



## GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING

### 2018 By the Numbers

#### **34 public meetings**

Provided education, resources on latest aging topics and collected community input

#### **20 issues of the *Legislative Update***

Tracked and reported on 113 bills at the State Legislature and 132<sup>+</sup> federal bills; distributed to 9,360 total contacts

#### **722<sup>+</sup> hours by Council members**

Dedicated volunteer time to GACA activities and community outreach valued at \$17,018\*

\*Based on the Independent Sector 2016 hourly value of \$23.57 for Arizona

#### **8 Senior Caucus meetings**

Delivered logistical support that included 65 legislative contacts and 856+ community stakeholder contacts

#### **10+ Marketing/Outreach efforts**

Engaged with more than 1,395 contacts

#### **1 Dementia Friends session**

Provided opportunity for state and community partners to become Dementia Friends

#### **3,340+ requests for information, assistance or referrals**

Handled by staff related to aging network services, Council or Office initiatives

### Authorization

The Governor's Advisory Council on Aging is authorized by legislation (A.R.S. § 46-183 & § 46-184) to advise the Governor, Legislature and all State Departments which the Council deems necessary on all matters and issues relating to aging, including the administration of the State Plan on Aging. The Council is comprised of 15 members appointed by the Governor. To ensure comprehensive representation, the members come from various geographic, cultural, professional, and personal backgrounds relevant to the issues facing older Arizonans.

Arizona has also designated the Governor’s Advisory Council on Aging as its State Advisory Council on Aging, as set forth in the federal Older Americans Act of 1965, as amended (45 CFR §1321.47). In accordance with federal regulations, more than 50 percent of the appointed members must be at least 60 years of age and include: (1) persons with greatest economic or social need, and (2) participants under the Older American Act.

### **Compliance with Statutory Purpose**

As required by federal law, the Governor’s Advisory Council on Aging monitors and advises the DES Division of Aging and Adult Services (DAAS) on the development and implementation of the State Plan on Aging. The Council requests ongoing updates from the DAAS Liaison related to the implementation of the Plan. The reporting includes the transition status of former Aging 2020 state agency partners to the work of the State Plan on Aging. The Council recommended and supported this transition to avoid duplication of effort and enhance efficiencies between departments and agencies working to improve the lives of older Arizonans.

### **Recommendations for the State Plan on Aging 2019 - 2022**

During the development of the 2019-2022 Plan, the Council reviewed the draft provided by DAAS and recommended changes related to the need for measurable objectives and specific timelines. Modifications were not a part of the final version.

### **2019 Priorities**

Overall objectives of the Governor’s Advisory Council on Aging include:

- Submit an annual written report of recommendations regarding the State Plan on Aging to the Governor, the Senate President and the Speaker of the House
- Support Council Liaison agencies/departments in efforts to educate and inform older Arizonans on programs, resources and information
- Collect new data on Alzheimer’s disease and related disorders and prepare new or revised recommendations
- Support efforts to educate on available resources and advocate for enhanced services and technology for the deaf and the hard of hearing
- Advocate for care recipient/caregiver support and education and long-term services and supports, home and community-based services as cost-effective ways to keep older Arizonans aging in place
- Build awareness of the importance of advance directives and the differences in palliative and hospice care
- Address caregiver concerns about being prepared to take loved ones and care for them after hospitalization
- Educate on issue senior nutrition
- Advance efforts to prevent/respond to elder abuse, neglect or exploitation

- Assist with the Senior Caucus
- Educate public on purpose of Council and statewide focus

**2018 Membership**

**Lisa M. O’Neill, Chair** – Tucson, AZ

**Becky Brimhall, Vice Chair** – Scottsdale, AZ

**David W. Spelich, Secretary** – Fountain Hills, AZ

**Barbara A. Marshall** – Phoenix, AZ

**Belinda F. Akes** – Eloy, AZ

**Bob Roth** – Phoenix, AZ

**C.T. Wright** – Fountain Hills, AZ

**Carol E. Brown** – Yuma, AZ

**Deborah Hankerd** – Tombstone, AZ

**\*Ellen Kirschbaum** – Phoenix, AZ

**George A. Evanoff** – Tucson, AZ

**John B. Stiteler** – Phoenix, AZ

**Lee H. Olitzky** – Tucson, AZ

**\*Mary E. Hamway** – Paradise Valley, AZ

**Steve B. Wagner** – Phoenix, AZ

**\*Teri Kennedy** – Phoenix, AZ

**\*partial terms of service**

Established by state law in 1980, the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging (GACA) is a statewide body of fifteen members appointed by the Governor to serve three-year terms.

Purpose: to advise the Governor, Legislature and all State Departments which the Council deems necessary on all matters and issues relating to aging, including the administration of the State Plan on Aging.

Mission: to enhance the quality of life for older Arizonans.

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