

LEE COUNTY SENIOR SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 19, 2013

Board Members Present: Janet Fasick, Brenda Ingram, Commissioner Ricky Frazier, Donese Pulley, Esther Siler, Mary Upchurch

Board Members Absent: Woody Beale, Alice Beardslee, Karen Oldham

Staff Present: Debbie Davidson, Melanie Rodgers

Mary Upchurch opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. The Board approved the May 15, 2013 minutes.

Melanie Rodgers distributed flyers about upcoming programs. The 11th Annual Boomer, Senior & Caregiver Expo will be held Wednesday, August 28, 2013 at the Dennis A. Wicker Civic Center. Please let Janice Holmes know if you are able to volunteer at the Expo and/or set up the day before.

Debbie Davidson announced that The Enrichment Center passed the site team review on June 10, 2013 and has been recertified for another 5 years as a Center of Excellence.

Debbie Davidson said that one suggestion was submitted to The Center by the Saturday Nite Dance Group requesting a day trip to Cherokee and the Casino. After discussion with the County Manager, the request was denied due to it being a day trip with such a long distance from Sanford and also that the main purpose of the trip was for the casino. The Saturday Nite Dance Group will be encouraged to be responsible for the trip and accept registration and payment. The Enrichment Center will offer to advertise the trip in The Center Post Newsletter. The Advisory Board members were in agreement with the decision.

Melanie Rodgers provided the May 2013 Financial Report. A copy is attached to the original minutes. Mr. Frazier asked if Lee County Government covered the Federal sequester for meals. Debbie Davidson advised that the Diners Club and Home Delivered Meals for Wednesdays have been covered by private donations through June 2013. Donations are continuing to arrive and should cover through September 2013, which is the end of the Federal budget year. During the FY14 budget presentation to the County Manager and Commissioners, it was noted that the BOCC will cover any gap to make sure the programs are not interrupted.

Debbie Davidson provided a FY2014 budget update. The County Manager and Board of Commissioners were very complimentary of our budget request and overall programs at The Enrichment Center. There is currently no news on ROAP, Rural Operating Assistance Program Grant, through NCDOT/PTD. The County Manager approved running on a contingency budget until the grant request has been received.

Debbie Davidson reported that Veterans Service Officer John Sandrock is transferring to Harnett County. Applications are being taken and interviews will begin July 2, 2013. We hope to have the position filled August 6, 2013.

Debbie Davidson reported at the end of June 2013 two Senior Services Advisory Board seats will be available. Jim Payne has filled one seat and will begin September 2013.

Mary Upchurch reported that Mary Bethel, lobbyist for AARP, has stated that AARP is opposed to the bill that will allow taxation of Social Security.

Esther Siler reported that Dr. Aldona Wos, Secretary of the Dept. of Health and Human Services, was the keynote speaker at the recent session of the Senior Tar Heel Legislature. The press release was distributed to the Board and is included with the original minutes. Esther reminded the Board to advocate for themselves and other older adults by mailing a hand written letter to their elected officials or making a phone call. These are the two methods that capture the attention of politicians. She also stated that a personal visit says a lot, too. The next Senior Tar Heel Legislature meeting will be October 3-4, 2013 in Raleigh, NC.

Old/New Business – The next Senior Services Advisory Board meeting will be at 8:30 am, Wednesday, September 18, 2013.

Respectfully Submitted by Melanie Rodgers

On behalf of Debbie Davidson, Secretary

Mary Upchurch, Chair




