



GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING

Meeting Minutes

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

Date: July 12, 2019

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

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

GACA Members and Liaisons Present

Lisa O'Neill (Chair), Belinda Akes, Carol Brown, Deborah Hankerd, Barbara Marshall, Bob Roth, David Spelich, John Stiteler (telephonically), Steve Wagner
Liaisons: Cindy Saverino for Priscilla Kadi, Olivia Guerrero

GACA Members Absent

Lee Olitzky

GACA Staff

Lizette Cordero

Guests in Attendance & Choosing to Sign In

Roxanne Thomas

Welcome, Call to Order, introductions, review & approval of May 3, 2019 draft minutes

GACA Chair, Lisa O'Neill, called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m. After welcoming everyone present Chair O'Neill requested a review of the draft minutes from the May 3, 2019 meeting. Following the review, GACA Chair O'Neill called for a motion. *Carol Brown made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; David Spelich seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote. Barbara Marshall-aye, Bob Roth-aye, Carol Brown-aye, David Spelich-aye, Deborah Hankerd – aye, John Stiteler-aye (telephonically), Lisa O'Neill-aye, Steve Wagner-aye.*

Liaison reports (5-7 minutes to include updates, ideas for collaboration and/or requests to the Council)

Arizona Association of Area Agencies on Aging (AZ4A) - Ms. Olivia Guerrero reported on Regions I – VI and Region VIII.

The full Az4A reports are available for review at the Governor’s Advisory Council on Aging (GACA) Office.

Arizona Attorney General’s Office (AGO) – Council Chair, Lisa O’Neill, reported on behalf of Ms. Courtney Bennett as follows:

- Update on the Arizona’s 2019 Creative Arts Competition:
 - In all there were 42 entries from across the state. The essay category had by far the most submissions and will be included in next year’s competition. Ms. Faith McLoone will be attending the Legislative Policy and Education meeting later and will have hard copies of the brochures that highlight the winners.
- Ms. Bennett also expressed her gratitude to all who donated for the event and GACA for their participation/assistance and continued support.

The full AGO report is available for review at the Governor’s Advisory Council on Aging (GACA) Office.

Arizona Department of Economic Security-Division of Aging & Adult Services – (DES/DAAS) – Ms. Cindy Saverino reported on behalf of Ms. Priscilla Kadi:

- Family Caregiver Grant Program - DAAS is working on developing this new program that will launch January 1, 2020.
- Ms. Saverino reported DAAS has provided funding and is partnering with the University of Arizona on a pilot program that provides older adults at home and homeless families with freeze dried meals that have a 20 year shelf life (unopened). DAAS has received seven freeze dried food bags to sample. According to Ms. Saverino, freeze drying Senior Center left overs is also being considered in the hopes this effort goes National and potentially replace large food boxes from food banks for seniors.
- Community Action and Aging Programs currently has some staff vacancies that they are working to fill; State-Long Term Care Ombudsman and State Health Insurance Assistance Program Coordinator.
- AMS deployment with Pima Council on Aging.
- DAAS has started working on WEAAD 2020. Date for conference will be June 15, 2020. As of right now Kathy Greenlee will be the keynote and Bob Blancato will return to present.
- The Administration is partnering with the Refugee Resettlement Program to better serve older refugees.

Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) – No representative in attendance.

Arizona Department of Insurance (ADOI) – No representative in attendance.

Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) – No representative in attendance.

Arizona Department of Veterans’ Services – No representative in attendance.

Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) – No representative in attendance.

Arizona Indian Council on Aging (AICOA) – Ms. Roxanne Thomas reported on behalf of Ms. Barbara Tinhorn as follows:

- The quarterly meeting is taking place next week and discussions taking place for planning of the 28th Biennial Arizona Indian Council on Aging Event on October 27-29, 2019. Volunteers are also needed.
- Advocacy regarding Native American programs will be a topic of discussion at the next meeting in the We-Ko-Pa Resort & Conference Center with more details to follow.

Break at 10:01 a.m.

Reconvened at 10:10 a.m.

Guest Speaker

Vice Chair, Belinda Akes, introduced guest speaker Mr. Cameron Svendsen, Chief Strategy Officer at Palliative Care Alliance. Mr. Svendsen provided a presentation on Palliative Care versus Hospice Care.

