



SEAGO

Area Agency on Aging, Region VI

MEETING OF THE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING

DATE: Thursday, July 16, 2015

TIME: 10 A.M.

**PLACE: UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
124 SOUTH CURTIS AVENUE
WILLCOX, ARIZONA**

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| 1. Call to Order, Introductions | Debbie Hankerd | |
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12. Schedule Next Meeting Date- **October 15, 2015**
(Third Thursday of the Quarter)

Debbie Hankerd

13. Adjournment

***Agenda items requiring action by the Advisory Council on Aging.

NOTE: All agenda items are subject to action by the Advisory Council on Aging.

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**MINUTES OF THE
 ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING MEETING
 UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
 124 SOUTH CURTIS AVENUE
 WILLCOX, ARIZONA
 APRIL 16, 2015**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Deborah Hankerd, Tombstone
 Jaime Aguilar, Greenlee County Unincorporated
 Laurel Stangel, Huachuca City
 Sandra Gaines, Safford
 Richard Ohnstad, County Unincorporated Santa Cruz
 Luisa Masee, Nogales
 Gary Clark, Douglas
 Susan Speicher, Bisbee
 Linda Huffstetler-Dearing, Patagonia

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Eileen Tucker
 Denise Benton
 Karen Paz

GUESTS PRESENT: Deena Stewart Hitzke, Adm. of Resources and Choices
 Charles Brown, GACA Representative
 Royce Hunt, SEACUS, Safford
 Eva Harper, SEACUS, Safford
 Stephanie Nabor, SEACUS, Safford

STAFF PRESENT: Laura Villa, AAA Program Manager

CALL TO ORDER

President Debbie Hankerd called the meeting to order. Introductions were made.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Debbie Hankerd addressed council's review of the January 15, 2015 minutes. Linda Huffstetler-Dearing is to be included as a member and not as a guest. Motion was made to approve the minutes with correction:

MOTION: GARY CLARK
SECOND: RICK OHNSTAD
ACTION: APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION OF RESOURCES AND CHOICES

Mrs. Deena Stewart-Hitzke presented information on the Administration of Resources and Choices (ARC). Deena is an advocate for late life victims of any form of abuse or crime; she is working in expanding their services in Southern Arizona. ARC is working on using technology to enhance their services and expand these services to all of Southern of Arizona. In October 2015 they will be rewriting their grant to be able cover assistance in Southern Arizona in order to help family members and community members who have in the past offered their home as a place for victims of abuse to stay. She wants to help in getting them licensure and getting them caregivers to assist with their needs. They now have elder shelter and 24/7 365 day crisis line for people in crisis or with housing type of issues. The agency is working on expanding age group as well, as the demographics show a greater demand for 45 year old and older population. They do not have to have injuries or any abuse to be referred to this program. A greater opportunity to reduce factors of abuse is being implemented by ensuring and preventing these from happening. Reverse mortgage was eliminated because of funding but will be included back into this new grant that will be submitted. A high rate of gambling is going on; counseling will be available to help with security technology to protect their information such as pin numbers. Their agency works with SAFEE, Governor's office to prevent elder abuse and financial exploitation. Chase bank started with a new program where they have an investigative team, if they feel there might be exploitation and in order to prevent further exploitation by cutting off access to accounts in order to start the investigation. Domestic Violence Elder Service Education is trying to start support groups throughout the state. They are looking for bilingual counselors or social workers to pay their salary to provide with bilingual services in Southern Arizona. They have just a lot of organizations who are writing grants for the \$40 million to be able to provide transportation to community events. Deena is seeking advice to be able to enhance their program as they are getting a high amount of funding to be able to use throughout Southern Arizona.

PROPOSAL TO AMEND ARTICLE III SECTION I OF THE ACOA BYLAWS

A proposal to amend Article III Section 1 of ACOA Bylaws was brought before the Advisory Council members to incorporate verbiage that opens memberships to all the communities within each county as follow: "membership on the Advisory council shall consist of eight (8) representatives from Cochise County, Four (4) representatives each from Graham Three (3) Greenlee and Santa Cruz Counties. Representatives may reside in any of the incorporated or unincorporated communities within each county.

Any article or section of the of the Constitution and bylaws may be amended or rescinded at any regular meeting of the Advisory Council by a two-thirds 2/3 majority vote of the membership, provided the change has been proposed at one Advisory Council meeting and approved the next. All amendments are subject to SEAGO Executive Board approval.

Greenlee County was not included in the proposed changes and will be added to it.

Motion was made to approve the proposal to amend Article III Section I of the ACOA Bylaws with correction made of adding Greenlee County with SantaCruz to have three (3) representatives.

Mr. Gary Clark asked why this was being changed and Mrs. Hankerd explained that Wanda was not able to find any representatives from cities for instance from Wilcox. Bylaws were not real

specific as to incorporated or unincorporated areas. Wanda wrote it to be clearer to understand on who could be elected.

