

Alaska Commission on Aging
APPROVED Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
January 19, 2017

Members Present: David Blacketer, Mary Shields, Rachel Greenberg, Marie Darlin, and staff D. Daniello. Lesley Thompson was present to provide a review of the proposed schedule of rural outreach site visits for the February 2017 meeting.

I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 9:31 a.m. by teleconference.

II. Review and take action on Executive Committee Draft Meeting Agenda: A motion to approve the agenda was made by Rachel and seconded by Marie without objection.

III. Review and take action on ACoA Executive Committee Draft Meeting Minutes, 11.22.2016: A motion was made to approve minutes from the November 22, 2016 meeting by Rachel and seconded by Marie. Minutes were approved.

IV. Review, discuss & take action on the draft ACoA February 2017 board meeting and rural Southeast site visit agenda. Denise reviewed the draft agenda and site visit agenda noting that the site visit agenda was still in the process of being finalized. At the December board meeting, Commissioners were presented with a list of possible southeast destinations and then chose the rural outreach destination they wanted to visit. Commissioner groups were assigned based on that input. Staff later followed up with Commission members to confirm their preferences.

Other meeting details were discussed. Mary suggested that the board meeting agenda call attention to the meeting locations in the Alaska Office Building (AOB) for the first two days and the SDS 6th floor conference room on the last day of the meeting. The Committee discussed the option of doing a rural outreach visit or legislative advocacy visits. Similar to this year, Mary and Marie agreed to hold a joint meeting in February 2018 that will include legislative advocacy visits and rural outreach visit to other Southeast communities that include Yakutat, Wrangell, Angoon, Petersburg, Prince of Wales and/or Craig as possible destinations. Beginning in 2019, Mary suggested that the Commission then move to holding alternate rural outreach and February legislator visits every other year. Rachel suggested that the Commission should plan to hold the board legislative advocacy meeting in Juneau during second year of session.

The Committee also discussed the legislator visit schedule. Visits with legislators were scheduled as constituent meetings as well as meetings with legislators holding seats on the Finance and Health and Social Service Committees. Mary noted her preferences for legislator visits.

The Committee discussed the following board meeting dates for FY2018:

- September 21, 2017 – Videoconference/Teleconference
- December 12, 2017 – Videoconference/Teleconference
- February 5-9, 2018 – Face to face meeting to be structured as a combination legislative advocacy/southeast rural outreach visits
- No date has been proposed for May 2018 pending the date to be scheduled for the Older Americans Month in Alaska celebration. This will be a videoconference/teleconference meeting.

A motion was made to move forward with the draft agenda, rural outreach schedule, and legislator visits by Marie and seconded by Mary.

The Committee discussed formation of the Medicare Ad Hoc Committee. Denise noted that she would reach out to Chelsea Holt, staff to Senator Murkowski to ask if she would like to participate in these meetings. Rachel noted that she would invite a doctor practicing in Mat-Su who expressed interest as well as Becky Hultberg, President and CEO of Alaska State Hospital and Nursing Home Administration. The group agreed to hold the first meeting in March. (Follow-up note: Invitations were sent by Rachel and Denise to the participants identified however, a meeting has not yet been scheduled due to ACoA staff being engaged with federal/state legislative advocacy and other activities.)

V. Review, discuss, and take action on draft and revised FY2017 ACoA position papers: Denise reviewed the draft position papers. The Safety Net Position Paper was revised to add a table showing a comparison in the cost of services across the continuum of care. The purpose of this table is to highlight the cost value of home- and community-based services if all seniors receiving waiver services received their care in a nursing home because waiver services were not available. Marie moved to approve the amended position papers. This motion was seconded by Rachel.

VI. ACoA Budget Report: Denise reported having meetings with SDS administrative staff that that the Commission's budget is over-spent. SDS explained that the reasons for the Commission being over-budget were due to increased costs for support services now being incurred from budget reductions to agencies providing support services and personnel costs. Denise invited SDS to make a presentation to the Commission at the February meeting to review ACoA's budget and the reasons for being over-budget.

VII. Trust Work Session: Denise reviewed the agenda for the Trust work session scheduled for January 24 that would involve Trust staff, Trustees, and board and staff representing the boards/council/commission. The purpose of this meeting will be for the Trust to: (1) review its plan for reorganization; (2) discuss advocacy planning and advocacy priorities; (3) plan next steps for the Comprehensive Integrated Mental Health Plan; and (4) discuss the process for recruiting the next Trust CEO. David, Marie, and Denise will represent the Commission at this meeting.

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m. with a motion by Rachel and seconded by Mary.