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

Minutes of Meeting

January 25, 2016

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Advisory Committee on Aging & Adults with Physical Disabilities for Sussex County was held on Monday, January 25, 2016, at the Sussex County Administrative Offices West Complex, 22215 North DuPont Boulevard, Georgetown, Delaware. The following members were present:

Ruth Ann Beideman
Michelle Griffith (non-voting member)
Jamie Magee
Scott Phillips

Larry Savage
Fran Smith
Helen Smith

Call to Order

Ruth Ann Beideman, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and welcomed everyone on behalf of the Committee.

Approval of Agenda

A Motion was made by Helen Smith, seconded by Jamie Magee, to approve the Agenda as posted. Motion Adopted by Voice Vote.

Approval of Minutes

A Motion was made by Scott Phillips, seconded by Jamie Magee, to approve the minutes of November 16, 2015, as distributed. Motion Adopted by Voice Vote.

Correspondence

EMAIL FROM STEPHANIE MALIN, UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE, NEWARK, DELAWARE.

RE: Final Conference Survey Report for the *LIVE* Conference held on October 21, 2015; also advising that the Institute for Public Administration is continuing research into transportation options for the elderly and disabled, and is working to bring together advocacy groups, stakeholders, and service providers to serve in a working



group on this topic, and further requesting that members of the Advisory Committee be identified to join in this endeavor.

EMAIL FROM ANNA SHORT, LAUREL, DELAWARE.

RE: Advising that she tendered her resignation from the Advisory Committee to Sussex County Council President Michael Vincent just prior to the holidays, citing other commitments and time constraints preventing her from being a more active member.

(There are now two vacancies on the Committee, both in the 1st Councilmanic District.)

Guest Speaker

Scott Phillips introduced Richard Kiger, Chief Deputy, Sussex County Register of Wills Office, who was invited to speak on “*Estate Planning in Sussex County.*” Mr. Kiger explained the duties of the Register of Wills office. He spoke of the need for everyone to appoint an executor of their will, stressing the importance of choosing just one. Mr. Kiger explained that creditors have eight months to file a claim against an estate and, therefore, no money should be distributed for at least eight months, preferably nine, after someone passes away. Steps to go about setting up a trust were discussed, and Mr. Kiger advised that anyone interested in establishing a trust should have their will, durable power of attorney, and advanced healthcare directive in place prior to meeting with an attorney.

Several people commented on the excellent presentation.

Old Business

1. Scott Phillips reviewed the 2015 *LIVE* Conference Survey Report provided by Brandon Grabelsky, Katelyn Hosey, and Stephanie Malin with the University of Delaware.
2. Discussion was held regarding the day and time of regularly scheduled Advisory Committee meetings. Jamie Magee, Helen Smith, Scott Phillips, and Larry Savage agreed that Mondays at 10:00 a.m. works well for them. It was noted that although it may be beneficial for members who work to hold meetings during evening hours, many seniors may not want to drive at night.

A Motion was made by Jamie Magee, seconded by Fran Smith, to continue holding Advisory Committee meetings the third Monday of every other month at 10:00 a.m. Motion Adopted by Voice Vote.

Other Business

Fran Smith questioned how the Advisory Committee could determine what topics the public might like to see addressed. Anthony DelFranco suggested that the Committee

design a survey to hand out to the senior centers. Jamie Magee stated that the AARP in Ocean View is very active and may be of some assistance in this effort. Scott Phillips proposed handing out the survey at the beginning of each Advisory Committee meeting, which would give the public an opportunity to rate the speaker and advise other topics they would like to see discussed.

New Business

Ms. Beideman asked for suggestions for a theme for the 2016 *LIVE* Conference. After some discussion, a Motion was made by Fran Smith, seconded by Helen Smith, to approve *Housing* as the theme, with housing for veterans a possible component. Motion Adopted by Voice Vote.

Public Comment

- Jamie Magee advised that she has been conducting a series of five different programs at various locations throughout the County on Alzheimer's. She will also be presenting a four-part series on Alzheimer's at Centenary United Methodist Church in Laurel on February 2nd, 8th, 16th, and 23rd at 6:30 p.m. which is open to the public.
- Anthony DelFranco announced that there will be a Valentine's Day Dinner/Dance at the CHEER Community Center in Georgetown on Saturday, February 13th, from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. Entertainment will be provided by 33 1/3, and there will be a silent auction. Tickets are \$20.00 per person or \$35.00 per couple.

Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Advisory Committee will be held on Monday, March 21, 2016, at 10:00 a.m. at the Sussex County Administrative Offices West Complex, 22215 North DuPont Boulevard, Georgetown, Delaware. A Conference Planning Subcommittee meeting will also be held immediately following the regular meeting.

Adjourn

Ms. Beideman thanked everyone for attending, and a Motion was made by Jamie Magee, seconded by Scott Phillips, to adjourn. Motion Adopted by Voice Vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Smith, Acting Secretary
Advisory Committee on Aging & Adults with
Physical Disabilities for Sussex County