Linda Huffstetler-Dearing had asked if the person who was interested in the position to represent before will be contacted back and it was confirmed that she would. Record of her is kept in the file and she will be notified.

MOTION: JAIME AGUILAR
SECOND: LINDA-HUFFSTETLER-DEARING
ACTION: APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

OPEN FLOOR FOR NOMINATIONS TO VACANT SEATS

Mrs. Hankerd opened the floor for any nominations to the vacant seats. There were no nominations. Mrs. Hankerd advised that if anyone has any suggestions for nominations of anyone interested to inform Laura Villa so that it can be included in the next agenda.

CHANGE OF PROGRAM MANAGER POSITION AT SEAGO/AAA

Laura Villa reports to the council that Wanda Leikem submitted her resignation on July 2014 and her last day with the program was March 31, 2015 she help us a lot by completing the Request for Application (RFA), completed the agenda and entire meeting packet for this meeting before she left. Wanda wanted to retire and spend time with family and do things she had wanted to do. There is still a lot more that Laura needs to be trained on, especially on the financial part of the program she will be coming back as a sub-contractor for the Area Agency on Aging starting on April 20, 2015. She will be spending a couple of days of the week with Laura on a part time basis until June 30th end of the fiscal year. There are still some items that are pending that were initiated by her and they will be working in finishing up before the fiscal year is over. There are some amendments that need to be completed. RFA is still pending from the state and information is being asked of the AAA regularly. It was a plus that she was willing to stay a little longer and that SEAGO allowed for her to do so. Laura expressed her appreciation all of the council's support with this new role and guidance. She provided her contact numbers to call her if any of them have any issues or concerns. Laura lives in Rio Rico and works remotely from her home office three days of the week and spends two days at the Bisbee office. Laura announces that SEAGO/AAA has hired an Ombudsman to replace her position. Laura is still serving as the Ombudsman Program Coordinator and will continue to do so until Shira Martin will be starting May 4, 2015 but will not be out on her own until she is certified by the state and ready to take on her responsibilities.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

ELECTION OF OFFICERS Debbie Hankerd opened the floor to the discussion and nominations of council members to be fulfilling the Advisory Council Office positions of President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, and Secretary.

Gary Clark nominated Debbie Hankerd for the Office of President and made the motion for approval.

Debbie Hankerd nominated Gary Clark 1st Vice President and made the motion for approval.

Gary Clark nominated Linda Huffstetler-Dearing for 2nd Vice President and made the motion for approval

Gary Clark nominated Jaime Aguilar to continue as Secretary and made the motion for approval.

Officers shall be seated upon the conclusion of the meeting at which they were elected. The officers and their initial date of election are as follows: Debbie Hankerd, President (Cochise County) 4/16/2015 (3rd Term) Gary Clark, 1st Vice President (Douglas) 4/1/2015 (1st Term) Linda Huffstetler-Dearing, 2nd Vice President (Patagonia) 4/16/2015 (1st Term) and Jaime Aguilar, Secretary (Greenlee County) 4/16/2015 (3rd Term).

Motion was made for election of officers

Debbie Hankerd, President

Gary Clark, 1st Vice President

Linda Huffstetler-Dearing, 2nd Vice President

Jaime Aguilar, Secretary

MOTION: ALL IN FAVOR TO ELECT ALL OFFICERS WHO WERE NOMINATED

ACTION: APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY JUNE 15, 2015/AREA AGENCY ON AGING CONFERENCE ON AGING JUNE 6, 2015

Laura Villa informed the council about the Statewide Elder Abuse Coalition Planning Committee has been working on the World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. The Coalition is discussing of having an elder abuse awareness day by all regions hanging and passing out posters that this is the month of world elder abuse. Our Area Agency on Aging office will be having its first Conference on Aging which will be in Bisbee on June 6, 2015. Office staff is working on organizing and planning this event and invite all communities to come and visit our office, as well as the staff but specially be more informed of our programs. AAA is working on educating the community that they are the one stop where they can obtain information of resources in their respected areas. Information has been provided about abuse, neglect and exploitation in order to raise awareness. There will be some presentations indicated on the agenda that was provided to the council. Registrations should be coming out soon members were asked to call the office if they come across any issues in registering on-line. Limited space is available for exhibitor tables. The space available for tables is for only 15. There will be no charge for the event, but it is asked for exhibitors to bring a door prize. Suggestions were provided to Laura of reaching out to senior communities, especially those who provide transportation. Anyone who is interested in attending is welcome to attend. AAA has partnered with the Alzheimer's Association to make this happen and lunch will be provided. AAA is working on with those counties who do not

have Alzheimer's participation so that the awareness for both abuse and the Alzheimer's disease will increase. AAA would like to work something out with Greenlee County as Santa Cruz County and Graham County is already active with them.

