

ARIZONA STATE LEGISLATURE

JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON DES BLOCK GRANTS

Minutes of the Meeting
September 19, 2017
9:30 a.m., Senate Hearing Room 1

Members Present:

Senator Nancy Barto, Co-Chair
Senator Katie Hobbs
Senator Debbie Lesko

Representative Thomas R. Shope, Co-Chair
Representative Sally Gonzales
Representative Becky A. Nutt
Representative Michelle Udall

Members Excused:

Senator Robert Meza
Senator Bob Worsley

Representative Rebecca Rios

Staff:

Emily Mercado, Senate Research Staff
Rick Hazelton, House Research Staff

Co-Chairs Barto and Shope called the meeting to order at 9:42 a.m. and attendance was taken.

PRESENTATIONS

Overview Community Services Block Grants

Frank Migali, Bureau Chief, Department of Economic Security, Division of Aging and Adult Services, distributed and explained a PowerPoint presentation entitled "Arizona Department of Economic Security Community Services Block Grant State Plan 2017 – 2018" (Attachment A).

Diana Gravett, Arizona Department of Economic Security, answered questions posed by the Committee.

Mr. Migali answered questions posed by the Committee and continued with the PowerPoint presentation (Attachment A).

Ms. Gravett answered additional questions posed by the Committee.

Mr. Migali continued with the PowerPoint presentation (Attachment A) and answered additional questions posed by the Committee.

Kathy Ber, Arizona Department of Economic Security, answered questions posed by the Committee.

Mr. Migali continued with the PowerPoint presentation (Attachment A).

Ms. Gravett answered additional questions posed by the Committee.

Mr. Migali continued with the PowerPoint presentation (Attachment A).

Individual Development Accounts

Kathy Dinolfi, Vice President, A New Leaf/MesaCAN, gave an overview on Community Action Agency (CAN) and explained the merger between A New Leaf and MesaCAN. Ms. Dinolfi gave an overview on Individual Development Accounts.

Rural Economic Development

Malissa Burzan, Community Services Director, Gila County Community Action, gave an overview on the Rural Economic Development.

National, State and Local Perspective

Cynthia Zwick, Executive Director, Arizona Community Action Association distributed and explained a handout entitled "2016 State CSBG Factsheets" (Attachment B) and answered questions posed by the Committee.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Jeffrey Jamison, City of Phoenix, testified on the City of Phoenix Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program and the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) program.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

Representative Shope stated that it is beneficial for us not to just have this conversation every three year basis, it would be good for us to get together at least once a year to talk about this.

Senator Lesko thanked all the people that are here, you do a lot of good things for the community and for people in need and it is very much appreciated.

Senator Barto thanked everyone as well.

Attached is a form noting the individual who submitted a Speaker slip on the agenda items (Attachment C).

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:34 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Toy Brown
Committee Secretary

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