

Alaska Commission on Aging
APPROVED Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
April 4, 2014

Members Present: Mary Shields, Edna DeVries, Banarsi Lal, Marie Darlin, and staff D. Daniello

I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 3:35 p.m. by teleconference.

II. Review and take action on Executive Committee meeting agenda (4-4-2014): A motion to approve the agenda with additional items was made by Edna and seconded by Marie. No objections.

III. Review and take action on Executive Committee minutes (1-17-2014): The motion to approve as presented was made by Marie and seconded by Edna.

IV. Review, discuss and take action on draft ACoA Spring board meeting agenda: Denise reviewed the draft meeting agenda for April 30 & May 2 in Anchorage at the Anchorage Senior Citizens Activity Center. The Power of Aging in Alaska Symposium will be held on May 1 at the Hotel Captain Cook. The ACoA will join in the celebration of May as Older Americans Month in Alaska with the Anchorage Senior Advisory Commission on May 2 at the Anchorage Senior Activities Center.

The following items were revisions to the draft agenda. Marie requested that we begin the Committee reports at 9:00 a.m. and to add the By-laws Committee to the board agenda with the other Committee reports. Mary noted that we need to add "Election of ACoA Officers" as an action item on May 2 at 2:45 p.m. replacing the board training by Begich & Associates. Mary asked Banarsi to chair the Nominating Committee. Mary asked that we add a report from the Nomination Committee on the agenda under Committee reports.

The Executive Committee approved the draft agenda and authorized staff to move forward with securing the speakers and making final arrangements.

V. Update: - Power of Aging in Alaska Symposium: Denise presented an overview of the Symposium to date. We received a total of \$10,000 in support of the Symposium with \$5,000 from ConocoPhillips and \$5,000 from AHFC. As a state agency, ACoA is prohibited from accepting grants from private donors. We are working with ConocoPhillips to address this problem by asking another nonprofit organization to serve as a bridge recipient on ACoA's behalf and pay the catering bill from Hotel Captain Cook. Mary asked Denise to ask the Department for talking points to introduce Commissioner Streur. The Committee recommended that we ask Commissioners to introduce panel moderators and for Ken Ostercamp to introduce the keynote speaker, Jeannine English. In discussing the conference evaluation form, Marie suggested that we include the following question – "What will you do when you get home to be involved in your community?" Committee members also recommended ACoA Commissioners sit close to the front together at a table. Edna commended all of the work done for the Symposium.

VI. Discussion of ACoA FY2015 Rural Outreach Meeting: The Committee was presented with the following four options to consider for the ACoA rural outreach meeting, September 16-18. These destinations include those in which ACoA has not visited in some time or never visited.

1. Northern Southeast Alaska – Meeting to be held in Haines with site visits to Skagway, Klukwan and Haines. Possible places to visit include Haines Senior Housing (12 independent units), Haines Assisted Living Home, Haines Senior Village (13 one- and two-bedroom complex with elder preference), Haines/Klukwan Senior Center, and SEARHC Community Clinic. Estimated travel cost is \$15,413.

2. Middle Southeast Alaska – Meeting to be held in Petersburg with visits to Kake and Sitka. Senior housing, Petersburg Medical Center, Kake Senior Center, Tlingit & Haida senior housing (Kake), Sitka Pioneer Home, Swan Lake Senior Center, and Center for Community were service providers identified for this trip. Estimated travel cost is \$18,451.

3. Northern Alaska – Meeting to be held in Fairbanks with visits to Minto, Nenana, Barrow, and Fort Yukon by four outreach groups. Possible site visits in Fairbanks include AHFC's senior housing projects, Caring Bridge Assisted Living, Denali Center nursing home, North Star Council on Aging Senior Center, and Raven's Landing senior housing. Possible site visits in Barrow include the senior center, senior housing and health care facilities. Possible site visit for Nenana is the Nenana Tortella Council on Aging senior center. Minto has a senior services nutrition program to visit. Estimated travel cost is \$16,002.

4. East Side of Kenai – Meeting to be held in Seward with visits to Cooper Landing. Places to visit in Seward include Glacier View Apartments that offer 30 units of senior independent affordable housing; Providence Seward Mountain Haven long-term care facility; and Seward Senior Center. Places to visit in Cooper Landing include Cooper Landing Senior Citizens Corporation that offers independent senior housing (12 units), transportation, and information/referral services. Estimated travel cost is \$10,894.

Mary recommended that the Commission visit Fairbanks and do site visits to North Pole, Salcha and Delta Junction. She suggested that we talk to Anna about places to visit in Minto. The Executive Committee decided to present their decision for the September 2014 outreach meeting to Commissioners at the May board meeting.

VII. Discuss and take action on ACoA Committee Goals, FY2015-2016. Denise reviewed the draft Standing Committee goals. For the Legislative Advocacy Committee, Marie asked that the last strategy be amended to read "Convene the Statewide Senior Legislative Advocacy teleconferences *during the legislative session* to consider and discuss legislation of interest to seniors..."

Edna moved to forward the ACoA Stand Committee Goals, FY2015-2016 as amended to the full board at the May meeting which was seconded by Banarsi.

VIII. Update on Alaska Roadmap to Address Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias: Denise provided a quick update to the Executive Committee that the core committee has met and is working on establishing the outline for the Roadmap. Karl Garber, Executive Director of the Alzheimer's Resource Agency, and Denise representing ACoA will present the Roadmap at the Power of Aging in Alaska Symposium.

IX. Other Discussion: No other items were discussed.

IX. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.