REPORT ON GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING

Mr. Charles Brown presented and provided valuable handouts on items that were brought up at Government Advisory Council on Aging (GACA). They are planning a Senior Action day for September or October. Possibly for Wilcox or Sierra Vista this is in the works but the location has not yet been determined. Mr. Brown talked about hearing loss and Incident Dementia and how the person as well as the family is being affected. This will be able to determine whether hearing loss is associated with incident all-cause dementia and Alzheimer Disease. Members of the council expressed their appreciation to Mr. Brown for all the valuable materials he brings to the table. He has been working with the group for a long time and tries to do the best that he can.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Laura reported on the Legislative Update. Members are prioritizing and potentially passing Fiscal Year 2016 federal spending blueprints. The House Budget proposal would have severe consequences to older adults, which include \$5 trillion in spending cuts and proposes to achieve a balanced budget within the next 10 years.

Good news proposition to have a two-a-half year extension of current MIPPA funding through September 2017 for a total of \$71 million for AAA's SHIP and ADRC's to provide individual outreach and enrollment assistance to low-income beneficiaries.

A request was made to include information on the bills that are outstanding which will be included in the next meeting packet.

REQUEST FOR APPLICATION RENEWAL FOR FIVE YEARS.

Laura announced that before Wanda Leikem left she completed the Request for Application (RFA) for the Area Agency on Aging which is to take effect July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2020. This was the first time that this was done and Wanda did a great job with it. DES/DAAS scheduled a meeting with SEAGO/AAA in order to state what findings were found. They were pleased to see that minimal correction requests were made. SHIP and Long Term Care Ombudsman were the only two areas that needed revision and those were completed and submitted as requested. AAA is waiting for approved contract which is to come out by May 18th.

INFORMATION EXCHANGE

Luisa Masee shared with the members of the council and attendees and informed that she is working very closely with the Nogales Senior Center especially with the new management which is much better now. Luisa tries to keep residents of Casitas de Santa Cruz happy and active; they were taken to the Casino and are planning another trip to a concert in Tumacacori which is for

free and includes transportation. They have been filling up the bus with her residents which are about 15 and participants of the senior center as well.

Sandra Gaines shared about the event they had in Safford with the AZ Gives Day where they raised about \$31,000 this time around and was very happy to share this.

Jaime Aguilar asked the council if there is anything available in regards to education for private pay caregivers of what is right to do and not do. Family caregivers through private pay need to be more educated on what they do. A member of the council informed him of Comfort of Home. Laura will look into this and will relay the information to Mr. Aguilar. Laura will also contact Cochise County and speak with Ana of the Family Caregiver Support program and get information about it.

Royce Hunt informed the council that they are partnering with the Alzheimer's Association as they are starting a care support program to start April 30th. They are happy to say that the Clifton site is up and running. The United Way donated and also Greenlee County helped in providing for the flooring to be replaced. Grant from United Way from Graham County to cover other repairs needed. Mr. Aguilar expresses that the Greenlee county manager is very happy with the turnout of the congregate site.

Debbie Hankerd, distributed City of Tombstone Old Firehouse Senior Center Newsletter to all. They hosted an Appreciation dinner for their volunteers which totaled 38 volunteers who attended with their spouses. The Lions club hosted the event and it was a very nice turnout.

Laurel Stangel, shared that the mayor wants to close their senior center and possibly their library. Huachuca city is drying up as they are spending all their money in the town and there is not much available for their site.

Charlie Brown, included the application for Arizona Long Term Care Systems in his packet. He also informed the council that he saw on the newspaper a couple of days ago that Melanie Starns of DES was replaced since the new Governor took the seat. Mr. Brown shared about their center in Sunsites and how they have been successful since they started fundraisers they have over \$100,000 and don't need to use federal funds.

Gary Clark, Cochise County is sponsoring a series of training. It is targeting Spanish speaking people only. It will be held at the Douglas Government Building Conference room on April 22, 2015 from 9:00 to 11:30 A.M. Diabetes is one of the biggest health conditions that are affecting many people in border towns. By changing eating habits this would greatly improve your quality of life.

ADJOURNMENT

Debbie Hankerd addressed the council and with there being no further Advisory Council on Aging business a motion was made to adjourn.

MOTION: LUISA MASSEE
SECOND: JAIME AGUILAR
ACTION: APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

The next meeting is scheduled for July 16, 2015.



ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING PACKET

MEMO TO: ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING
FROM: LAURA VILLA, AREA AGENCY ON AGING PROGRAM MANAGER
DATE: JULY 16, 2015
SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO BYLAWS

Description:

The Advisory Council on aging proposed to amend Article III Section 1 of ACOA Bylaws in order to incorporate verbiage that opens memberships to all the communities within each county as follows: “membership on the Advisory Council shall consist of eight (8) representatives from Cochise County, Four (4) representatives from Graham, three (3) Greenlee and Santa Cruz Counties. Representatives may reside in any of the incorporated or unincorporated communities within each county.

The Administrative Council reviewed the proposed changes to the ACOA Bylaws but there was a concern expressed that the language could potentially result in lack of representation for each SEAGO member agency. The Administrative Council was comfortable with the ACOA nominating individuals from outside the jurisdictional boundaries when a vacancy occurs in representation from an incorporated city or town so long as the city or town approves the nomination. The Executive Board agreed with the recommendation of the Administrative Council.

Staff was directed to draft revised language to specify that nominations to fill vacancies from incorporated communities with individuals from outside the jurisdictional boundaries of those communities be approved by the member entity where the vacancy occurred and return the matter to the ACOA for review and approval.

“Membership on the Advisory Council shall consist of eight (8) representatives from Cochise County, four (4) representatives from Graham County, and three (3) representatives from Greenlee and Santa Cruz Counties. Representatives may reside in any of the incorporated or unincorporated communities within each county. **However, when a vacancy occurs in representation from an incorporated city or town, the SEAGO member entity representatives from the subject city or town must approve the nomination of any person from outside their corporate boundaries.**”

Any article or section of the Constitution and bylaws may be amended or rescinded at any regular meeting of the Advisory council by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the membership, provided the change has been proposed at one Advisory Council meeting and approved the next. All amendments are subject to SEAGO Executive Board approval.

Action Requested: Information Only X Action Requested Below

Approve changes to Article III Section 1 of the Bylaws.



ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING PACKET

MEMO TO: ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING
FROM: LAURA VILLA, AREA AGENCY ON AGING PROGRAM MANAGER
DATE: JULY 16, 2015
SUBJECT: NOMINATIONS TO VACANT SEATS

The Advisory Council on Aging's (ACOA) revised bylaws dated May 19, 2007, state under Article III-Membership section 1, that the ACOA consists of eight representatives from Cochise County, four from Graham and three from Greenlee and Santa Cruz County.

Section 2 states, at least ten of the eighteen members shall be age sixty or older, and shall include persons in greatest economic or social need, minority individuals, and participants in services funded through the SEAGO Area Agency on Aging.

Section 9 states, members appointed by SEAGO Executive Board shall serve a term of three years. Terms will be staggered. The ACOA may submit the name of a member to the Executive Board for reappointment for a second term. Members shall be limited to two terms.

Currently, there are 6 vacant seats and members are selected to represent incorporated cities, towns and the unincorporated portions of each county. The areas are, Willcox, Benson, Thatcher, Pima, Clifton and Nogales. The areas can include the towns of York, Morenci, Solomon, San Jose, Rio Rico, Tubac, and Sonoita.

Karen Paz Unincorporated has missed more has 3 meetings; spoke with her and she is not able to be a member anymore due to work schedule conflicts.

Luisa Masee of Nogales has completed her three year term with the Advisory Council on Aging on 4/19/2015.

Nominated representatives will commence their term on the date once approved and appointed by the SEAGO Executive Board which is scheduled for August 28, 2015.

Action Requested: Information Only X Action Requested Below

Proposed representatives to the SEAGO Executive Board for appointment to fill vacancies.



ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING PACKET

MEMO TO: ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING
FROM: LAURA VILLA, AREA AGENCY ON AGING PROGRAM MANAGER
DATE: JULY 16, 2015
SUBJECT: ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Description:

The Advisory Council on Aging's (ACOA) revised bylaws. Article V-Elections states "Nominations were made from the floor at the April meeting, with the prior consent of the nominee." Article VI-Duties of Officers states "The officers of the Advisory Council shall be the President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, and Secretary. Officers shall be seated upon the conclusion of the meeting at which they were elected. The bylaws further state under Article III that "the President shall not serve for more than three (3) successive terms." There are no term limits for any other position.

The current president, Debbie Hankerd, is completing her 2nd term, and is eligible for re-election. The officers and their initial date of election are as follows:

Debbie Hankerd, President (Cochise County)	4/16/2015 (3rd Term)
Gary Clark, 1 st Vice President (Cochise County)	4/16/2015
Linda Huffstetler-Dearing, 2 nd Vice President (SantaCruz County)	4/16/2015
Jaime Aguilar, Secretary (Greenlee County)	4/16/2015

Attached is a current membership list that identifies the current officers.

