

ARIZONA STATE LEGISLATURE

VULNERABLE ADULT SYSTEM STUDY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting
February 6, 2025
1:00 P.M., SHR 1

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Members Present:

Senator Timothy "Tim" Dunn, Co-Chair
Senator Sally Ann Gonzalez
Karen Barno
Brendon Blake
Toni Brown
Dr. Liz Carr
Jennifer Cunico
Maria Dadgar
Jakenna Lebsock
Marlinda Littleman

Representative Patricia Contreras
Molly McCarthy
Zaida Dedolph Piecoro
Lisa Pollock
Tory Roberg
Jaime Roberts
Ericka Stropka
Dave Voepel
Steve Wagner
Jon Scott Williams

Members Excused:

Misti Beaver
Kathryn Blair
Joe Branco

Representative Selina Bliss, Co-Chair
Dr. Lorrie Henderson

Staff:

Michael Madden, Senate Research
Kaytie Sherman, Senate Assistant Research Analyst
Allison Okonoski, Senate Research Intern
Brooke Gartner, House Research Assistant

Co-Chair Dunn called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m. and attendance was taken.

INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS

Senator Dunn requested that the members introduce themselves.

Brendon Blake, Governor's Advisory Council on Aging, introduced himself and offered comments.

Lisa Pollock, Arizona State Long-Term Care Ombudsman, introduced herself and offered comments.

Jon Scott Williams, Public Policy Director, Christian Care Companies, introduced himself and offered comments.

Dr. Liz Carr, Senior Director of Clinical and Program Services, Copa Health, introduced herself and offered comments.

Jennifer Cunico, Director, Department of Health Services, introduced herself and offered comments.

Jakenna Lebsock, Assistant Director, Division of Managed Care Services, Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS), introduced herself and offered comments.

Molly McCarthy, Deputy Director, Arizona Department of Economic Security, introduced herself and offered comments.

Jaime Roberts, CEO, Arizona LeadingAge, introduced herself and offered comments.

Karen Barno, CEO, Arizona Assisted Living Federation of Arizona, introduced herself and offered comments.

Erica Stropka, Lieutenant, Special Victims Section, Tucson Police Department, introduced herself.

Toni Brown, retired officer, Vulnerable Adult Crime Unit, City of Phoenix Police Department, introduced herself and offered comments.

Marlinda Littleman, Division of Aging and Long-Term Care Services, Navajo Nation, introduced herself.

Maria Dadgar, Executive Director, Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona (ITCA), introduced herself and offered comments.

Zaida Dedolph Piecoro, Health Policy Advisor, Arizona Governor's Office, introduced herself.

Tory Roberg, Director of Government Affairs, Alzheimer's Association Desert Southwest Chapter, introduced herself and offered comments.

Steve Wagner, Firefighter Paramedic, City of Phoenix Fire Department, introduced himself.

Dave Voepel, CEO, Arizona Health Care Association, introduced himself and offered comments.

Senators Gonzales and Dunn and Representative Contreras introduced themselves.

Senator Dunn offered comments.

PRESENTATIONS

Overview of the Developmental Disabilities Group Home Monitoring Pilot Program, J.J. Rico, CEO, Disability Rights Arizona

J.J. Rico, CEO, Disability Rights Arizona, offered comments.

Kim Dorshaw, Disability Rights Arizona, distributed and explained a PowerPoint presentation entitled "Vulnerable Adult System Study Committee Presentation" (Attachment A) and a document entitled "DRAZ/COMIT Monitoring Program Outcomes/Results" (Attachment B) and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Senator Dunn distributed a copy of SB 1356 (Attachment C) and answered questions posed by the Committee.

The Committee offered comments.

Ms. Dorshaw answered additional questions posed by the Committee.

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Mr. Rico answered questions posed by the Committee.

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Ms. Dorshaw answered additional questions posed by the Committee.

Mr. Rico answered additional questions posed by the Committee.

Senator Dunn offered comments.

Overview of Proposed Rules on Assisted Living Facility Memory Care Services, Arizona Department of Health Services

Tom Salow, Assistant Director, Public Health Licensing Services, Department of Health Services, introduced himself and distributed and explained a PowerPoint presentation entitled "Memory Care Services and Health Care Institutions Rulemaking" (Attachment D). Mr. Salow answered questions posed by the Committee.

Tiffany Slater, Deputy Assistant Director, Public Health Licensing Services, Department of Health Services, answered questions posed by the Committee.

Senator Dunn offered comments.

Ms. Slater answered additional questions posed by the Committee.

The Committee offered comments.

WORK GROUP LIAISON UPDATES

Senator Dunn requested that the Elderly and Physical Disability Work Group update the Committee.

The Committee offered comments.

Senator Dunn requested that the Developmental Disability Work Group update the Committee.

The Committee offered comments.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Cynthia Elliott, representing self, offered comments.

Anne Ronan, representing self, offered comments.

Jon Meyers, representing self, offered comments.

Christine Scianna, representing self, offered comments.

Brandy Petrone, Arizona Association of Providers for People with Disabilities, offered comments.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

The Committee offered comments.

Senator Dunn offered closing comments.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:49 p.m.

Attached is a list noting the individuals who registered their positions on the agenda items (Attachment E).

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Christophersen
Committee Secretary

(Audio recordings and attachments are on file in the Secretary of the Senate's Office/Resource Center, Room 115. Audio archives are available at <http://www.azleg.gov>)