



GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING

Meeting Minutes

Committee/Group: LEGISLATIVE & POLICY COORDINATING COMMITTEE - (LPCC)

Date: January 5, 2018

Time: 11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

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

GACA Members and LPCC Members Present

GACA: C.T. Wright (LPCC Chairman), Becky Brimhall, Deborah Hankerd, Diane Joens, Lisa O'Neill, David Spelich, Steve Wagner, LPCC: Linda Arters, Angela Banks, Christine Bryson-Lazo, Ted Evertsen, Michele Michaels, Karen Richards, Don Ritchie

Guests Signed In

Addison Diehl, Hannele Waissi

Guests Participating Telephonically

Janet Torricellas

GACA Members Absent

George Evanoff, Bob Roth, Trudy Schuett

GACA Staff

Lizette Cordero, Cathy De Lisa

Welcome, introductions, review & approval of Sept. 8, 2017 draft minutes

Committee Chairman, C.T. Wright, called the meeting to order at 11:15 a.m. Following a welcome and introductions, the Chairman requested a review of the September 8, 2017 draft meeting minutes. *Becky Brimhall made a motion to approve; Deborah Hankerd seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

Updates on legislation and/or policy priorities planned for 53rd Legislature, 2nd Regular Session

LPCC Chairman Wright invited LPCC Members to share updates on legislation or policy priorities for the session.

- Ted Evertsen shared information from AARP Arizona on support for the Arizona Family Caregiver Income Tax Credit, HB2087 - nonrefundable credit limited to offsetting the amount of state income taxes owed; amount of credit is equal to 50% of the qualifying expenses incurred by the taxpayer, with a maximum allowable credit of \$1,000 per person, or \$2,000 for joint filers; only taxpayers with Arizona adjusted gross income less than \$75,000 (single) or \$150,000 (joint filers) qualify for the credit. Covered expenses include adult day care, transportation, home modifications, equipment, assistive technology and service providers. Any day-to-day living costs, such as food, clothing and home maintenance do not qualify for the credit.
- Michele Michaels reported on SB1049: TPT exemption; hearing aid batteries sponsored by Senator David C. Farnsworth that exempts hearing aid batteries from state transaction privilege tax (TPT) and use tax. Ms. Michaels reminded attendees on how to sign up on the Request to Speak system at the Arizona State Legislature.
- Executive Director, Cathy De Lisa directed attendees to the meeting handouts which included a copy of the prefiled bill text for HB2087: family caregiver income tax credit sponsored by Rep. Heather Carter.

Elder Abuse Coalition Update -

Janet Torricellas, Regional Director at the Yuma County Better Business Bureau, joined the meeting via conference call and provided an update on the Yuma County Elder Abuse Coalition. Ms. Torricellas stated the coalition works with Western Arizona Council of Governments/WACOG, Yuma Police and County Sheriff's office to educate local seniors and family members as well as businesses on elder abuse, neglect and exploitation. Coalition members and business employees are educated through guest speakers from resources such as the Attorney General's Task Force Against Elder Abuse/TASA and fiduciaries. Ms. Torricellas indicated coalition welcomed ideas for collaboration to engage and educate others. LPCC Chairman C.T. Wright thanked Ms. Torricellas for joining the call and providing an update for the Yuma County coalition.

Review and discussion – 2018 LPCC Objectives (handout)

Chairman Wright invited Past Chairwoman and GACA Vice Chair Becky Brimhall to assist in reviewing and discussing the 2018 LPCC objectives with the group. The objectives:

1. Advance efforts to prevent/respond to elder abuse, neglect or exploitation

Governor's Priority - Safe Communities/Protecting Life and Property

- A. Educate on legislative protections against financial exploitation
- B. Utilize *Legislative Update* tracking of state and federal legislation to educate on legislative protections
- C. Promote statewide Elder Abuse Coalition information and resources, encourage collaboration between regions
 1. Distribute information to GACA email distribution lists, the Governor's staff, Legislators, state agencies and community partners

- D. Offer educational presentations by Elder Abuse Coalition(s) and/or Arizona Attorney General's Office at GACA meeting or event in 2018
- E. Develop and distribute Elder Abuse Fact Sheet as an educational tool utilizing information from the Elder Abuse Coalitions, the Attorney General's office and Adult Protective Services (collaborate with Marketing Committee)

2. Assist with the Senior Caucus

Governor's Priority – Efficient & Accountable Government & Healthy People, Places, & Resources

- A. Provide logistical support for meetings as part of ongoing effort
- B. Distribute information and potential resolutions to aging issues highlighted at meetings after collecting input from stakeholders and community partners
- C. Listen to, engage with and support Senior Caucus sponsors and participants

3. Support efforts to educate on Advance Directives

Governor's Priority – Healthy People, Places & Resources/Championing the Health of People and Resources/Ensuring appropriate access to healthcare services

- A. Offer an educational training opportunity on how to complete Advanced Directives in collaboration with the Attorney General's office

Discussion around LPCC-related future agenda items or topics

Ideas raised included continued elder abuse education in alignment with the LPCC objective.

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

- Michele Michaels reported on a new captioning option along with the loop system provided for the deaf and the hard of hearing at the Arizona State Legislature. According to Ms. Michaels, the Legislature is the first in the nation to have such capabilities ensuring easier access to state government for community members with hearing impairments.
- Karen Richards reported the Arizona Falls Prevention Coalition was hosting a nationally-known Tai Chi program in October – November 2018 and Centers for Medicare and Medicaid/CMS had new program for pre-diabetic that's free; physicians sign up to provide the program.
- Steve Wagner reported on AzHHA efforts to educate healthcare employees on Advance Care Planning through Train the Trainer education.
- Don Ritchie stated AARP would be closely watching the caregiver tax relief bill, HB2087.
- Ted Evertsen reported Maricopa Elder Abuse Prevention Alliance/MEAPA was developing Friends Against Fraud program and had issued a brochure and You Tube video educating older adults on fraud and exploitation.

All meeting materials and handouts are available through the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging (GACA) Office.

Adjourn

LPCC Chairman, C.T. Wright, adjourned the meeting at 12:13 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is planned March 2, 2018; 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.