



## GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING

### Meeting Minutes

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

**Date:** September 6, 2019

**Time:** 9:00 a.m. – 10:44 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, David Spelich, Lee Olitzky

Council Members Attending Telephonically: Becky Brimhall, Bob Roth

Liaisons: Eric Gudino, Olivia Guerrero

Liaisons Attending Telephonically: Barbara Tinhorn, Courtney Bennett

#### **GACA Members Absent**

John Stiteler, Steve Wagner

#### **GACA Staff**

Lizette Cordero

#### **Welcome, Call to Order, introductions, review & approval of August 2, 2019 draft minutes**

GACA Chair, Lisa O'Neill, called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. After welcoming everyone present Chair O'Neill requested a review of the draft minutes from the August 2, 2019 telephonic meeting. Following the review, GACA Chair O'Neill called for a motion. *Carol Brown made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; Lee Olitzky seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Barbara Marshall-aye, Belinda Akes-aye, Bob Roth-aye (telephonically), Becky Brimhall-aye (telephonically), Carol Brown-aye, David Spelich-aye, Deborah Hankerd – aye, Lisa O'Neill-aye, Lee Olitzky-aye.*

Chair O'Neill decided to approve the Marketing Committee minutes from March 1, 2019 at this meeting instead of the Aging in Community Committee (AICC) meeting at 1:45 p.m. Chair O'Neill requested a review of the draft Marketing Committee minutes from the March 1, 2019 meeting. Following the

review, GACA Chair O'Neill called for a motion. *Carol Brown made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; Belinda Akes seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Barbara Marshall—abstain, Belinda Akes-aye, Bob Roth-aye (telephonically), Becky Brimhall-abstain (telephonically), Carole Brown-aye, David Spelich-abstain, Deborah Hankerd-abstain, Lee Olitzky-abstain, Lisa O'Neill-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 (AZAA) - Ms. Olivia Guerrero reported on Regions I – VIII.

**Break** at 9:22 a.m. due to a council member needing to leave the room at which time there is not a quorum.

**Reconvened** at 9:24 a.m. Council member returned to the room and quorum established to continue the meeting.

Arizona Attorney General's Office (AGO) – Ms. Courtney Bennett reported (Telephonically):

- Life Care Planning review
  - Moving along, first review should take place at the end of the month. The deadline will be the end of the year or earlier.
- Shred-a-thons
  - AGO started a partnership with AARP to host shred a thons and prescription drug take back events throughout the state.
  - The first shred a thon will be at Grandview Terrace in Sun City West on September 28<sup>th</sup>. Flyers provided at the meeting resource table with more details.
    - GACA will be notified of all upcoming events as they are scheduled.

Arizona Department of Economic Security-Division of Aging & Adult Services (DES/DAAS) – Ms. Cindy Saverino was unable to attend and provided her liaison report for Council Chair, Lisa O'Neill, to report on her behalf as follows:

- DAAS has a new Assistant Director- Molly McCarthy - She has been with DAAS for about one month. Molly has eight years of operations and program experience in DES, most recently serving as the Deputy Assistant Director for the Division of Child Support Services (DCSS), where she was responsible for leading 200 staff in functional areas of business administration, systems and automation, operations, policy, and customer service.
- Ms. McCarthy received a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration – Finance from the University of Arizona and a law degree from Saint Louis University School of Law.
- Ms. McCarthy is a third generation Arizona native, married and has two daughters, Anne, 21 months and Elizabeth, 8 months.
- Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Waitlist - The Area Agencies on Aging have been working diligently to reduce their Home and Community Based Services Waitlist. In the month of July they removed 516 service enrollments from their list.
- DAAS is working with the Area Agencies on Aging to close out their SFY 2019 budgets. Also busy getting ready to renew contracts for SFY 2021. Staff is working on Scopes of Work and Contractual language.

- 2020 World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD) conference planning is underway. DES is looking at holding the conference in a bigger venue, possibly a hotel/conference center. Also looking into the possibility of having sponsorships. Will keep the GACA updated.
- Family Caregiver Grant Program (FCGP) – DAAS has been busy developing the necessary forms and developing procedures for the FCGP. The program will begin January 1, 2020.

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

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

Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) – Mr. Eric Gudino and Doug Nick reported:

- New driver license and ID card requirements starting October 2020. The new Travel ID will be required to use your Arizona Driver License or identification card at TSA security checkpoints.
- The star in the upper right corner of your license tells you it's a Travel ID and your set for October 2020 and beyond.
- Individuals should not wait till last minute to acquire a Travel ID. Step by step instruction can be found at [www.azdot.gov/travelID](http://www.azdot.gov/travelID)
- English/Spanish flyers were distributed to all present.

