

**Alaska Commission on Aging
DRAFT Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
January 18, 2018**

Members Present: David Blacketer, Mary Shields, Marie Darlin, Rachel Greenberg, and staff Denise Daniello.

I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 9:10 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 Mary without objection.

III. Review and take action on ACoA Executive Committee Draft Meeting Minutes, 11.20.2017: A motion was made to approve the minutes by Mary and seconded by Rachel. Minutes approved.

IV. Review, discuss & take action on the draft agenda for ACoA board meeting, February 5-9, 2018: Denise reviewed the draft board meeting agenda which included the board meeting, the Joint Senior Advocacy Partnership meeting, legislative visits, and rural outreach visits to Southeast communities. David summarized the purpose of the Senior Advocacy Partnership meeting as providing an opportunity for all of the advocacy organizations to share information about their advocacy issues and strategies. The Committee asked Denise to do the summary of what we, as a senior advocacy community, share in common at the end of the Senior Advocacy Partnership meeting and to identify next steps. Rachel reviewed AgeNet's priorities which included advocacy for passage of HB 236, the Senior Benefits reauthorization bill.

The Committee also reviewed and approved the following meeting dates to be presented to Commission members at the February 2018 meeting:

- Tuesday, May 1, 2018 by videoconference and teleconference.
- Wednesday September 19 (originally proposed) was later changed to September 25, 2018.
- Wednesday, December 12, 2018 by videoconference and teleconference.
- Wednesday, February 13, 2019 by videoconference and teleconference (alternative February 11-14, 2019, face-to-face meeting)

V. Draft ACoA Commissioner and Legislative Visit Schedule – ACoA staff Lesley Thompson worked with Marie to put together a legislative visit schedule for the Committee to review. The Committee suggested three changes which were incorporated in the final schedule:

- (1) Add Sam Trivette as a partner for Marie as Banarsi would not be able to make the Juneau meeting in person.
- (2) Move Senator Tom Begich to the schedule for Marie and Sam.
- (3) Add Senator Stevens to the schedule for Mary and David.

VI. Draft Rural Outreach Visit Schedule: The Committee reviewed the proposed schedule for rural outreach visits to Hoonah, Sitka, Wrangell and Juneau that would include doing an Elder-Senior Community Forum in Wrangell. Committee members noted their preferences for which group they would like to participate. In planning for next year, the Committee discussed different options to do rural outreach including asking two Commissioners to travel to a rural community by ground transportation and then to report the findings back to the full Commission to hold down costs.

The Committee asked Denise to forward the schedules for legislative visits and rural outreach to Commission members and ask for their input and approval.

VII. Annual Report Update: Denise provided an update on the status of the ACoA annual report. We have the narrative completed and working to complete the Senior Snapshot. When the Senior Snapshot is finished, the annual report will be sent to the webmaster to finalize.

VIII. Boards and Commissions Update: At the Commission's request, Denise and David sent a request to Boards and Commissions asking if the Governor's Office would approve a modified plan for the Commission to conduct legislative advocacy and rural outreach visits that would involve small groups of Commissioners to conduct these activities using a travel budget that would not exceed what had been spent on the combined legislative advocacy and rural outreach visits of 2018 and 2017. Denise reported that our request remains pending with Boards and Commissions.

IX. Trust Legislative Proposal Update: Denise reviewed the objectives for the Trust Legislative Proposal as follows, based on correspondence from Mike Abbott, Trust CEO:

- Address concerns regarding deployment of the Trust's investable revenues.
- Clarify the authority of Trustees regarding investment decisions
- Ensure the Trustees are managing Trust assets to generate maximum long-term resources for beneficiaries.

X. Other discussion: Marie suggested that the Commission find a senator to champion Senior Benefits legislation to complement the House bill. Denise said she will follow-up with legislators.

XI. Adjourn: Rachel moved to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Mary. The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m. with a motion by Rachel that was seconded by Mary.