

Alaska Commission on Aging
Alaska's Power of Aging Conference Committee
Approved Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 7, 2013

Members present: Sandi Doyle, Pat Branson and Marie Darlin. Staff members: Denise Daniello, Jon Erickson and Lesley Thompson.

1. Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m.
2. Review and take action on Alaska's Power of Aging Conference meeting agenda: Approved.
3. Review and take action on Ad Hoc Committee meeting minutes (7-10-2013). A motion was made by Marie and seconded. Minutes approved.

Marie Darlin reviewed her ideas on the housing panel structure.

Issue – high construction cost of housing in Alaska, especially the bush.

Why – Are people going to be willing to pay for the “real” cost of housing? Most people can't afford or do not want to pay the cost of housing.

Challenges –It is hard to gain public support for funding.

Solutions – it is proposed to have public/private management and ownership of housing.

Panel members - what are community needs for housing? Is a survey needed on how to document public need? Should each community process the ability to plan housing projects? Every project has been done differently but there needs some to be a process for community projects.

Jim McCall needs to be a part of this to help us with the energy rebates, rehab grants and loans.

1. Community support aspect of a project and a senior housing needs assessment. What types of factors would be included in the survey?
2. Process for the projects – examples. (Haines, Soldotna, primrose, Raven's Landing)
3. Land, Construction, Management, PR – marketing, funding
4. Community support.

Pat Branson's report on Goal 2.

Goal 2: Seniors have the choice to remain in their own homes, living with high quality of life for as long as possible through the provision of home and community based services, including support for family caregivers.

Objectives on which to focus with panel:

B. Increase access to flexible high quality home and community based services especially in rural and remote areas of the state.

C. Provide family caregivers with access to an array of information, education and supports that allow them to continue to provide care to their loved ones for as long as possible.

G. Ensure that seniors with behavioral health needs are screened, identified, referred and treated in a senior friendly context.

Possible panel members: Family Caregiver Program provider and a family caregiver for direct story; Home & community based provider-one who provides respite, adult day, PCA possibly, care coordination etc.; someone from DSDS to explain how HCB services are funded and how increased needs will be met; senior from rural and remote area to discuss which services are needed in those areas and maybe speak to a regional service delivery concept.

How much will be put in other reports. Don't do too much overlapping.

Sandi – commented on the need to cover elder protection and safety. Everyone else agreed that this is an important issue!

Budget – we will need about \$3,000 for venue and food

Keynote speaker – Marianne Mills suggested some speakers as did Lesley Thompson.

National speakers can cost range \$15,000 - \$30,000 plus expenses.

The Committee made the decision to stay in-state for speakers given the expertise and knowledge about senior issues within state. Denise suggested that we ask a speaker from the University of Alaska to discuss new developments in the aging field.

Denise had conversations with Gina Lucky with ConocoPhillips about what to include in a letter of request. She was told to ask for \$5,000 or less and offer podium time and recognition for sponsorship. They need the request to be submitted by November for a decision by January.

Reports and discussion items were submitted from Sandi Doyle and Mary Shields.

The committee thought that the ACoA speaker should discuss advocacy. We need to define the purpose of the conference. Is it Information or Advocacy? We could use two people to be the keynote speakers? We could also have a speaker during lunch.

Our next meeting is November 15 at 9:30 am.

Respectfully submitted:

Lesley Thompson