date: May 1, 2020

Time: 7:33 a.m. – 7:47 a.m.

Venue Address: **Telephonic Meeting**
Telephonic participation only due to COVID-19 Pandemic
Call -in Telephone Number: 1-302-202-1109
Conference Code: 669796

GACA Members Joining Telephonically

Lisa O'Neill (Chair), Belinda Akes (Vice Chair), David Spelich (Secretary), Becky Brimhall, Carol Brown, Barbara Marshall, Bob Roth, John Stiteler, Steve Wagner

GACA Staff

Lizette Cordero

Call to order & roll call; welcome; review & approval of April 3, 2020 draft minutes (Action to be taken)

The GACA Chair, Lisa O'Neill, called the meeting to order at 7:33 a.m. after Executive Assistant, Lizette Cordero, was asked to conduct a roll call and a quorum was established. Chair O'Neill welcomed members and expressed appreciation for their participation. A review of the draft minutes from April 3, 2020 was requested by the GACA Chair. Following the review, GACA Chair O'Neill called for a motion. *Carol Brown made a motion to approve; John Stiteler seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote:*

Belinda Akes-aye, Barbara Marshall-aye, Bob Roth-aye, Carol Brown-aye, David Spelich-aye, Becky Brimhall-aye, Lisa O'Neill-aye, John Stiteler-aye, Steve Wagner-aye.

Liaison report updates

Chair O'Neill provided the DES/DAAS liaison update report submitted by Cynthia Saverino as follows:

- Continuing Request for Application review process for Area Agencies on Aging contracts beginning SFY 2021.
- State Health Insurance Assistance Program/Senior Medicare Patrol media campaigns are successfully underway. The focus will be on Medicare assistance and how to recognize and prevent scams.
- Senior Community Service Enrollment Program's State Plan is routing through DES' internal routing process.
- Aging team members are reviewing weekly Non-Medical Home and Community-Based Services Waitlist data which is currently at 1678 duplicated client enrollments. SCSEP Contractual Data Validation process that is required by the U.S. Department of Labor scheduled for April is being completed virtually due to COVID-19.

There were no other liaison update reports submitted.

GACA transition to the Governor's Office of Youth Faith & Family (GOYFF) discussion

Chair O'Neill reported she had a 30-minute telephonic meeting on April 28, 2020 with Maria Fuentes, Kim Brooks, Kristin Sorensen, Trista Guzman-Glover and Grace Appelbe for an overview of the GOYFF. The following were discussed regarding the GACA transition to GOYFF:

- The GOYFF is shooting to have logistics in place by July.
- The GOYFF has met/discussed the GACA budget with DES.
- Maria Fuentes, Director of the GOYFF, confirmed there will be someone appointed to lead the GACA but not with the Executive Director title. This person will lead multiple councils not just GACA as is customary business practice at the GOYFF.
- Chair O'Neil reiterated and addressed the importance of council member appointments/reappointments to be able to establish quorum and hold meetings. Currently there are three council members whose terms expired in 2018, two council members whose terms expired in 2019 and three member terms expiring in 2020. Chair O'Neill was reassured the council member shortage issue is being addressed.
- Chair O'Neill will have a follow up call with Kim Brooks to discuss why there is such a delay getting appointments/reappointments to the GACA Council. Chair O'Neill stated the group was welcoming, seemed ready and looking forward to the GACA transition. Chair O'Neill stated she is encouraged there will be dialogue with the GOYFF moving forward through July 1, 2020.

Chair O'Neill announced she anticipates having a GACA Telephonic Meeting on June 5, 2020 and hopefully in person GACA and Committee Meetings on July 10, 2020. Chair O'Neill stated she will be communicating information to Council Members as she gets it instead of waiting until the next GACA Meeting.

Council Member, Belinda Akes, mentioned the Community & Legislative Partners in Aging (CLPA) Zoom on April 28, 2020 was very informative and well attended. This was the first CLPA Zoom meeting with 88 attendees. Chair O'Neill was also in attendance and agreed with Ms. Akes comment regarding the CLPA Zoom Meeting.

Call to the public

There were no members of the public on the call

Adjourn

Council Chair, Lisa O'Neill, adjourned the meeting at 7:47 a.m.

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