

LEE COUNTY SENIOR SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 18, 2017

The Enrichment Center Conference Room, Sanford, NC

Board Members Present: Cleo Bryant, Trudy Forrest, Henry Merritt, Jr., Jim Payne

Board Members Absent: Vera Marks, Karen Oldham, Comm. Robert Reives, Mary Upchurch

Staff Present: Debbie Davidson, Melanie Rodgers, Debbie Williams

8:30 a.m. Jim Payne called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. There was not a quorum present. The group agreed to the agenda. Due to a quorum not present, the minutes were not approved.

No public comments.

Debbie Davidson announced Commissioner Robert Reives is on the Senior Services Advisory Board. Debbie Davidson provided updates for the Senior Services/COLTS Department. The Fiscal Year 2018 budget will be due to the Asst. County Manager/Finance Director's office early March 2017. Debbie and Melanie Rodgers will attend budget training soon. Senior Services presented information to the Learning Lee group 1/17/17. There are 11 students. Lee County employees and Lee County citizens can take the free training that provides onsite orientation about each Lee County Government department. COLTS has received approval to provide Transportation Medicaid and bill Medicaid directly. The computer system and switchover should begin summer 2017. Debbie requested the Board to meet earlier in March, rather than the third Wednesday, to review the FY18 budget request. The members present agreed to change the meeting date from March 15, 2017 to March 1, 2017 at 8:30 a.m.

Melanie Rodgers provided the December 2016 Finance Report and Senior Center Report from MySeniorCenter computer system. Copies are with the original minutes.

Debbie Williams provided a Senior Center report and upcoming program information. The overnight trip to New Orleans has 13 spaces available. Janice Holmes will soon release the details about the fund raising trip for September 2017. Debbie reported that Tai Chi classes are well-attended. Meet Your Senior Tar Heel Legislator, Mary Upchurch, at 11 a.m. in the Diners Club on Jan. 25, 2017. Mary will review the STHL priorities for 2017. There are five: 1. Re-establish the Study Commission on Aging. 2. Increase Home and Community Care Block Grant Funds. 3. Increase Funding for Senior Centers. 4. Sustain and Expand Project C.A.R.E. 5. Strengthen and Fund North Carolina's Adult Protective Services Program (APS). Mary will take questions and concerns from the group. Friday, Feb. 3 is National Wear Red Day to promote awareness of heart disease in women. Friday, February 24 at 10:30 a.m. will be a celebration program in the diners club in observance of Black History Month/National African American History Month. Coffee and Conversation with the Director will be Monday, Jan. 30 from 9 a.m. until 12 p.m. Debbie Williams offers this time to take senior center suggestions and concerns from participants. A Valentine card advocacy event will take place early February. Participants will write on valentine cards the reasons the Senior Center is important to them. The cards will be mailed to elected officials. A wellness series for diabetics will begin in February. Jim Payne asked if people without diabetes attend. Debbie said yes, on a space available basis. Anchors Away, a dinner program and entertainment with Darryl Barrett, will be March 23 at 6 p.m. Payment of \$8 per person is due at registration. This is a fundraiser for The Helping Fund. The Caregiver Education Conference will be Tuesday, April 4 at the Dennis A. Wicker Civic Center. Contact Holly, 919-776-0501 Ext. 2230 to preregister.

Jim Payne announced that AARP Tax Aid has lost several regular volunteers this year due to various reasons. The tax computer software as well as the laws and guidelines regulating taxes, changes from year to year. Training is important and can be overwhelming. Jim would like to promote the AARP Tax Aid program this summer through outreach and information programs to begin recruiting for the next tax season. He and Debbie Williams will work together on a program for summer 2017.

The Triangle J AAA Advisory meeting was Jan 17, 2017. Lee County members did not attend due to conflicts.

Old/New Business:

The next board meeting will be at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, February 15, 2017 at The Enrichment Center with breakfast and presentation by Jazmine Kilpatrick, Local Government Federal Credit Union.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:09 a.m. A quorum was not present.

Respectfully Submitted by Debbie Davidson, Secretary

Debbie Davidson

Jim Payne, Chair

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