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

### Minutes of Meeting

March 16, 2015

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Advisory Committee on Aging & Adults with Physical Disabilities for Sussex County was held on Monday, March 16, 2015, at the Sussex County Administrative Offices West Complex, 22215 North DuPont Boulevard, Georgetown, Delaware. The following members were present:

Sally Beaumont  
Ruth Beideman  
Jamie Magee  
Penny Orndorff

Scott Phillips  
Larry Savage  
Francine Shockley  
Anna Short

### Call to Order

Sally Beaumont, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. Ms. Beaumont welcomed everyone, explained the purpose of the Advisory Committee for those who may not be familiar, and requested that Committee members introduce themselves.

### Approval of Agenda

A Motion was made by Ruth Beideman, seconded by Penny Orndorff, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion Adopted by Voice Vote.

### Approval of Minutes

Approval of the minutes of January 26, 2015, was deferred until the May meeting, as the minutes were not finalized.

### Correspondence/Other Remarks

- Ms. Beaumont reported that she contacted Sussex County Councilman Sam Wilson in regard to one of his appointees on the Committee, Mr. Gene Campbell, who is unable to continue due to health issues. Councilman Wilson has been asked to name a replacement.

- James and Janice Moseley are seeking approval from Councilman Michael Vincent to substitute Janice for James on the Committee due to Mr. Moseley being unavailable to attend recent meetings.
- An email was received from Ken Bock, Deputy Director, CHEER, requesting to speak to the Committee regarding the Fearless Caregiver Conference in May.

Mr. Bock proceeded to address the Committee stating that the Fearless Caregiver Conference will be held on May 5, 2015, at the CHEER Community Center, 20520 Sand Hill Road, in Georgetown. There will be speakers, as well as local and national vendors, present at the event. The conference is jointly sponsored by the Delaware Aging & Disability Resource Center, CHEER, and the Advisory Committee on Aging & Adults with Physical Disabilities for Sussex County.

Conference attendance will be capped at 200 participants, with a fee of \$10.00 per person to cover snacks and lunch. Anyone interested in registering for the conference should call (302) 854-9500 or drop off/mail a check in advance. Online registration is not available for this event.

Additional information is available on CHEER's website at [www.cheerde.com](http://www.cheerde.com). Mr. Bock will be providing a flyer to send out to the Advisory Committee's contact list for informational purposes as well.

### **New Business**

- A session of 'Let's Talk,' a Family Caregiver Task Force established by the Delaware General Assembly to study the needs of those who care for older people or people with disabilities and to make recommendations for how to support them, will be held this evening. Jamie Magee will be attending.
- Ms. Beaumont received an email from Nancy Broadhurst, COTA Instructor at Delaware Technical & Community College, requesting to address the Committee. Ms. Broadhurst is seeking input from the community on the needs of elderly and disabled persons in Sussex and would like to work on addressing some of those needs. The following list was agreed upon by Advisory Committee members and others in attendance:

Transportation	Abuse and Neglect
Emergency Services	Affordable Housing
Safety in the Home	Home Repairs
How to Meet All Financial Needs	

- The Administration for Community Living (ACL) notes that May is Older Americans Month. Many materials are available on their website at [www.acl.gov](http://www.acl.gov).
- Ms. Beaumont advised that officers of the Advisory Committee are nearing the end of their two-year terms. It was suggested that the Committee consider appointing a

Program Chair instead of the Secretary having to perform that task in addition to the secretarial duties. Larry Savage was asked to conduct the election of officers at the May meeting, as Ms. Beaumont will not be present.

- Open discussion was held regarding the Advisory Committee sponsoring a third **LIVE Conference** in 2015. Everyone was in agreement that another conference would be beneficial and that better ways of reaching out to providers, the elderly, and the disabled are needed. Following is a synopsis of observations/suggestions that were presented with regard to the 2015 conference:

- Scheduling the conference on a holiday is a mistake.
- Return to the CHEER Community Center for a half-day conference, possibly 1:00 to 4:00 or 5:00 p.m., thus avoiding the expense of lunch – consensus to schedule the conference from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., with the morning session to run from 10:00 a.m. to noon, lunch from noon to 12:30 p.m., and the afternoon session from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.
- The least expensive lunch from CHEER is approximately \$8.00.
- If transportation is one of the issues to be addressed, Ken Bock will be happy to obtain a speaker from Washington at no cost.
- Vendors should be by invitation only and must remain until the end of the day.
- Conference date is set for Wednesday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, and the registration fee is set at \$5.00. Vendors will be limited to 15.
- Panel discussion is encouraged.
- Conference flyers can be delivered through the meal delivery program.
- Possible topics/speakers:
  - Transportation - Nancy Feichtl, Generations, and taxi services
  - Jobs for Seniors - First State Community Action Agency, RSVP, Foster Grandparents, and Senior Companion
  - Volunteerism - Encore Program at Delaware Tech, Delaware Hospice Transitions Program, faith-based community, Contact Lifeline
  - Senior Centers - programs and/or services they offer
  - Isolation and Computer Use

- Planning and Legal Services
- Services for Veterans (may need an entire conference devoted to this issue)

**It was agreed that a Conference Planning Subcommittee meeting will be held on Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 a.m. at the Sussex County Administrative Offices West Complex in Georgetown for more detailed discussion regarding the conference.**

- CHEER has three events scheduled – Craft and Hobby Show, March 21<sup>st</sup>, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.; Doo Wop Dance, April 11<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 to 8:30 p.m.; and Car Show, June 27<sup>th</sup>. All activities will take place at the CHEER Community Center.
- The Alzheimer’s Association has contacted Attorney General Matt Denn and voiced concern that many senior programs were dropped under the previous administration.
- SALT (Seniors And Lawmen Together) is combining Kent and Sussex counties, with Matt Tower conducting the meetings held the second Wednesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. at Heritage at Milford.

### **Additional Business**

None to address at this time.

### **Next Regular Meeting**

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Advisory Committee is scheduled for Monday, May 18, 2015, at 10:00 a.m. at the new Milton CHEER Center, 24855 Broadkill Road, Milton, Delaware. Anthony DelFranco, Director of Marketing for CHEER, will be the guest speaker and will provide a tour of the new facility. Election of officers will also take place at the May meeting.

### **Adjourn**

A Motion was made by Larry Savage, seconded by Penny Orndorff, to adjourn. Motion Adopted by Voice Vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Anna Short, Secretary  
Advisory Committee on Aging & Adults  
with Physical Disabilities for Sussex County