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

### Minutes of Meeting March 21, 2022

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Advisory Committee on Aging & Adults with Physical Disabilities for Sussex County was held on Monday, March 21, 2022, at the Sussex County Administrative Offices West Complex, 22215 North DuPont Boulevard, Georgetown, Delaware. The following members were present:

Linda Forte  
Antionette Johnson  
Jamie Magee  
Kathy Parker  
Fran Smith

Helen Pase  
Linda Rogers  
Larry Savage  
Francine Shockley  
Helen Smith

### Call to Order

Jamie Magee, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

### Approval of Agenda

A Motion was made by Linda Forte, seconded by Linda Rogers, to approve the agenda as posted. Motion adopted by Voice Vote.

### Approval of Minutes

A Motion was made by Helen Pase, seconded by Linda Forte, to approve the minutes of November 15, 2021, as distributed. Motion adopted by Voice Vote.

### Introductions

Jamie Magee introduced Bobbi Albright, non-voting designee from the County Council office. Committee members then introduced themselves to Bobbi.



**Old Business**

1. Conference is tentatively scheduled for May 11, 2023, from 9:00-2:00, at Crossroad Community Church. Linda Rogers, Chair for the Conference, will decide when to start having planning meetings for the Conference. Meetings will be scheduled as needed.
2. Linda Rogers, the Public Relations Officer, will arrange for Speakers. The committee had originally thought, at the last meeting in November 2021, that it could speakers would resume at the May 2022 meeting. However, that only gives two months to advertise for it. There is still no clear decision on whether the committee needs to have the County approve flyers that are to be distributed to advertise committee programs. After much discussion as to whether to re-start with speakers in May or wait until the committee's September meeting, a Motion was made by Helen Smith, seconded by Linda Forte, to skip May's meeting and plan on having a speaker at the September 2022 meeting. Motion was adopted by Voice Vote. In 2022, there will be speakers at the September and November meetings.
3. There are two members from DSAAPD as well as Bobbi Albright from the County Council's office.
4. Jamie Magee said it has been suggested that the committee survey the community to see what topics are of interest to them in order to schedule speakers accordingly. Todd Lawson, County Administrator, and CHEER have both volunteered to help with a survey.

Linda Rogers read from a list from the last Conference of ideas that guests had submitted:

- Veterans Benefits (Linda Forte reported there have been lots of changes)
- Long Term Care Planning
- Medicaid
- Social Security
- Miller Trusts
- Families Raising Families
- Victims of Crimes

Helen Smith added that a previous suggestion by Linda Forte on how to downsize, might be very popular.

After discussing if the committee needed more ideas for Linda Rogers to get possible speakers, a Motion was made by Helen Smith, seconded by Linda Rogers, to forgo a survey at this time and draw from the previous list of suggestions for future speakers. Motion adopted by Voice Vote.

5. Jamie Magee reported that she had discussed with Todd Lawson about whether the committee could utilize speakers if they are with a For-Profit company. Mr. Lawson suggested that the committee could use these speakers. Ms. Magee suggested that perhaps the speakers could be on a panel, with others from similar businesses, to prevent a possible bias toward one business over another. The committee would need to make it clear to the public that they do not endorse any of the businesses that are presenting ideas. There are other companies that have the same services. If For-Profits can be avoided by using Not-For-Profit company speakers, that would be preferable. A Motion was made by Linda Rogers, seconded by Helen Smith, that whenever possible, the committee would use Not-For-Profit speakers. Speakers are not to mention the name of their business or charity. The committee will only use For-Profit businesses if unable to find a Non-Profit business to provide a speaker. Motion adopted by Voice Vote.

### **New Business**

Sussex County has been redistricted, due to growth in the beach communities. Currently, all districts have been revised. The County Council is working on appointments. There could be some openings or changes to the committee. Bobbi Albright, County Council designee, will notify the committee of any changes.

### **Public Comment**

Carolyn O'Neal, CHEER, reported that Ocean View CHEER will re-open April 13, 2022.

Will Childers announced that he is now on the Board for La Red. Their new office in Milford (formerly the old hospital) is now open. La Red has a dental office at their Milford, Seaford, and Georgetown locations. PACE, Medicaid's version of senior day care, will open in Milford in the next 60 days.

### **Next Meeting**

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Advisory Committee will be held on Monday, May 16, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. at the Sussex County Administrative Offices, West Complex, 22215 North DuPont Boulevard in Georgetown.

### **Adjourn**

A Motion was made by Fran Smith, seconded by Linda Rogers, to adjourn at 11:05 am. Motion adopted by Voice Vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Smith  
Secretary