

Alaska Commission on Aging
APPROVED Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
January 17, 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 3:10 p.m. by teleconference.

II. Review and take action on Executive Committee meeting agenda (1-17-2014): Denise noted two new items under “other business” for the Committee to consider that included discussion of a letter from AgeNet and the request from the Trust for a list of persons to serve on the ADRD State Plan Steering Committee. A motion to approve the agenda with additional items was made by Edna and seconded by Banarsi. No objections.

III. Review and take action on Executive Committee minutes: The motion to approve as presented was made by Marie and seconded by Banarsi.

IV. Review, discuss and take action on draft ACoA February board meeting agenda: Denise reviewed the draft meeting agenda for February 10th-13th in Juneau at the Alaska Permanent Fund Corporation Building. This meeting will include a board meeting, Juneau Elder-Senior Community Forum, and Commissioner-legislator advocacy visits for the purpose of discussing senior issues and ACoA legislative priorities.

Banarsi asked staff to do public service announcements for the meeting with radio and the Juneau Empire. Mary recommended that we send an invite to legislators to attend ACoA’s meeting and the meeting agenda. Banarsi asked Denise to add qualifying language in the agenda regarding the meeting location to reconvene the meeting on the afternoon of February 11th.

The Committee decided to withhold formal action approving the agenda in order to provide staff with flexibility to make changes in order to accommodate speakers’ schedules.

V. Discuss & take action on ACoA 2014 Board Meeting Dates: Denise reviewed suggested dates for upcoming board meetings that included the following:

- April 30 and May 2, 2014 (Spring Meeting, Anchorage)
- September 16-18, 2014 (Rural Outreach Meeting; location to be determined)
- December 10-12, 2014 (Winter Meeting, Anchorage)
- February 9-12, 2015 (Legislative Advocacy Meeting, Juneau)

Committee members decided to present these dates to the full Commission for their consideration and approval. The Committee asked Denise to gather information about possible rural outreach meeting locations and to send that information to Commissioners to discuss at the February board meeting. The Committee also asked Denise to update the draft agenda to include time for Commissioners to discuss possible rural outreach meeting destinations for September 2014.

VI. Discuss & take action on recommendations from Legislative Advocacy Committee regarding ACoA position papers, talking points, and legislative meetings: Banarsi motioned to approve the position papers and talking points, which was seconded by Marie. Edna suggested that the Commission send a letter to the Governor thru Commissioner Streur to thank him for not reducing the budget for senior grant-funded services.

Following the Committee meeting, Denise emailed the draft list of Commissioner-legislator visits. Staff developed the list of legislative visits in consultation with Commission members.

VII. Juneau Elder-Senior Community Forum: Denise described the need for the forum as a strategy we use to collect information about senior needs statewide for the new Alaska State Plan for Senior Services, FY2015-2019. Mary asked Denise to send a timeline that we would use in the event of a small turnout (where all questions would be discussed by a single group) and for a large turnout (in which we would have several groups discussing the questions simultaneously). In the latter situation, we would allow time for a report out of each group. Denise noted that ACoA Commissioner Paula Pawlowski, who has facilitated previous forums, has agreed to be the facilitator for this forum discussion, pending her travel to the February meeting is approved by her department.

VIII. Other Business

Discussion of AgeNet's letter: The Executive Committee reviewed the letter submitted by AgeNet that expressed concerns about the recent changes in regulations for the waiver and Personal Care Assistant programs that they believe have resulted in fewer seniors being eligible for these services. Banarsi asked whether AgeNet has submitted a similar letter to Director Duane Mayes, Senior and Disabilities Services or to DHSS Commissioner Streur. Denise responded that she would follow-up with AgeNet to find out and report back to Executive Committee.

Discussion of ADRD State Plan Steering Committee Members: Executive Committee members asked Denise to send them a list of persons to serve on this committee.

The Committee scheduled the next meeting for Friday, April 4th, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

IX. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.