

LEE COUNTY SENIOR SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 19, 2016

The Enrichment Center Conference Room, Sanford, NC

Board Members Present: Cleo Bryant, Trudy Forrest, Vera Marks, Henry Merritt, Jr., Jim Payne, Mary Upchurch

Board Members Absent: Comm. Ricky Frazier, Karen Oldham

Staff Present: Tami Carter, Debbie Davidson, Melanie Rodgers, Debbie Williams

8:30 a.m. Jim Payne called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. He asked if anyone had questions or additions to the agenda. With no questions or additions to the agenda, Henry Merritt made a motion to accept the agenda, seconded by Jim Payne, all were in favor. Jim Payne asked if everyone had read the minutes from September 21, 2016 and if there were any questions. With no questions, Henry Merritt made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Cleo Bryant, all were in favor.

No public comments.

Debbie Davidson provided updates for the Senior Services/COLTS Department. Senior Center Month Fridays were well-attended and successful. The family caregiver showcase will be held Thursday, Oct. 20 from 2 PM until 5 PM. COLTS has experienced a significant increase in employment transportation. Most are for the Coty plant. The Pinehurst daily medical routes are steady; a Fayetteville route for Medicaid has been established as needed. The FY2018 Administrative and Capital grants for COLTS were approved at the recent Board of County Commissioners meeting. A public hearing was included, and there were no questions. Jim Payne asked how many operational days were lost due to Hurricane Matthew? Debbie replied none. COLTS provided evacuation transportation in several areas on Saturday of the hurricane. Trudy Forrest asked if transportation is available through COLTS for those receiving cancer treatments. Debbie replied yes, there are several funding sources and the rider can contact COLTS for more information and scheduling.

8:38 AM Vera Marks arrived.

Melanie Rodgers provided the September 2016 Senior Center Report from MySeniorCenter computer system. A copy is attached to the original minutes.

Jim Payne asked if the Senior Center Month Fridays were more beneficial than the annual Boomer, Senior & Caregiver Expo. Debbie Davidson replied that the overall desire to provide Boomers, Seniors and family caregivers information, resources and health screenings was the same, only spread over Fridays rather than one large event. Having the five Fridays with The Enrichment Center as the venue, provided the attendees additional time to see The EC. Vendors commented that they appreciated more one-on-one time with guests without a large crowd and the noise level.

Melanie Rodgers distributed and reviewed the annual Senior Center Survey. This survey is required in the Certification of Excellence documentation SCOPE (Senior Center Operations & Program Evaluation) tool. A copy is attached to the original minutes.

Tami Carter distributed information about Angel Tree 2016. The Angel Tree is an adoption program in which The Enrichment Center staff put together names of EC participants and clients who could benefit from something extra at Christmas. All requests come from EC staff; a person cannot request to be on The EC Angel Tree. There's an average of 150 Angels each year. The tree will be placed in the lobby and adoption available November 14. A list of items is provided at the time of adoption, such as canned vegetables, dried beans, rice, pasta, peanut butter, paper products, personal toiletry, bag of candy and a holiday novelty of choice. Angel items should be returned to The EC November 28 through December 3. EC staff packs the Angels' items in large storage tubs and makes the deliveries. Volunteers also assist with deliveries. If you can assist with delivery, contact Tami Carter or Debbie Davidson. We recommend pairs for deliveries.

Melanie Rodgers reviewed the September 2016 Financial Report. A copy of the report is attached to the original minutes. Jim Payne asked if there's a private fund in which the public can donate to The Enrichment Center? Debbie Davidson said yes, The Enrichment Center, Inc. Funds donated can be earmarked to The Helping Fund or Where Needed.

Debbie Williams provided a Senior Center Report. Overall, everyone was pleased with Senior Center Month Friday Living Well events in September. One adjustment would be the ending time from 2 PM to 1 PM. The Family Caregiver Showcase will be held October 20 with twenty-seven vendors displaying from 2 PM until 5 PM. A representative from Johnston/Lee/Harnett Community Action will provide an information program about reverse mortgages on Friday, 10/28 at 11:00 AM. The annual Fall Festival will be held Saturday, 10/29 from 8:00 AM until 2 PM. There are more than 40 vendor tables. Hot dogs, sausage dogs, baked goods and Rada Cutlery will be available for purchase with proceeds going to The Enrichment Center Helping Fund. Melanie Rodgers will have the Rada Cutlery at the St Stephens Christmas Bazaar, Oct. 22. There's a new computer volunteer who will teach classes about 'apps', tablet and iPad applications. The annual Candlelight Reflections ceremony will take place Nov. 3 at 6:30 PM. Amedysis and The Enrichment Center are sponsoring a Thanksgiving Family Caregiver dinner on Thursday, Nov. 17 at 5:30 PM. The Veterans Appreciation Breakfast will be held Thursday, Nov. 10 at 8 AM at the Dennis A. Wicker Civic Center. Miller Boles is partnering with The Enrichment Center. Debbie reported that she and Melanie Rodgers will attend SCOPE training in Greenville, NC on Thursday, December 8. The next certification for The Enrichment Center will be June 2018.

Jim Payne and Mary Upchurch provided a Triangle J Area Agency on Aging report. Jim advised that there's one seat available for Lee County representation on this board which meets every other month on the third Tuesday. Trudy Forrest asked what are the duties? Debbie Davidson replied the members attend representing each county. Triangle J AAA is the pass-through agency for our Home and Community Care Block Grant funding, as well as other grants, and monitors our record-keeping, policies and procedures of such grants. Citizens can make application for approval through the Lee County Board of Commissioners. Once approved, the member may attend Tri J AAA meetings. There are currently four board seats: Mary Upchurch as Senior Tar Heel Legislature Delegate, Jim Payne, Karen Oldham and one vacancy. Jim Payne shared information presented about, "Music and Dementia," which is personalized music on devices for participants to enjoy while at the facility or in their own home. Music has been proven beneficial in patients with dementia.

Old/New Business:

Debbie Davidson reported that she will attend a community summit provided by Central Carolina Hospital, Duke Life Point, on November 17, 2016. The summit and previous community provider meetings are designed to put together a focus and plan for healthcare in our area. The Enrichment Center program managers met recently over a lunch meeting with several CCH staff to share information about programs and services available at The EC.

Cleo Bryant asked what happens to old furniture at The EC when replaced? Debbie Davidson replied that furniture and other assets are disposed of according to Lee County Govt. Fixed Asset Policy. Some items go to an auction, other departments will request to use the item and it's then transferred.

The next board meeting will be held at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, November 16, 2016 at The Enrichment Center. Debbie Davidson reminded the board that they do not meet in December, which is in the bylaws.

Melanie Rodgers asked the Board if they would like to hear from the Local Government Federal Credit Union representative at the January 18, 2017 meeting. The representative offered a presentation along with breakfast. As volunteers for The Enrichment Center, and Lee County Government, board members are eligible for membership. The board agreed to have the LGFCU presentation. Melanie will confirm with the LGFCU representative.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:38 AM.

Respectfully Submitted by Debbie Davidson, Secretary



Jim Payne, Chair

