

LEE COUNTY SENIOR SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 15, 2017 The Enrichment Center Conference Room, Sanford, NC

Board Members Present: Jim Payne, Cleo Bryant, Nonnie (Joyce) Smith, Trudy Forrest, Vera Marks, Karen Oldham, Henry Merritt
Board Members Absent: Commissioner Robert Reives, Mary Upchurch
Staff Present: Debbie Davidson, Holly Hight

8:31 a.m. Jim Payne called the meeting to order. Jim asked everyone to take the time to read over the minutes from the October 18, 2017 meeting.

8:32 a.m. Henry Merritt arrives.

Jim asked if the minutes met with everyone's approval. Henry Merritt motioned to approve the minutes and Cleo Bryant seconded the motion. All in attendance were in favor. The minutes were approved. There are no public comments.

Debbie Davidson provided Senior Services and COLTS updates including recent events such as The Veteran's Breakfast, Candlelight Reflections, Fall Festival and Angel Tree. The Enrichment Center will be getting several updates including paint, new vinyl plank hardwood floors in several areas, as well as new specialty flooring in the fitness room. Kathy Edwards will be retiring this November. Jim Payne asked a question regarding where the funds for the tubs for The Angel Tree came from. Debbie stated that these funds come from the Helping Fund as well as Angel Tree donations. Colts Updates: Debbie stated that COLTS is very busy running up to 385 trips per day and will provide dialysis transportation over the holidays including Sunday November 19.

Debbie Davidson reviewed the October 2017 Finance and MySeniorCenter Reports. They are included with the original minutes. The Senior Services and COLTS budgets are moving along well within budget guidelines.

Jim Payne asked about being able to add a block on the tax form for people coming in for taxes and to check them in as participants instead of guests so they can be put in MSC. Debbie stated this would be a discussion for Tami Carter and how it would work best.

Holly Hight presented upcoming Senior Center programs and events. With the holidays approaching, she stated that things are winding down and mentioned Thanksgiving Advocacy Day on Thursday, November 16 where postcards will be provided to participants. They postcards will state why the participants enjoy attending the Senior Center and these will be sent to our legislature. There will also be another Single & Mingle Tacky Christmas sweater party on December 13. The largest December event is Angel Tree. Holly stated that more computer programs and technology classes will be offered after the holidays.

Trudy Forrest asked about inclement weather and wanted to know if we canceled classes due to bad weather if they would be rescheduled. Debbie Davidson reiterated the county inclement weather policy and went over those procedures with the board. Trudy also inquired about the Massachusetts call number for the center and Debbie assured everyone that was The Enrichment Center and to please always answer the one call for pertinent information.

Jim Payne and Trudy Forrest reported on the most recent Triangle J meeting. It was Trudy's first time on the Triangle J Area Agency on Aging Advisory Board. The new 60/40 rule was discussed for fee charges as well as

emphasis from Triangle-J regarding advocacy on the new tax laws coming up. There was also a presentation at the meeting about disasters (natural and manmade) and skilled nursing facilities – how to prepare and plan. A copy of the North Carolina Senior Tar Heel Legislature 2018 Legislative Priorities was distributed, and is included in the original minutes.

Jim Payne asked if there was any old or new business to discuss.

Debbie Davidson stated that the annual first meeting of the new year will be held on January 24, 2018 at 8:30 a.m. and the hospital will provide breakfast and give statistical data regarding changes since the hospital was taken over by Duke LifePoint. The meeting will be held in the Central Carolina classroom. The Enrichment Center, Inc. Board Members and Senior Services staff will also be invited.

Cleo Bryant asked if there could be a second Stretch and Tone class added since the class now was too crowded. Debbie said she would speak with the new instructor about options.

Cleo Bryant also brought up how long the waiting lists were for the bus trips and how quick the trips fill up. She asked what we could do because people brought up the problem to her frequently. Debbie stated that the only thing she could advise is for the people who are complaining to be here the day the trips become available to sign up for the trip and asked the board if they had any suggestions. Trudy Forrest asked if a second smaller bus could help with the overflow, but because of the expense it would actually cost more for the trip goers.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:12 a.m. The next meeting will be held January 24, 2018 at 8:30 am at Central Carolina Hospital Community Classroom.

Respectfully Submitted by Debbie Davidson, Secretary 

Jim Payne, Chair 