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

Minutes of Meeting

March 21, 2016

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Advisory Committee on Aging & Adults with Physical Disabilities for Sussex County was held on Monday, March 21, 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
Penny Orndorff
Scott Phillips

Larry Savage
Francine Shockley
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 Scott Phillips, seconded by Jamie Magee, to approve the Agenda as posted. Motion Adopted by Voice Vote.

Approval of Minutes

A Motion was made by Jamie Magee, seconded by Fran Smith, to approve the minutes of January 25, 2016, as distributed. Motion Adopted by Voice Vote.

Correspondence

EMAIL – DELAWARE DIVISION OF SERVICES FOR AGING AND ADULTS WITH PHYSICAL DISABILITIES.

RE: Confirming funding support for the Advisory Committee's annual conference in October.



EMAIL – GOVERNOR’S CONFERENCE ON HOUSING

RE: “Save the Date” for upcoming Governor’s Conference on Housing on September 8, 2016.

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RE: Survey being conducted by the University of Delaware relative to transportation (accessible at [www.surveymonkey.com/r/coordinating specialized transportation](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/coordinating_specialized_transportation)) and advising of an opportunity to join a working group to coordinate transportation services in Delaware.

Guest Speaker

Scott Phillips introduced Laurie Corsa, Veterans Service Officer, Delaware Commission of Veterans Affairs, who was invited to speak on “*Services Offered to Veterans in Sussex County.*” Ms. Corsa provided an overview on how the Commission can help veterans access benefits through the Veterans Affairs office. Ms. Corsa explained that one of the programs established by the Department of Veterans Affairs to assist veterans in receiving medical services within their community is the Choice Program. Individuals who live outside of an 80-mile radius of a veterans facility can apply through the Choice Program to receive services closer to home. There is an application that must be filled out and approval is not guaranteed, but the Commission can help veterans with this process. Ms. Corsa also noted that the Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery located at 26669 Patriots Way in Millsboro, adjacent to the Stockley Center, is available to veterans and their spouses.

Several attendees expressed concerns, and some displeasure, regarding benefits available to veterans. Individual experiences with the Veterans Affairs office were shared as well.

Old Business

None to address at this time.

New Business

Ruth Ann Beideman reported that the Advisory Committee has developed a survey to be completed by attendees at the close of each meeting. The survey is intended to provide (1) feedback regarding the meeting’s subject matter, and (2) suggestions for future meeting topics. The survey was approved as proposed.

Public Comment

- Anthony DelFranco advised that a Military Honors Day will be held at the CHEER Community Center in Georgetown on September 10th.

- **A Sussex County Health Equity Workshop will be held on April 5th at Easter Seals, 22317 DuPont Boulevard, in Georgetown from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon. This is a free workshop to develop strategic alliances to strengthen communities and advance health equity.**

Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Advisory Committee will be held on Monday, May 16, 2016, at 10:00 a.m., location to be determined at a later date. A Conference Planning Subcommittee meeting will also take place following the regular meeting.

Adjourn

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

Respectfully submitted,

**Penny Orndorff, Secretary
Advisory Committee on Aging & Adults with
Physical Disabilities for Sussex County**