



GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING

Annual Council Planning Meeting Minutes December 4, 2008

Council Members & Liaisons Present

Paul Herrmann (Chair), Joyce Finkelstein (Vice-Chair), Bill Engler, Bernadine Hoffman, Marilyn Johnson, Sharon McKinley, Doyle Meredith, Bernadette Polley, Barry Spiker, Erin Klug, Lynn Larson, Ramona Rusinak, PJ Schoenstene, Pam Stevenson

Council Members and Liaisons Not Present

Lynn Adler, Kati Bates, George Evanoff, Jill Harrison, Gregg Kiely

Council Staff Present

Melanie Starns, Cathy De Lisa, Shawn Trobia, Dan Plumhoff

Members of the Public Present

Simone Kelsh, Michelle Munsell, Noreen Nickerson-Cruz, Peter Polk

Call to Order, Welcome, Introductions and Review of Minutes

Council Chair Paul Herrmann called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m. and a welcome and introduction period followed. Minutes from the November 7, 2008 Council meeting were reviewed. *Mr. Bill Engler made a motion to approve the minutes as written and Ms. Bernadette Polley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.* Additionally, Council Chair Herrmann and Executive Director Melanie Starns reviewed the two-day Annual Planning Meeting agenda.

Team Building Exercise

Ms. Starns facilitated a Team Building Exercise among the Council and Council Staff Members.

Review of Council Objectives, By-Laws, and Annual Report

Council Chair Herrman and Ms. Starns provided an overview of the Council Objectives, By-Laws, and the 2008 Annual Report. A discussion ensued, and the Council asked staff to draft revised language to the Council Objectives and By-Laws for distribution at the January 9, 2009 Council meeting. *Council Vice-Chair Joyce Finkelstein made a motion to approve the Council's 2008 Annual Report as amended and Ms. Marilyn Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.* Revisions to the Council's 2008 Annual Report will be incorporated for review at the January 9, 2009 Council meeting.

Executive Director's Report and Working Lunch

Ms. Starns provided the Council with State budget information for fiscal years 2009 and 2010, and she opened the floor for discussion on the Council's future directions. A lively

discussion ensued regarding Council and Staff roles and responsibilities, and Committee leadership and structure.

Senior Action Day(s) Planning

Deputy Executive Director Cathy De Lisa opened the floor for a brainstorming session on the upcoming 2009 Senior Action Day Event(s), and a discussion ensued pertaining to the logistics of the proposed Senior Action Day at the Capitol event in Phoenix on April 1, 2009. Council Vice-Chair Finkelstein, Mr. Bill Engler, Ms. Bernadine Hoffman, and Mr. Doyle Meredith will lead the Senior Action Day(s) Program Committee, with Mr. Engler to serve as the Committee Chair. Additionally, the Program Committee will establish a working group prior to the January 9, 2009 Council meeting.

Break

The Council recessed for a 15 minute break at 2:40 pm.

Presentation

Ms. Shawn Trobia provided a demonstration of the iLinc program's capabilities, in order to highlight the program's potential as a possible cost-cutting medium for future Council meetings.

Action Items

- Council Staff will draft revised language to the Council Objectives and By-Laws.
- Council Staff will implement revisions to the Council's 2008 Annual Report.
- Council Vice-Chair Finkelstein, Mr. Bill Engler, Ms. Bernadine Hoffman, and Mr. Doyle Meredith will lead the Senior Action Day(s) Program Committee, and will establish a working group prior to the January 9, 2009 Council meeting.

Call to the Public

There were no comments from the public.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned by Council Chair Paul Herrmann at 4:38 p.m.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging will be Friday, December 5, 2008 beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the Arizona Department of Health Services State Laboratory. These meetings are open to the public.