

## LEE COUNTY SENIOR SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD

### Meeting Minutes

**Wednesday, March 25, 2015 The Enrichment Center Classroom A, Sanford, NC**

**Board Members Present:** Woody Beale, Alice Beardslee, Comm. Ricky Frazier, Karen Oldham, Jim Payne, Donese Pulley, Mary Upchurch

**Board Members Absent:** Esther Siler, Jim Turner

**Staff Present:** Debbie Davidson, Melanie Rodgers, Janice Holmes, Laurie Draughn, Jimmy Solomon

8:34 a.m. Mary Upchurch called the meeting to order. She asked for any changes to the agenda and approval. Woody Beale made a motion to accept the agenda as written, seconded by Jim Payne, all were in favor. Mary Upchurch asked if there were any corrections to the January 21, 2015 meeting meetings. With no corrections, Donese Pulley made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Alice Beardslee, all were in favor.

There were no public comments.

Debbie Davidson reviewed upcoming programs with the Board and referred them to the April 2015 Center Post.

8:36 a.m. Comm. Ricky Frazier arrives.

Janice Holmes advised that included in the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner invitation packet were several other pieces of important information. Notification of SHIP – Medicare Part D and Extra Help – information was included. If they haven't done so already, each Board Member should complete a MySeniorCenter registration form. Return them to Janice. Please RSVP for the April 14<sup>th</sup> Volunteer Dinner and feel free to dress in Roaring 20s theme. Debbie Davidson announced the Wednesday, April 8, 2015 Regional Caregiver Conference to be held at the Dennis A. Wicker Civic Center. Jim Payne asked if the conference was all day. Debbie advised, yes. A box or bag lunch will be served.

8:39 Karen Oldham arrives.

Debbie Davidson announced Senior Games & Silver Arts of Lee County registration opens April 1, 2015. Events are held in May.

There were no suggestions submitted to the center.

Melanie Rodgers reviewed the February 2015 Finance Report. Commissioner Frazier asked if anyone is waiting for Home Delivered Meal service. Laurie Draughn responded not at this time. Previously there were citizens waiting due to volunteers needed to deliver. There are strict time guidelines on the program to maintain temperatures of the food. Laurie stated she is in need of regular and fill-in volunteers at this time. Volunteers can deliver as often as they wish. Commissioner Frazier asked if there are funds for wheelchair ramps. Debbie Davidson replied, yes, there are funds for older adults through the Home & Community Care Block Grant at The Enrichment Center and through NCBAM – NC Baptist Aging Ministry. Tami Carter is the contact for The Enrichment Center. Mary Upchurch asked if there were any further budget or finance questions. Jim Payne asked Commissioner Frazier if the \$12 million from Duke Energy for the coal ash agreement would be placed in the budget. Commissioner Frazier advised, no, it will not be placed in the FY 2016 budget if the funds are received from Duke Energy. Jim Payne asked Commissioner Frazier if the recent news of sales tax reductions from the state legislature would harm Lee County. Comm. Frazier advised, no, Lee Co. is not losing dollars from this change. Debbie Davidson advised that she and Melanie met with the County Manager and Finance Director to review the FY2016 Senior Services and COLTS budget requests. The manager and finance director will be recommending our submitted budgets to the Board of County Commissioners. Debbie advised that there is a possibility of replacing the worn county vehicles for Senior Services in FY2016. Debbie advised that Heidi Hase is working part time with John Sandroek, the Veterans Service Officer, assisting with claims and other administrative duties. Vocational Rehabilitation is reimbursing Lee County for up to 4 months of Heidi's wages and FICA. Jim Payne asked if the VA Medical Clinic being built on Highway 78, Tramway Road will offer any benefit of space or funding to the Lee County VSO. Debbie Davidson advised no, it's a medical clinic and we will be able to refer veterans for service.

The Enrichment Center Staff provided the Learning Lee Presentation to the Board. The power point presentation is available with the original minutes.

9:32 a.m. – Woody Beale leaves the meeting.

9:50 a.m. – Commissioner Ricky Frazier leaves the meeting.

Mary Upchurch provided a review of the recent Senior Tar Heel Legislature session. Leslee Breen of NC Division of Aging & Adult Services presented information on Senior Centers of Excellence and Merit, the process and current funding that comes with certification. Suzanne Merrill, Director NC DAAS, presented updates regarding the Division of Aging. While attending STHL, Mary made personal visit attempts to Lee County's elected officials at the State level. Mary reviewed the NCSTHL Fact Sheet 2015 Legislative Priorities. They are:

1. Preserve or Restore Optional Medicaid Services
2. Maintain Funding for Senior Centers (General Purpose Funding)
3. Strengthen and Fund NC Adult Protective Services Program (APS)
4. Notify Medicare Patients Admitted for Observation
5. Home and Community Care Block Grant (HCCBG) Funding

A copy of the Fact Sheet is attached to the original minutes.

**Old/New Business** - The next meeting will be Wednesday, April 15, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. at The Enrichment Center. Please be sure to be in attendance, as the FY2016 Home & Community Care Block Grant Hearing for Lee County will be on the agenda for review and approval.

With no further business, and general consent, the Board adjourned at 10:14 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Melanie Rodgers

On behalf of Debbie Davidson, Secretary

Debbie Davidson

Mary Upchurch, Chair

Mary Upchurch