



GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING

April 12, 2024, 8:30 AM

1400 W. Washington Street, Room CR-1103, Phoenix, AZ 85007

The Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Subcommittee of the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging convened on **April 12, 2024**, with notice duly given.

Members Present (3)	Members Absent (1)
Terri Spitz, Chair	Michael Provost
Teresa Manygoats	
Tory Roberg	
Staff and Guest(s) Present (1)	
Latrisha Centers, Staff	

Call to Order

- **Terri Spitz, Chair**, called the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Subcommittee of the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging (GACA) meeting to order at **8:45 AM**. Three members and one staff member were present.

Opening Remarks/Introductions

- **Latrisha Centers**, the Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family (GOYFF) Executive Director of Aging, welcomed attendees and facilitated introductions.

Roll Call

- **Terri Spitz, Chair**, conducted a roll call and met a quorum.

Expectations of Subcommittee

- **Terri Spitz, Chair**, expressed her excitement about attending the meeting before reviewing Arizona legislation that outlines the subcommittee's roles and responsibilities: [ARS 46-183](#). She prefaced the GACA must collect data before suggesting that the subcommittee join these efforts, adding the benefit of data sharing by state agency representatives to support future recommendations.
- **Tory Roberg** mentioned that long-term care providers collect data through a required report. She commented how she believes the [Arizona Department of Health Services \(AZDHS\)](#) should be the lead agency in collecting data when implementing the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) [Healthy Brain Initiative](#). **Tory** mentioned that communication has begun with Alzheimer's Association - Desert Southwest Chapter staff to request a proclamation recognizing June 2024 as Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month, increasing awareness for the support of collecting data from state agencies as part of the ongoing effort to provide quality programming and services for older adults. She added how the State of Arizona should consider hiring a researcher to focus on state-wide data collection, similar to what is happening in South Carolina.
- **Teresa Manygoats** shared that getting the proclamation done would help get state agencies on board collaboratively. She also stated that she would ask her agency's epidemiology designee if she could help with data collection.

Identify Subcommittee Chair

- **Terri Spitz, Chair**, stated she will continue to serve as subcommittee chair until a replacement is found.

- **Teresa Manygoats** offered to serve as an alternate until new members joined the subcommittee and a new chair was identified.

Subcommittee Priorities

- **Terri Spitz, Chair**, shared that having the subcommittee focus on data collection as a priority would meet the state statute's requirement. All members agreed the following items should be part of the process:
 - Necessary qualitative data.
 - Appropriate data collection from state agencies such as the AZDHS, the [Arizona Department of Administration \(ADOA\)](#), the [Division of Aging and Adult Services \(DAAS\)](#) at the [Arizona Department of Economic Security \(DES\)](#), the [Arizona Department of Public Safety \(DPS\)](#), and the [Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System \(AHCCCS\)](#).
 - Establish timeline.
- **Tory Roberg** expressed that she is already conversing with agency representatives about how they collect data and the availability of sharing it with appropriate individuals/groups. She also suggested that the subcommittee consider utilizing a recommended toolkit for best practices for collecting data in communities to guide its work.

Future Meeting Date/Topic(s)

- **Terri Spitz, Chair**, asked members about potential future meeting topics and their meeting availability. The next meeting is **August 2, 2024, at 9:00 AM.**

Adjournment

- **Terri Spitz, Chair**, adjourned the meeting at **10:00 AM.**

Dated April 12, 2024
Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Subcommittee
Respectfully Submitted By:
Latrishia Centers
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