



GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING

Annual Council Planning Meeting Minutes December 5, 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, Gregg Kiely

Council Members and Liaisons Not Present

Lynn Adler, Kati Bates, George Evanoff, Jill Harrison, Erin Klug, Lynn Larson, Ramona Rusinak, PJ Schoenstene, Pam Stevenson

Council Staff Present

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

Members of the Public Present

Nancy Gilliam, Simone Kelsh, David Rosenthal, Wally Sjolander

Call to Order, Welcome, Introductions and Comments & Observations from Day 1

Council Chair Paul Herrmann called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. and a welcome and introduction period followed. Council Chair Herrmann provided an overview of the day's agenda, and he opened the floor for comments and observations on the previous day's meeting. A lively discussion ensued.

Team Building Exercise

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

Break

The Council recessed for a 15 minute break at 10:15 a.m.

Future Meeting Planning

Council Chair Herrman and Executive Director Melanie Starns provided an overview of the proposed Council meeting dates and locations for 2009, and a discussion ensued regarding potential meeting dates, format, and content. Presentation topics recommended for future meetings included advocacy training, an update from the Center on Aging at University of Arizona, Emergency Preparedness, Universal Design, and the Justa Center's homeless program for seniors. Additionally, the Council noted the potential for new directions under the incoming gubernatorial administration as it relates to the new Governor's aging agenda. The Council discussed sending a note of thanks to Governor Napolitano for her support of older Arizonans and conducting outreach to Secretary of State Brewer asking staff to research and determine appropriate protocol for this process.

The Council also asked staff to determine the appropriate process to invite the incoming Governor to a future Council meeting. *Ms. Marilyn Johnson made a motion to accept the proposed meeting dates and locations for 2009 and Mr. Doyle Meredith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.* A listing of the 2009 Council meeting dates and locations is available through the Council Office.

Guest Presentation

Mr. Wally Sjolander of the Area Agency on Aging, Region One delivered a presentation on his organization's composition, activities, achievements, programs, and services provided. Copies of Mr. Sjolander's presentational handouts are available through the Council Office.

Wrap Up and Adjournment

Members of the public shared gratitude for the effective leadership of the Council and the Council staff naming Executive Director Melanie Starns as key to the progress made in recent years.

Action Items

Council staff will determine the protocol for outreach to Secretary of State Brewer in anticipation of the transition of executive leadership and the Council's interest in learning more about her administrations aging agenda.

Call to the Public

There were no further comments from the public.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned by Council Chair Paul Herrmann at 12:07 p.m.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging will be Friday, January 9, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. in the State Executive Tower, Second Floor Conference Room. These meetings are open to the public.