The presentation handout is available for review at the Governor’s Office on Aging (GACA) Office.

GACA Chair report & discussion

- Updates/Recommendations from the Executive Committee – Chair O’Neill reported the Executive Committee reviewed and recommended a Sponsorship Requests for GACA review from the Northern Arizona Council of Governments (NACOG) for the 2019 Aging Conference on October 10-11, 2019. A discussion ensued and the Executive Committee agreed the BRONZE Sponsorship of \$1,000 is appropriate and favorable to GACA as it includes:
 - Company name listed in conference brochure.
 - Name and website link listed on registration site.
 - Placement of logo displayed on conference slide show at event.
 - Access to VIP seating at general sessions and meals with paid registration fee.

Council Chair O’Neill presented GACA members with the recommendation from the Executive Committee for approval of the BRONZE - \$1,000 sponsorship request. *The GACA agreed unanimously to the BRONZE - \$1,000 sponsorship by the following roll call vote: Barbara Marshall – aye, Belinda Akes – aye, Bob Roth –aye, David Spelich – aye, Lisa O’Neill – aye, Deborah Hankerd – aye, John Stiteler-aye (telephonically, Steve Wagner-aye, Carol Brown – abstained due to possible conflict of interest.* Executive Assistant, Lizette Cordero, will request an invoice from NACOG for payment processing.

- Sunset Review Update
 - Chair O’Neill stated the GACA has received the letter from the Arizona State Senate regarding the upcoming Sunset Review (SSR) and the process. Chair O’Neill stated she will complete the written report by early August, forward to Council Members for review within 48 hours for errors, suggestions, omissions etc... After GACA review, Chair O’Neill will forward the written report back to the State Senate where the Legislative Committee of Reference will review the report and move forward with the SSR process.

- A conversation ensued and there were inquiries regarding attending the SSR. According to Chair O’Neill anyone can attend the SSR however you can only testify if asked. Chair O’Neill has requested and received eight letters of support from Community Partners and Liaisons as follows: AARP, Alzheimer’s Consortium, Arizona Attorney General’s Office, Arizona Department of Health Services, Arizona Caregiver Coalition, Arizona Association of Area Agencies on Aging, Commission for the Deaf and the Hard of Hearing and the Arizona Indian Council on Aging.
- Chair O’Neill requested that each Council Member provide a 200 word Biography and ensure to outline all their achievements, talents and any awards received to showcase all the diversified talent within the GACA. The Biographies will be included in the SSR.
- Council Member Volunteer Hours Update
 - Chair O’Neill requested that Council Members track/record volunteer hours aside from GACA including the number of individuals they’ve reached. Chair O’Neill reported, to date this year, the GACA has a total of 394.5 volunteer hours and connected with 4,526 individuals.
- 2019 Objective Updates
 - Chair O’Neill reported all GACA and Committees’ objectives are moving along and are on track with no issues and mentioned the September meeting focus will be on brainstorming for 2020 objectives/suggestions for each committee. The November meeting will be closed to the public as the Council will discuss objectives that align with the Governor’s plan.
 - Chair O’Neill announced she will not be available to attend the Annual Planning Meeting on November 1, 2019 as she applied for and was awarded a 2019-2020 Health and Aging Policy Fellow. This fellowship program is designed to build a national group of geriatric and gerontology professionals who can contribute valuable science and practice knowledge to the health care policy arena. Chair O’Neill will be engaged in fellowship work in Washington D.C. for five weeks in November/December.

Council Members reporting & sharing

- Council Members’ aging–related update, research, training, seminars, workshops, webinars, conferences, best practices or related items
 - Vice Chair Akes reported she is very proud of being this year’s recipient of the 2019 Advocacy Award and displayed the award at the meeting for all to see. Vice Chair Akes stated she is grateful and proud that she is able to make a difference in the elder community.

Call to the public

There were no comments/suggestions from the public at this time.

Copies of all meeting materials are available for review through the Governor’s Advisory Council on Aging (GACA) Office.

Adjourn

GACA Chair, Lisa O'Neill, adjourned the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

NEXT MEETING: The next Governor's Advisory Council on Aging meeting (telephonic) is scheduled for August 2, 2019. 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.