

LEE COUNTY SENIOR SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Wednesday, March 21, 2018

Central Carolina Hospital Community Classroom, 1135 Carthage Street, Sanford, NC

Board Members Present: Trudy Forrest, Vera Marks, Henry Merritt, Jim Payne, Joyce Smith, Mary Upchurch
Board Members Absent: Cleo Bryant, Karen Oldham, Commissioner Robert Reives
Staff Present: Debbie Davidson, Melanie Rodgers, Debbie Williams

8:35 a.m. Jim Payne welcomed the group and asked if there are any changes to the agenda. With no changes, Mary Upchurch made a motion to accept the agenda, seconded by Vera Marks, all in favor. Jim Payne asked if there are any changes to the February 20, 2018 meeting minutes. With no changes, Trudy Forrest made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Joyce Smith, all in favor.

There are no public comments.

Melanie Rodgers reviewed the February 2018 Finance and MySeniorCenter reports. Guest attendance totals are included in MySeniorCenter reports. Copies are with the original minutes. Jim Payne asked how it is determined on MySeniorCenter that a participant is a fall risk. Melanie responded that the participant completes their MSC intake form and all information is self-identified.

Henry Merritt arrives at 8:45 a.m.

Debbie Williams reviewed upcoming program information and distributed flyers. The Caregiver Education Conference is Tuesday, March 27, 2018 at the Dennis A. Wicker Civic Center. Trudy Forrest asked if the conference is only for caregivers. Debbie Williams replied that the conference is for anyone wanting to know more about Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, family and professional caregivers. Debbie reminded the Board that the SCOPE (Senior Center Operation and Program Evaluation) for Senior Center of Excellence is June 12, 2018. The SCOPE document contains information about programs, services, surveys, events and volunteers for the past five years. This is The Enrichment Center's fourth certification process.

Melanie Rodgers reminded the Board that they are the Senior Advocacy Committee for Lee County Older Adults. The 2016 webinar training for Advocacy was the beginning step for the Committee. Their role is to advocate for Lee County older adults from the local level and beyond. She provided the Enrichment Center Marketing Sheet and NC Senior Tar Heel Legislature 2018 Legislative Priorities sheet to use when advocating for older adults.

Debbie Davidson announced the Annual Enrichment Center Volunteer Appreciation event, Wednesday, April 18 from 2 pm until 4 pm. She asked the Board to RSVP for the event. Debbie provided an update about the floor installation in the Fitness Room and Game Room. Debbie announced to submit applications to her for the Advisory Board terms expiring June 2018. Terms expiring are Trudy Forrest, Vera Marks, Karen Oldham and Nonnie (Joyce) Smith. Debbie provided information about the new Lee County Employee Wellness Clinic located beside of the Government Center. Fulltime employees and dependents or spouses on their medical insurance can use the clinic at no cost.

Melanie Rodgers provided the FY2019 Senior Services budget review. She and Debbie Davidson reviewed the budget with County Manager Crumpton and Finance Director/Asst. County Manager Lisa Minter. Budgets go to the Board of Commissioners next for their approval.

Jim Payne, Trudy Forrest and Mary Upchurch shared information provided at the March 20, 2018 Triangle J Area Agency on Aging Advisory Board meeting. Mary shared information about the new Medicare Card and do not destroy the old card. Trudy shared information about the Ombudsman program, their role and understaffed at this time. Jim shared that the Older Americans Act is up for reauthorization and due 2019.

Mary Upchurch advised the Senior Tar Heel Legislature has begun working on 2019 priorities.
9:42 a.m. Vera Marks exits the meeting.

Old/New Business – Another reminder to complete the Advisory Board term application. Jim Payne reported the AARP Tax program completed 455 returns as of March 16, 2018. There are still tax appointments available.

The next meeting date is Wednesday, April 18, 2018 at 8:30 a.m. at The Enrichment Center.

With no further business, Trudy Forrest made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Henry Merritt, all in favor. The meeting adjourned at 9:49 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Debbie Davidson, Secretary 

Jim Payne, Chair 