Action Requested:

X Information Only

Action Requested Below

Elect officers for the new year



ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING PACKET

MEMO TO: ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING
FROM: LAURA VILLA, AREA AGENCY ON AGING PROGRAM MANAGER
DATE: JULY 16, 2015
SUBJECT: AAA LTCO PROGRAM COORDINATOR POSITION/HEALTH AND NUTRITION COORDINATOR

Description:

SEAGO/Area Agency on Aging filled the position of Long Term Care Ombudsman Program Coordinator. Shira Martin has started her position since May 4, 2015 she is now certified from the state LTCO office and has started her duties in the four county region. Shi comes to SEAGO from Kindred Hacienda Nursing and Rehabilitation where she was a Social Services Director for the last four years. Shi, as she likes to be called enjoys working with people and has ample knowledge of Client Rights in Long Term Care settings.

Due to budget constraints for SFY 15-16, SEAGO/AAA has made some modifications to the office in order to make the budget last the year without having to use fund balance. The Health and Nutrition staff position was eliminated with the mentality that The Ombudsman Program Coordinator would inherit its duties.

Shi has agreed to assist AAA with the Health and Nutrition Program. She will be sent out to obtain her certification this year in order to meet the state requirements to give the Matter of Balance classes as well as the Congregate site monitoring that Steve Roybal was in charge of. These classes will be done at least twice per year until Shi is able to recruit for volunteers who would be interested in giving these classes. As she is going out to the different counties to visit her facilities or meet with her volunteers she will be scheduling monitoring visits to the congregate sites as well.

We will monitor the implementation of this adjustment in order to continue serving our communities with these programs even with financial restraints.

Action Requested:

Information Only

Action Requested Below



ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING PACKET

MEMO TO: **ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING**
FROM: **LAURA VILLA, AREA AGENCY ON AGING PROGRAM MANAGER**
DATE: **JULY 16, 2015**
SUBJECT: **GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING (GACA)**

Description:

Mr. Charles Brown will provide us with information on GACA's updates.

Action Requested: X Information Only Action Requested Below



ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING PACKET

MEMO TO: ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING
FROM: LAURA VILLA, AREA AGENCY ON AGING PROGRAM MANAGER
DATE: JULY 16, 2015
SUBJECT: LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Description:

Legislative Update for June 12, 2015 provided by the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging. Included you will find as per council member request information on Bills and Actions taking place in Arizona State Legislature and to highlight federal legislature or activities affecting Older Americans.

In the packet you will find access to bills that are taking place that you can access directly through Government Advisory Council on Aging (GACA). You will see that I have included a few that stood out, for example:

H.R. 1369 Veterans Access to Extended Care Act of 2015. This bill was introduced on March 16, 2015. This bill modifies the treatment of Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) agreements with service providers to provide veterans nursing home care, adult day health care, or other extended care services.

H.R. 1742 Child and Elderly Missing Alert Program Act of 2015. This bill was introduced on 4/13/2015. This bill Amends the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to authorize the Attorney General to award public safety a community policing grants to eligible nonprofit organizations to assist federal, state, tribal, and local law enforcement agency in the rapid recovery of missing children and elderly and disabled individuals through the use of a rapid telephone and cell phone alert call system. Defines an "elderly individual" as an individual 60 years of age or older.

H.R. 2519 Audiology Patient Choice Act of 2015. This bill was introduced on 5/21/2015. This bill amends Title 18 (Medicare) of the Social Security Act to revise the coverage of audiology services to treat qualified audiologist authorized by the state and acting within the scope of their licenses to furnish such services.

Action Requested:

X Information Only

Action Requested Below



GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING
LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Welcome to the Legislative Update for June 12, 2015

FEDERAL OVERVIEW

Updates:

S.Con.Res.11

An original concurrent resolution setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2016 and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal year 2017

Introduced on 3/20/15 by Senator Michael B. Enzi (WY)

5/6/2015 Message on the Senate action sent to the House. [H.Rept.114-96 Conference Report](#)

H.R.1369

Veterans Access to Extended Care Act of 2015

Introduced on 3/16/2015 by Representative Jackie Walorski (IN-2)

This bill modifies the treatment of Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) agreements with service providers to furnish veterans with nursing home care, adult day health care, or other extended care services.

4/29/2015 referred to the Subcommittee on Workforce Protections.

H.R.1742

Child and Elderly Missing Alert Program of 2015

Introduced on 4/13/2015 by Representative Steve Chabot (OH-1)

Amends the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to authorize the Attorney General to award public safety and community policing grants to eligible

nonprofit organizations to assist federal, state, tribal, and local law enforcement agencies in the rapid recovery of missing children and elderly and disabled individuals through the use of a rapid telephone and cellular alert call system. Defines an "elderly individual" as an individual 60 years of age or older.

On 5/15/2015, referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security and Investigations.

