

**Alaska Commission on Aging**  
**APPROVED Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**July 26, 2016**

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

**I. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 10:32 a.m. by teleconference.

**II. Review and take action on Executive Committee Draft Meeting Agenda, 7.26.2016:** A motion to approve the agenda was made by Mary and seconded by Rachel without objection.

**III. Review and take action on ACoA Executive Committee Draft Meeting Minutes, 4.12.2016:** The motion to approve the minutes was made by Marie and seconded by Mary. Minutes approved.

**IV. Review, discuss & amend draft FY2016 ACoA Standing Committee Accomplishments:** Denise reviewed the draft list of activities accomplished by each Committee in FY2016. Committee members agreed with the list and proposed no changes. The list will be presented to ACoA Commissioners at the September board meeting.

**V. Review, discuss & update draft FY2017-FY2018 ACoA Standing Committee Goals:** Denise reviewed the draft Committee goals and noted the new modules of questions being proposed for the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance Survey to include a set of questions about the needs of caregivers in addition to questions regarding access to health care. The Commission has requested funding from the national Alzheimer's Association and the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority to include a set of nine questions about the needs of caregiving based on a module of already established questions. Pending approval, this module will provide the first statistically significant data about caregiving needs in Alaska. The questions on access to health care will provide information about senior access to care, particularly those who are insured by Medicare.

Rachel suggested that we add questions about housing, transportation, clean water, and sanitary conditions to the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance Survey (proposed Planning Committee activity). The Committee discussed this idea however recognized that the cost of each question is \$3,000. David suggested that we include such questions in the senior survey for the next State Plan. Questions about senior behavioral health needs should also be added.

**VI. Discuss draft preliminary list of FY2018 ACoA Policy Recommendations:** The Committee discussed the preliminary draft list of the Commission's policy recommendations for the coming year that would be presented to the Trust at their September board meeting. Rachel noted that we should use findings from the InterRAI assessment tool to identify how to prevent someone from going into a nursing home. The Committee also discussed adding Transportation (for senior and disabled populations) as a safety net service to "protect for vulnerable older Alaskans" in addition to "elder protection."

**VII. Review and discuss prospective list of applicants for ACoA board appointments:** Committee members discussed all persons on the list and noted that they are all good suggestions and made no motion to recommend any names to go forward to the Governor.

**VII. Discuss proposed dates for ACoA FY17 Board meetings:** Denise reviewed the dates proposed for the ACoA meeting calendar that will be presented to ACoA Commissioners at the September board meeting. Rachel added the winter meeting date. The proposed ACoA FY2018 board meeting dates to be presented to the Commission are the following:

- Fall Meeting: Thursday, September 15, 2016 (Videoconference/teleconference)
- Winter Meeting: Wednesday, December 7, 2016 (Videoconference/teleconference)
- Combination Legislative Advocacy/Rural Outreach: February 6-10, 2017 with the board meeting held in Juneau and rural outreach to Southeast communities. (Face to Face)
- Spring Older Americans Month in Alaska Meeting: Wednesday, May 3, 2017 (Videoconference/teleconference)

**VIII. Other discussion.** None

**IX. Adjourn.** Rachel moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:00 noon which was seconded by Marie.