

**LEE COUNTY SENIOR SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, April 19, 2017 The Enrichment Center, Sanford, NC**

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

8:32 a.m. Jim Payne called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Jim asked if there were any changes to the agenda and for a motion to approve the agenda. There were no changes to the agenda. Henry Merritt made a motion to approve, seconded by Mary Upchurch and all in favor. Jim asked if there were any changes to the March 1, 2017 meeting minutes. With no changes, Trudy Forrest made a motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Cleo Bryant and all in favor.  
No public comments.

8:37 AM Karen Oldham arrived.

Melanie Rodgers distributed and reviewed the March 2017 finance report and MySeniorCenter report. Copies are included in the original minutes.

Melanie Rodgers reviewed the February 2017 MySeniorCenter report. A copy of the report is included with the original minutes.

Debbie Williams reviewed upcoming programs and distributed flyers. The April 11 Card & Games Party brought an attendance of over 75 with \$300 raised for The Helping Fund. The Women's Program will be at 6 pm on April 20. There are 80 registered. In May we celebrate Older Americans Month, "Age Outloud" is the theme, and The Enrichment Center's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Special programs are scheduled and Board members are encouraged to attend and bring guests who have never been to the Center. Programs include: May 1 Open House; May 3 Celebration Luncheon honoring Lee County's 90-year-olds and better; May 5 Cinco de Mayo with refreshments and Latin dance demonstration; May 9 Senior Fitness Day with personal fitness assessments; May 11 Desserts on the Lawn with special music by Dana and Sergio Guevara; May 12 Mother's Day program in the Diner's Club; May 15 the High Hopes Chorus performs; May 16 Senior Games and Silver Arts Opening Ceremonies, Dinner and Follies; May 31 All American Day for Lee County Veterans. The Volunteer Appreciation Reception and Awards will be April 25 from 4 pm until 6 pm. Please RSVP. June 8 there will be a program at 6 pm about Social Security. On June 9, author and cancer survivor Kimberly McLean will share her story. Bye Bye Stress program at 2 pm on June 9. Jim Payne remarked he enjoyed the fun and fellowship at the Crusin' Dinner. There were no suggestions submitted to The Center.

Debbie Davidson provided a department update. The NC Veteran Affairs office disbursed to Lee County \$2130. The disbursement will cover the required travel and training associated with the Lee County Veterans Service Officer, which is located at The Enrichment Center. On Wednesday, May 17, 2017, the agenda will include the Board's review of the FY18 Home and Community Care Block Grant. This grant is the main funding stream for services provided at Lee County Senior Services. The County Manager and Finance/Assistant County Manager and Board of County Commissioners are reviewing the department budgets for FY2018. The Manager's office last reported to department directors that an additional \$2.5 million is required to cover the requests for FY2018. Melanie Rodgers will be interviewing candidates to fill a part time Customer Service Assistant position at the front reception desk. COLTS should soon begin the Medicaid NCTracks, which is a payment system. Jim Payne asked, "Why isn't COLTS part of the General Services department?" Debbie replied with the history of COLTS and development of a coordinated rural transportation system for Lee County. She and Robert Reives led the coordination and the supervision of COLTS has been with Debbie since 1992. Mary Upchurch asked if the COLTS trips to Moore Regional are daily. Debbie replied that the Moore County medical trips are popular and there is no charge if the rider is 60 years of age or over and \$17.50 each way if under age 60. Mary Upchurch asked how long the COLTS vehicle stays in Moore County for medical trips. Debbie replied it depends on the appointment begin and end times for the patients.

**Old/New Business:**

Mary Upchurch provided updates from the Senior Tar Heel Legislature meeting held in March 2017. "Advocate" was the theme and there were 96 attendees. Jim Payne provided information from the previous Triangle J AAA meeting, which included information about The Real ID Driver License and Lee County's Aging Profile statistics. Copies are included in the original minutes. Jim asked if Senior Services' funding for home delivered meals is in jeopardy. Debbie Davidson replied that she has not received definite funding amounts to date about home delivered meals or other block grant funding sources for FY2018. If funding is reduced, we will evaluate all program areas and should be able to continue our meals provided to Lee County residents.

Melanie Rodgers congratulated Debbie Davidson on her 31 years of service. Debbie commented the employee luncheon honoring Lee County employees' years of service is today and Tami Carter will receive recognition for her 20 years of service.

Jim Payne reported that the AARP Tax assistance program helped more than 540 client during the 2017 tax filing season. Jim is putting together training and information sessions for summer 2017 to recruit 2018 volunteers for the program.

The next board meeting will be at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 17, 2017 at The Enrichment Center.

9:45 a.m. With no further business, Trudy Forrest made a motion to adjourn seconded by Henry Merritt and all were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted by Debbie Davidson, Secretary  
Jim Payne, Chair

Debbie Davidson  
Jim Payne Byrant - V-Chair