Other legislation:

S.1190

Ensuring Seniors Access to Local Pharmacies Act of 2015

Introduced on 5/5/2015 by Senator Shelley Moore Capito (WV)

Amends part D (Voluntary Prescription Drug Benefit Program) of title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act to direct any prescription drug plan that has in its network one or more pharmacies located in a health professional shortage area, in a medically underserved area or among a medically underserved population, and that provides a reduction in coinsurance or copayments for covered part D drugs, to extend to any pharmacy located in that area, or among that population, the option to be an in-network pharmacy under terms and conditions comparable to those the plan has agreed upon with other in-network pharmacies located in the area or among that population.

On 5/5/2015 read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

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S.1396

Value-Based Insurance Design Seniors Copayment Reduction Act of 2015

Introduced on 5/20/2015 by Senator John Thune (SD)

To establish a demonstration program requiring the utilization of Value-Based Insurance Design in order to demonstrate that reducing the copayments or coinsurance charged to Medicare beneficiaries for selected high-value prescription medications and clinical services can increase their utilization and ultimately improve clinical outcomes, enhance beneficiary satisfaction and lower health care expenditures.

On 5/20/2015 read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

H.R.2188

Generational Residences and Nurturing Dwelling Act or the GRAND Act

Introduced on 4/30/2015 by Representative Jose Serrano (NY-15)

Establishes in the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) a program to provide assistance for each fiscal year to up to five eligible nonprofit organizations to expand the supply of specialized housing and social services for qualified elderly relatives, age 60 or older, who are raising a child of which they are not a parent either by blood or marriage.

States that nothing in this Act shall preclude a recipient of such assistance from applying for or receiving financial assistance under any other HUD program.

Provides such assistance in the form of:

- financing for the construction, reconstruction, moderate or substantial rehabilitation, or acquisition of a structure or a portion of a structure to be used as specialized housing;
- tenant-based rental (voucher) assistance under the United States Housing Act of 1937 for entities meeting certain criteria for use only by qualified relatives who are raising a child and are eligible for such assistance for rental of a dwelling unit that qualifies as specialized housing;
- elderly housing project rental assistance under the Housing Act of 1959 for entities meeting certain criteria in connection with dwelling units that qualify as specialized housing and are made available for occupancy only by qualified relatives who are raising a child and are eligible for occupancy in such housing; and
- help with ongoing operational expenses of any specialized housing, including costs of supportive services required for such housing.

On 4/30/2015 referred to the House Committee on Financial Services.

Text [HERE](#)

On 5/20/2015, referred to the House Ways and Means.

H.R.2506

Seniors' Health Care Plan Protection Act of 2015

Introduced on 5/21/2015 by Representative Vern Buchanan (FL-16)

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to delay the authority to terminate

Medicare Advantage contracts for MA plans failing to achieve minimum quality ratings.

6/2/2015 ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.

H.R.2519

Audiology Patient Choice Act of 2015

Introduced on 5/21/2015 by Representative Lynn Jenkins (KS-2)

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for treatment of audiologists as physicians for purposes of furnishing audiology services under the Medicare program, to improve access to the audiology services available for coverage under the Medicare program and to enable beneficiaries to have their choice of a qualified audiologist to provide services, and for other purposes.

Text [HERE](#)

On 5/21/2015 referred to the House Ways and Means.

H.R.2577

Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act 2015

Introduced on 5/27/2015 by Representative Mario Diaz-Balart (FL-25)

Provides FY2016 appropriations to the Department of Transportation (DOT) the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and several related agencies.

6/10 Referred in Senate text [HERE](#)

On 6/9/2015 Passed House; 6/10/2015 Received in the Senate and read twice and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

H.R.2579

Securing Care for Seniors Act of 2015

Introduced on 5/29/2015 by Representative Diane Black (TN-6)

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve the risk adjustment under the Medicare Advantage program and for other purposes.

On 6/2/2015, Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.

H.R.2633

Seniors Fraud Prevention Act of 2015

Introduced on 6/3/2015 by Representative Theodore E. Deutch (FL-21)

To establish an advisory office within the Bureau of Consumer Protection of the Federal Trade Commission to prevent fraud targeting seniors, and for other purposes.

Text [HERE](#)

6/3/2015, referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

Related bill: [S.1490](#)

H.R.2704

Community Based Independence for Seniors Act of 2015

Introduced on June 9, 2015 by Representative Linda T. Sanchez (CA-38)

To establish a Community-Based Institutional Special Needs Plan demonstration program to target home and community-based care to eligible Medicare beneficiaries, and for other purposes.

Text [HERE](#)

6/9/2015, referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and Committee on Energy and Commerce

If you want to check on the status of any federal legislation, go to <http://beta.congress.gov/> and enter the bill number or title.

Check for **active federal legislation** at this [link](#).

Share your opinions with members of Congress!

If you are interested in sharing your thoughts or concerns, find out how to contact your congressional representatives or Senators by visiting: <http://www.house.gov/> for the

House or <http://www.senate.gov/> for the Senate.

