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Advisory Committee on Aging & Adults with Physical Disabilities for Sussex County

Conference Planning Subcommittee Meeting

April 13, 2015

A meeting of the Conference Planning Subcommittee of the Advisory Committee on Aging & Adults with Physical Disabilities for Sussex County was held on April 13, 2015, at the Sussex County Administrative Offices West Complex, 22215 North DuPont Boulevard, Georgetown, Delaware. The following members of the Advisory Committee were present:

Sally Beaumont
Ruth Ann Beideman
Jamie Magee

Scott Phillips
Larry Savage
Francine Shockley

Other attendees included:

Ken Bock
Anthony DelFranco

Linda Forte
Randy Nelson

Call to Order

Sally Beaumont, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Approval of Agenda

A Motion was made by Jamie Magee, seconded by Linda Forte, to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion Adopted by Voice Vote.

Introductions/Comments

- Everyone was asked to introduce themselves and advise the agency/organization they were representing.
- Sally Beaumont requested assistance in locating a mental health provider to set up as a vendor at the Fearless Caregiver Conference being held on Wednesday, May 5, 2015, at the CHEER Community Center, 20520 Sand Hill Road, in Georgetown. It was suggested that Dr. Judy Pierson with Delaware Hospice or a geriatric psychologist from Brandywine Senior Living be contacted.

Planning for Annual Conference

The title of this year's conference is **The *LIVE* Conference: Getting Out and About**, with the main focus on transportation—getting seniors out and learning what opportunities are available in their communities while they are out. The conference is planned for Wednesday, October 21, 2015, at the CHEER Community Center in Georgetown. The proposed schedule is for doors to open at 9:00 a.m., registration beginning at 9:30 a.m., and the conference ending at 2:30 p.m. No decision on the cost of registration has been made at this point.

Below is the suggested timeframe for the day:

9:00 a.m. – Doors open and vendors set up

9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. – Registration

10:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. – Greetings: Sally Beaumont and representative of Sussex County Council

10:15 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. – Keynote Speaker: Jane Hardin, Community Transportation Association of America, Washington, DC (Ken Bock will contact)

10:45 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. – Break/Visit Vendors

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon – Panel moderated by Ken Bock

Possible panelists:

- Dr. Jerome Lewis, University of Delaware Institute for Public Administration
- Rex Knowlton, United We Ride Ambassador
- Jane Hardin, Community Transportation Association of America

Question and answer period following

12:00 Noon - 1:00 p.m. – Lunch/Visit Vendors

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. – Panel moderated by Randy Nelson (current providers)

Possible panelists:

- Santos Grande
- Nancy Feichtl
- Generations Home Care
- DART

Question and answer period following

2:00 p.m. - 2:20 p.m. – Scott Thomas, Southern Delaware Tourism

2:20 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. – Closing: Sally Beaumont

Some time was spent talking about what the Advisory Committee hoped to achieve with the conference, since transportation has been discussed many times to no avail. The Committee's goal is for participants to come away with (1) a sense of how things can be accomplished without changing public policy, (2) the possibility of an individual or company exploring models that have worked in other areas of the country to address this issue in Delaware, and (3) to raise an awareness of the growing number of seniors needing public transportation in Sussex County.

Sally Beaumont volunteered to:

- obtain information on the Uber form of transportation;
- contact the State to find out who is in charge of the Transportation Committee, as well as John Sisson, Director of DART;
- determine if the Sussex County Council has a Transportation Committee, or someone appointed for transportation;
- contact the Delaware Division of Services for Aging and Adults with Physical Disabilities (DSAAPD) and County Administrator Todd Lawson regarding funding for this year's conference.

It was agreed that all State legislators and members of the Sussex County Council should receive a personal invitation to attend the conference. Following is a list of State legislators which came to mind and Committee members who agreed to extend the invitation:

Representative Harvey Kenton – Ruth Ann Beideman
Representative Ronald Gray – Linda Forte
Representative Ruth Briggs King – Jamie Magee
Representative David Wilson – Ken Bock
Representative Peter Schwartzkopf – Jamie Magee
Representative Daniel Short
Senator Gerald Hocker – Jamie Magee
Senator Gary Simpson
Senator Bryant Richardson – Jamie Magee

In addition, each Advisory Committee member will be responsible for personally inviting their County Council representative.

It was agreed that Eventbrite will be utilized once again for registration.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Ann Beideman
Acting Secretary
Conference Planning Subcommittee