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

### Minutes of Meeting

March 19, 2018

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Advisory Committee on Aging & Adults with Physical Disabilities for Sussex County was held on Monday, March 19, 2018, at the Sussex County Administrative Offices West Complex, 22215 North DuPont Boulevard, Georgetown, Delaware. The following members were present:

Ruth Ann Beideman  
Jamie Magee  
Cathy Parker  
Scott Phillips

Larry Savage  
Francine Shockley  
Helen Smith

### Call to Order

Ruth Ann Beideman, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:05 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.

### Correspondence

No correspondence was received.

### Guest Speaker

Patrick Carney, Outreach and Education Coordinator, Delaware Senior Medicare Patrol, addressed the question, "*What Can YOU Do to Prevent Medicare Fraud?*" Mr. Carney expanded on three steps to prevent healthcare fraud – Protect, Detect, Report.

- **Protect** – Protect your Medicare card. Do not give it out to anyone other than your doctor or authorized medical personnel. Do not carry your Medicare card in your wallet unless you are visiting a doctor. Never share your Medicare card with anyone.



- **Detect** – Always review your Medicare Summary Notices (MSNs) when you receive them. Make sure you did in fact visit the doctor listed on any given day and that you received the services listed. Access your Medicare information at [www.MyMedicare.gov](http://www.MyMedicare.gov).
- **Report** – If you see charges on your Medicare Summary Notice that are not yours, call the provider listed and question the entries. Gather all of the information and documents you have pertaining to your Medicare account and contact Delaware Senior Medicare Patrol at 800-223-9074.

Mr. Carney reported that in 2017 there were 412 defendants charged with Medicare fraud, and Medicare reported \$1.3 billion in losses. One doctor alone fraudulently billed Medicare and received more than \$1.2 million in reimbursement. Everyone needs to be aware of this problem.

Mr. Carney advised that Medicare will begin mailing new cards, without Social Security numbers on them, in April 2018. Medicare recipients will receive a new number, but everything else about your Medicare plan will stay the same. Only the Medicare card and number are changing. Scam artists are already calling people and telling them they need to sign up for their new card – that is not true. Medicare recipients will automatically receive a new card in the mail. Furthermore, Medicare never calls anyone, they always contact you in writing.

### Old Business

There was no old business to discuss.

### New Business

- Ruth Ann Beideman discussed how attendance and funding for the Sussex C.A.R.E.S. Conference have both fallen off in recent years. The Advisory Committee needs to focus on ways to reach more seniors who would have an interest in and need for information provided at the conferences, even if funding declines or is withdrawn altogether.

Jamie Magee and Helen Smith had been asked to meet with staff at Crossroads Community Church to see if it would be possible to hold the next conference there in May of 2019. Jamie Magee reported that Crossroads is agreeable to holding the 2019 conference at their facility, which has a large conference room that can hold up to 250 people and a small, raised stage. They may divide the conference room in half and set up registration and some vendors at the far end in the Education Center, with the rest of the vendors being placed down the hall next to the conference room. Although Crossroads does not charge a fee for use of the building, donations are accepted. They will provide breakfast or lunch, whichever the committee prefers. It was reiterated that they do not charge for the use of their facility; however, if someone wishes to pay for the cost of the food, it would

be no more than \$6.00 per person for the supplies. While a Friday date is preferred by Crossroads, some Thursdays would work as well.

Discussion followed regarding the pros and cons of holding the 2019 conference at Crossroads Community Church.

- Pros - It would be less costly, they have a huge congregation and can publicize the conference to their membership, and everyone who has attended an event at Crossroads seems to be very pleased with the results.
- Cons - Will moving the conference away from the CHEER Community Center where people are familiar with the location, etc., hurt attendance?

A Motion was made by Helen Smith, seconded by Scott Phillips, to schedule the May 2019 Sussex C.A.R.E.S. Conference at Crossroads Community Church, if the committee can find a suitable date next spring. Motion Adopted by Voice Vote.

Ruth Ann Beideman requested that Jamie Magee and Helen Smith follow-up with Crossroads regarding a date for the conference.

- Scott Phillips inquired as to the status of filling the three vacancies on the Advisory Committee. There is one vacancy in each of the councilmanic districts of Michael Vincent, Robert Arlett, and George Cole. It was noted that Antionette Johnson has expressed an interest in filling the opening in Mr. Cole's district, and Linda Forte intends to apply for the vacancy in Mr. Arlett's district. If anyone knows of someone interested in filling the appointment in Mr. Vincent's district, please contact a committee member.
- Linda Forte questioned if the Advisory Committee ever meets in other locations around the county. Ruth Ann Beideman advised that they have met from time to time at other locations such as CHEER centers, and that she plans to continue doing more of that in the future.

### Public Comment

- Jamie Magee announced that the Alzheimer's Association is creating a Community Resource Finder for communities across the United States. Postcards have been sent out to numerous agencies asking that the cards be completed and returned to be included in the file.
- Jamie Magee advised that Delaware has a voucher program for families who care for a member with dementia or Alzheimer's in need of legal assistance. Vouchers are in the amount of \$275 and can be used to meet with specific attorneys that have agreed to assist these families. The program expires May 31, 2018.
- Attendees introduced themselves, identifying the agency they represent and what their agency does.

**Next Meeting**

**The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Advisory Committee will be held on Monday, May 21, 2018, 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 Jamie Magee, seconded by Helen Smith, to adjourn at 12:15 p.m. Motion Adopted by Voice Vote.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

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