Links to the membership lists are provided below.

[House](#) members

[Senate](#) members

You can contact the White House at this [link](#).

ALSO: A compilation of contact information is provided at:
<http://www.usa.gov/Contact/Elected.shtml>.

NEWS & RESOURCES

June 15 is World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

National Alliance for Caregiving and AARP

[*Caregiving in the U.S. 2015 Report*](#)

From **Kaiser Health News**

Medicare and Medicaid at 50 and Beyond

<http://kff.org/medicaremedicaid50/>

KHN Aging topics page [HERE](#)

Friday Updates, May 22, 2015

GAO Report Examines HCBS for Older Adults

[Click here](#) to access the report.

From the **Consumer Financial Protection Bureau**

Financial protection for older Americans [HERE](#)

White House Conference on Aging is July 13; information [HERE](#).

If you're interested in seeing bills tracked by the Advisory Council this past legislative session, open the FULL LIST link (below). BE SURE to click on the bill number for more information on that specific bill.

FULL LIST [Link](#)

Please be advised that the presence of a bill on a tracking list does not represent support or opposition by the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging. It does mean that the topic is something that may be of interest to or have an impact on older Arizonans.

Share your thoughts at any time! If you have a particular perspective to share with the Governor or your Legislators, you can voice your opinions by contacting the:

- **Governor's Office of Constituent Services** at 602-542-4331 in Phoenix, 520-628-6580 in Tucson and in-state toll free at 1-800-253-0883 (outside Maricopa County only) or
- The **legislator(s) from your area**. You can locate your legislator by going to the **Arizona State Legislature [website](#)** and looking for: *How do I find My Legislators*. Not sure about your congressional or legislative district? **Maps** can be found on the Arizona State Legislature website linked [here](#).

Arizona State Legislature Website Resources

Want to learn more about the legislative process ahead of the next session? See [Arizona Bill](#) or *Bill to Law* provided [here](#).

Learn about the budget process [here](#).

Review the Arizona Constitution [here](#).

Learn more at Frequently Asked Questions linked [here](#).

Results of AHCCCS Provider Rate Analysis:

<http://www.azahcccs.gov/shared/news.aspx#Provider>

INFORMATION & RESOURCES

Launch of new AzLinks website

The **Division of Aging & Adult Services** announced the launch of the new website: www.AZLinks.gov.

Coming later this fall - Senior Action Days sponsored by the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging

Just in case you're interested

Past issues of the *Legislative Updates* are linked on the Council website at: <http://www.azgovernor.gov/gaca/LegUpdates.asp>.



If you wish to be REMOVED from or know someone who would like to be ADDED to the Update, please send an email to: gaca@az.gov and ask to be unsubscribed or subscribed to the **Legislative Update**.

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H.R.1369- Veterans Access to Extended Care Act of 2015

114th Congress (2015-2016) | Get alerts

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Sponsor: Rep. Walorski, Jackie (R-IN-21) (Introduced 03/16/2015)			
Committees: House -Veterans' Affairs; Education and the Workforce			
Latest Action: 04/29/2015 Referred to the Subcommittee on Workforce Protections.			
Tracker:			
Introduced	Passed House	Passed Senate	To President
	Became Law		

More on This Bill
[Constitutional Authority Statement](#)

Subject — Policy Area:
Armed Forces and National Security

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Summary: H.R.1369 - 114th Congress (2015-2016)

[All Bill Information](#) (Except Text)

There is one summary. [Bill summaries](#) are authored by CRS.

Shown Here:
Introduced in House (03/16/2015)

Veterans Access to Extended Care Act of 2015

This bill modifies the treatment of Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) agreements with service providers to furnish veteran nursing home care, adult day health care, or other extended care services.

Any such agreement shall:

- not be treated as a federal contract for the acquisition of goods or services and shall be not subject to any provision law governing federal contracts for the acquisition of goods or services, and
- include specified requirements (such as for medical licensing and VA review of staff and facilities) to ensure the safe and quality of care furnished to veterans pursuant to such agreement.

The failure of a provider to comply with a provision of the agreement may result in VA termination of the agreement.

H.R.1742- Child and Elderly Missing Alert Program Act of 2015

114th Congress (2015-2016) | Get alerts

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<p>Sponsor: Rep. Chabot, Steve R-OH-11 (Introduced 04/13/2015)</p> <p>Committees: House -Judiciary</p> <p>Latest Action: 05/15/2015 Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations.</p> <p>Tracker:</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Introduced</td> <td>Passed House</td> <td>Passed Senate</td> <td>To President</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Became Law</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	Introduced	Passed House	Passed Senate	To President		Became Law			<p>More on This Bill</p> <p>Constitutional Authority Statement</p> <p>Subject —Policy Area:</p> <p>Crime and Law Enforcement</p> <p>View subjects</p>
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Summary: H.R.1742 - 114th Congress (2015-2016)

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Introduced in House (04/13/2015)

Child and Elderly Missing Alert Program of 2015

Amends the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to authorize the Attorney General to award public safety community policing grants to eligible nonprofit organizations to assist federal, state, tribal, and local law enforcement agencies in the rapid recovery of missing children and elderly and disabled individuals through the use of a rapid telephone and cell alert call system. Defines an "elderly individual" as an individual 60 years of age or older.

