



**ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING
ACOA
MEETING MINUTES
DATE: Wednesday January 11, 2017
TIME: 12:30 – 3:30**

Meeting was called to order by Council Chair, Shelly Hall at 12:30 pm

Council Present

Shelly Hall, Chair

Gail Golden

Susan Underwood

Peter Crowell

Dorothy Staskey

Scott Lindbloom (by phone)

Rose Vasquez (by Phone)

Risa Little (by Phone)

Staff:

Mary Beals-Luedtka – AAA Director

Nicole Kiddoo – AAA Assistant Director

Jason Kelly – NACOG Planning

Absent:

Bob Moffett – excused

Lydia Tonori – excused

Lisa Scheill-Braddock

Guest:

Barbara Ball – DES

Roll Call was called by Gail Golden

Pledge of Allegiance

III. Approval of minutes

Gail Golden pointed out an error in the minutes. Minutes stated that Scott Lindbloom had attended a Transportation meeting when in fact, it was suggested that he attend and he had not done so at that time. Gail Golden moved to approve

minutes with the correction. Motion was seconded by Dorothy Staskey. Motion passed.

IV. Call for public participation. There was no public participation

V. Action Items

a. approval of new member applications

There were no new applications to review. Tanya P. was present and interested in applying. She introduced herself to the Council.

b. Review of Committees

There were no committee reports

VI. Presentation

Presentation by Barbara Ball from DES with a Power Point. She announced that Adult Protective Services is now a stand alone agency. Council asked if there was a toll free number to call for DES services and Ms. Ball said that her number was the one to call. Spoke of the DES State Ombudsman and that she gets over 400 calls a month. They are all working to gain public trust.

She spoke of a round table discussion in Flagstaff on or around March 15th for Community Leaders and Stake holders. The idea for the round table is to bring everyone together and reduce duplications of effort. Council asked for information on the round table and she said she would send to Mary Beals Luedtka to distribute to the Council Members.

Ms. Ball covered the DES organization and the different Divisions. Aging and Adult Services is now under the Office of Community Engagement. She is trying to make an effort to get the word out about DES and the many programs. Homelessness RFP will be coming out next year. Last go round the RFP dollars were only awarded to one organization per county and she would like to get the word out to more providers. In Yavapai County the dollars went to the VA. Wells Fargo has a new program to help build shelters and Home Depot has funding for all the materials.

She spoke about the SNAP Partner Program and the Hot Meals Program utilizing SNAP dollars in Restaurants. She had no specifics on the Hot Meals Program, but said she would send contact information on the key person at DES to ask our questions. Council asked for more information and Barbara said she would send the flyers to Mary as well. Restaurants apply on line. Barbara Buddy is the expert on this program. Barbara Ball was not aware of the eligibility or the vehicle to obtain an EBT card. She did know it was for homeless, over 60 and disabled population. Mary Beals Luedtka summarized that the AAA could help by letting restaurants know about it and also connecting our clients to the process to apply. Gail Golden pointed out the most important thing for us is to make sure we have the right contact. Barbara Ball promised that she would get back to us by Tuesday. Peter Crowell asked if Barbara Buddy would be a candidate for a presentation to the Council. Barbara Ball said she would ask her.

Talked about DES ON THE GO for a mobile SNAP service. Trying to brand DES – they will be traveling on the reservation and all over Arizona. She said she would be meeting with the HOPI Area Agency on Aging. Barbara Ball said that she has found that DES has not done any marketing in Northern Arizona.

Tammy Pankey is no longer the Community Liaison for Aging and that position has now been combined with Barbara Ball. So DES no longer has a specific person for Aging, but the Tribes do have a specific person for Aging.

She also shared the new brochure for DES and it was noted by the Council that there is no reference at all about Aging or Aging and Adult Services. She said she would take that comment back to her leadership.

Barbara offered to help with marketing of our programs if we want to give her the materials to distribute.

She introduced the Faith Based Community Liaison, and he made a brief presentation on what he does working with the Faith Based Communities in Arizona. SEE HANDOUT

VI. Staff reports

Director's Report – reviewed the close out report for FY16. New addition this year is a summary of the year from our Council Chair, Shelly Hall. AAA touched over 20,000 lives last year. There were some discrepancies on the some of the numbers and staff will correct those before we publish the report. Gail Golden did ask that we always break down the dollar amounts and service amounts for each county. Nicole Kiddoo stated that she would send that information to Gail. Nicole added some additional numbers and information for the Council. There were questions about the amount that was budgeted and the amount that was actually spent and why is there a difference. Discussed utilization and the problems with Providers actually providing the services. Discussed tracking units and wanting to do an RFQ for HCBS providers. SEE HANDOUT

Chambers of Commerce memberships – Mary Beals Luedtka reported that it would not be possible to join all the Chambers in the Region and that she would mention that to NACOG but the AAA does not have the capacity to do that.

Jason Kelly from NACOG Planning presented the Regional Mobility Management Plan Draft. Comments can be submitted until the end of January. He also reviewed some of the raw data from the community needs assessment. They received over 650 electronic responses. The final report on the needs assessment will be completed in the next 2 months. Gail Golden asked if the survey included the Navajo Nation and Jason said it was. SEE HANDOUT

VII. ACOA Committee Reports

There were no committee reports

VIII. Comments and Discussion

IX. Agenda for the April meeting: Council would like to know more about eligibility for the various AAA programs.

X. Adjournment