

PPC minutes 3-10-16

Testimony on state bills

HB 718 Asset recovery for exploited seniors act. Passed House  
SB 336 Hospitals – Designation of lay caregivers. Passed senate  
House hearing 3-10-16 HB 1277  
SB 472 family & medical leave act Hearing 3-3-16  
HB 580 “ “ “ Hearing 3-1-16  
SB 819 independent living tax credit act Hearing 3-9-16  
HB 316 Hearing 2-16 letter sent

Letters on state bills

HB 495 offense against vulnerable or elderly adult Committee gave an unfavorable report  
HB 244 closure of assisted living programs “ “ “ “  
SB 98 Senior Center activities operating fund passed senate letter to House 3-1-16  
HB 262 & SB 805 Increased funding for senior centers: letter sent to Senate 3-10-16  
HB 685 state dept. of aging comprehensive plan letter sent 3-1-16

Over 2500 bills introduced in the 2016 legislature

Discussion about how to make the PPC more effective in achieving success:

Develop more partners  
Look to stakeholders meetings for supporters  
Continue working with USM & AARP  
Sometimes jointly sign letters  
Identify possible partners early

Discussion of financial abuse legislation

Seek help of the Bar Association  
Question AG Frosh on his plank on aging, the low # of convictions, Seniors vs. Crime  
Activities in Florida.  
Funds from Feds for abuse training,  
Work with local Bar Ass'n & Legal Aid.

County Budget

Release date 3-15-16 HHS briefing 3-17-16  
Meetings with individual Council Members in April by all the COA members  
Review of draft budget statement  
Depends on actual budget  
Strengthen intro with Summit ref. age friendly, caregiver coordinator  
Recommend that request for WHO coordinator be for a full-time position  
Adult foster care: part of a 3 year plan to bring rates to parity with Medicaid rates  
Seek input from Leslie Marks on Housing  
Look at various Transportation proposals (Chuck)

In addition to increased funding for medical adult day care & respite care add case management  
Isabelle would work on a new draft & Karen would develop talking points.

Federal legislation

Letters were sent to Sen Mikulski & Cardin requesting increased funding for OAA

Work with the Bar Ass'n & Legal Aid would be continue by Morty & Stephanie

Attendees: Isabelle Schoenfeld, Chuck Kauffman, Karen Maricheau, Stephanie Edelstein, Jack Sprague, Morty Faller, Barbara Multz, Rudy Oswald, Odile Brunetto