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. Barbara Tinhorn reported (Telephonically) as follows:

- Ms. Tinhorn thanked the GACA for sponsorship of their 28<sup>th</sup> Biennial AICOA Conference on October 27-29, 2019.
- A final run thru of the event taking place on September 10, 2019 at the conference location at We-Ko-Pa Resort & Conference Center in Fountain Hills, AZ.
- Approximately 400 people are expected to attend the event.

### **Guest Speaker**

- GACA Chair O'Neill introduced Ms. Michele Michaels, Manager from the Arizona Commission for the Deaf and the Hard of Hearing (ACDHH). Ms. Michaels conducted a presentation on the 2019 ACDHH Updates.

### **GACA Chair report & discussion**

- Updates/Recommendations from the Executive Committee
  - Chair O'Neill reported there are no updates on the appointment of an Executive Director for the GACA/GOA Office or appointment/reappointments of GACA Council Members.
- Sunset Review Update
  - Chair O'Neill reported the 2009-2019 GACA Sunset Review Report is complete and was hand delivered to Cherie Stone, Senate Health and Human Services Research Analyst on August 19, 2019. Chair O'Neill, stated the 2009-2019 GACA Sunset Review (SSR) is almost 500 pages of material that covers the last decade and provided the binder and a flash drive for the GACA office electronic filing.

- Council Member Volunteer Hours Update

- Chair O'Neill reported these hours are additional volunteer hours that Council Members spend on GACA sanctioned events across the state. Chair O'Neill reported, to date this year, the GACA has a total of 491.5 volunteer hours and connected with 5,196 individuals.

### 2019 Objective Updates

Chair O'Neill stated that all other objectives for all committees, unless noted below, have been completed.

- AICC Objective #5 – Sponsor 1 to 5 Virtual Dementia Tours (VDT) at \$2,000 each (carryover year 3 objective). This objective is on hold until after Sunset Review, Spring 2020.
- GACA Objective #2 – GACA submits an annual end of year written report of its recommendations regarding the State Plan on Aging to the Governor, the Senate President and the Speaker of the House. This objective will be completed in January 2020.
- LPEC – The Legislative Update Report is on hold until the new Executive Director is appointed.

### Council Members reporting & sharing

- Council Members' aging-related update, research, training, seminars, workshops, webinars, conferences, best practices or related items
  - Chair O'Neill reminded all the November 1, 2019 GACA Annual Planning Meetings are closed to the public. GACA Council Members discuss and develop annual objectives that can realistically be done and achievable during the year.
  - Chair O'Neill also reminded all she will be in DC October 27 to December 5, 2019 working on the Health and Aging Policy Fellow she's been awarded and will not be available to attend the GACA Annual Planning Meeting on November 1, 2019.
  - Bob Roth reported he will provide updates related to home care at the next meeting.
  - Becky Brimhall thanked council for having her back to participate in the GACA Meeting. Chair O'Neill explained Ms. Brimhall was asked to step in due to lack of a quorum and the GACA meeting would not have been held. Chair O'Neill thanked Ms. Brimhall for her assistance and cooperation.
  - Deborah Hankerd thanked Chair O'Neill for her hard work with the preparation and timely delivery of the 2009-2019 GACA Sunset Review Report. Ms. Hankerd also brought the Tombstone Old Firehouse Senior Center Newsletter with updates.
  - Carol Brown, reported that Representative Jennifer Longdon and Representative Timothy Dunn have formed an Ad Hoc Committee on Abuse and Neglect of Vulnerable Adults. Ms. Brown invited interested parties to attend the next meeting taking place on September 17, 2019 at 1:30 p.m. at the Capitol in House Hearing Room 1. The meeting is approximately three hours long.
  - Belinda Akes reported the Meals on Wheels project at Citigate is moving along with meetings to address issues with planning and zoning.
  - Barbara Marshall reported there was an Elder Abuse training today in Tempe.
  - Lee Olitzky reported he is on the Board of a project for low income housing for elders in Tucson and currently working with public and private builders to develop some vacant properties into casitas.

### **Call to the public**

- Group of Arizona State University (ASU) students in the Doctor of Nursing Program (DNP) introduced themselves and expressed gratitude to be attending the GACA Meeting. The group was comprised of third year students graduating in May 2020 and will be certified in Geriatrics.
- Arnold Lopez from Graham County commented rural areas get the tail end of information and is advocating for outreach in rural areas. Mr. Lopez also mentioned targeting children of elderly to start the end of life conversation earlier rather than later regarding their last wishes.

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 10:44 a.m.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next Governor's Advisory Council on Aging meeting (telephonic) is scheduled for October 4, 2019. Time and location to be confirmed and announced by public meeting notice posted at the GACA website: <https://aging.azgovernor.gov/>. These meetings are open to the public.