Permits the use of grant funds to: (1) maintain and expand technologies and techniques to ensure the highest level of performance of services; (2) provide both centralized and on-site training, and to distribute information, to law enforcement agency officials about missing individuals and use of a rapid telephone and cellular alert call system; (3) provide services to Child Abduction Response Teams; (4) assist law enforcement agencies to combat human trafficking through the use of rapid telephone and cellular alert calls; (5) share appropriate information on cases with the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, the AMBER Alert, Silver Alert, and Blue Alert programs, and law enforcement; and (6) assist appropriate organizations with education and prevention programs related to missing individuals.

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H.R.2519 -Audiology Patient Choice Act of 2015

114th Congress (2015-2016) | Get alerts

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Sponsor: Rep. Jenkins, Lynn fR-KS-21 (Introduced 05/21/2015)			
Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Ways and Means			
Latest Action: 05/22/2015 Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.			
Tracker:			
Introduced	Passed House	Passed Senate	To President
	Became Law		

More on This Bill

[Constitutional Authority Statement](#)

Subject-Policy Area:

Health

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Summary: H.R.2519 -114th Congress (2015-2016)

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Introduced in House (05/21/2015)

Audiology Patient Choice Act of 2015

Amends title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act to revise the coverage of audiology services to treat as physicians qualified audiologists authorized by the state and acting within the scope of their licenses to furnish such services.

Enables Medicare beneficiaries to choose a qualified audiologist without regard to any requirement to be under the care of (or referred by) a physician or other health care practitioner, or that services be provided under the supervision of a physician or health care practitioner.



ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING PACKET

MEMO TO: **ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING**
FROM: **LAURA VILLA, AREA AGENCY ON AGING PROGRAM MANAGER**
DATE: **JULY 16, 2015**
SUBJECT: **CONFERENCE ON AGING**

SEAGO/Area Agency on Aging hosted its first Conference on Aging on June 6, 2015 at the Senior Center in Bisbee, AZ

Presidential Proclamation-World Elder Abuse Awareness Day 2015 was observed. For the first time in a long time, SEAGO/Area Agency on Aging Region VI hosted its first Conference on Aging. We partnered with the Alzheimer's Association Desert Southwest Chapter in order to raise awareness of this disease as well as acknowledging World Elder Abuse day. We had Kelly Raach talk about the Basics of Alzheimer's and provided valuable information to all attendees. Our second speaker was Terri Waldman who spoke about Alzheimer's Behaviors and Communications as well as types of abuse. Each staff member of the Area Agency on Aging presented and spoke about their programs and expressed their needs for volunteers. This was the first time SEAGO/Area Agency on Aging had organized such an event and staff did great, it was a success. We had less than 50 attendees but probably because it was on a Saturday but all those who attended were happy and felt they left with valuable information. We had exhibitors who brought a door prize for the event; we served lunch as it was an entire day of information.

Action Requested:

Information Only

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MEMO TO: ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING
FROM: LAURA VILLA, AREA AGENCY ON AGING PROGRAM MANAGER
DATE: JULY 16, 2015
SUBJECT: SFY 15-16 RENEWAL CONTRACTS/FINANCIAL AUDITS

SEAGO/Area Agency on Aging sent out to all Sub-Contractors the SFY15-16 Renewal Contract. Most of them involved changes to the contract general provisions (now called Sub-award Agreement General Provisions). Almost all the changes were driven by the implementation of 2 CFR Part 200.

Funding specified in those new contracts were based on availability of funds as well as utilization of funds available in the past fiscal year.

It is unfortunate that City Of Nogales will no longer apply for the AAA grant for SFY15-16. Mr. Guerra expressed that it was a challenge to keep up with the monthly reports and paperwork needed as part of the AAA requirements. City of Nogales Mayor, Council and Management office will continue supporting with local funds the operations of the Nogales Rides Program on the upcoming Fiscal Year 15-16

New Fixed Rate and Cost Reimbursement Invoice templates were revised using verbiage as requested in the 2 CFR Part 200 in order to be in compliance. All Sub-Contractors are to use the revised Invoice Template when submitting their invoices for SFY15-16.

SFY 14-15 Financial Audits were requested from all Sub-Contractors and they are still being reviewed.

Action Requested: X Information Only Action Requested Below