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

### **Conference Planning Subcommittee Meeting**

**April 17, 2017**

**A meeting of the Conference Planning Subcommittee of the Advisory Committee on Aging & Adults with Physical Disabilities for Sussex County was held on Monday, April 17, 2017, at the CHEER Community Center, 20520 Sand Hill Road, Georgetown, Delaware. The following members of the Advisory Committee were present:**

**Ruth Ann Beideman  
Jamie Magee  
Cathy Parker**

**Francine Shockley  
Helen Smith**

#### **Other attendees included:**

**Katie Burritt  
Anthony DelFranco  
Linda Rogers**

**Christine Santy  
Amber Woodland**

#### **Call to Order**

**Ruth Ann Beideman, Subcommittee Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.**

#### **Approval of Agenda and Minutes**

**Since there was no quorum present, the agenda for this date and the minutes of March 20, 2017, could not be acted upon. However, it was agreed that the Subcommittee would continue planning for the upcoming conference, even though no decisions could be made without a quorum present.**

#### **Planning for Conference**

- Ruth Ann Beideman announced that Michelle Griffith contacted the ADRC (Aging & Disabilities Resource Center), and they are willing to send two people to speak at the conference, if needed.**



- The theme for the conference was discussed, and it was agreed that the theme needs to be something catchy to attract people's attention and make them want to attend. Thoughts included reference to memory issues, cognitive impairment, legal assistance, requesting help, being afraid, fear of memory loss, ensuring quality of life, pain management, beach babies and beach boomers, to mention a few. After much discussion, it was the consensus to go with the theme *“From Beach Babies to Beach Boomers - Promoting Quality of Life As You Age.”*
- Jamie Magee advised that she has not yet spoken with Dr. Manu Sehgal, the proposed keynote speaker for the conference. On second thought, it was suggested that Dr. Lawrence Kemp, a neurologist, might be a better choice for the keynote speaker in that he could give an overview of neurological problems that individuals face as they age. Jamie Magee agreed to contact Dr. Kemp after the Subcommittee meeting in May to see if he would be available to speak at the conference.

Linda Rogers also suggested that a representative of the Delaware Division of Services for Aging and Adults with Physical Disabilities be invited to speak at the conference.

- Ruth Ann Beideman proposed having information available at the conference regarding health care changes, but it was pointed out that there may or may not be changes by October. Anthony DelFranco recommended that Steven Rose, President and CEO of Nanticoke Health Services, be invited to speak and address health care changes, if there are specific issues at that point, or talk in more general terms as to what may be down the road as far as health care is concerned.

It was felt that scheduling this topic in the afternoon from 1:00 to 1:30 p.m., with a 15-minute question and answer period, might encourage more people to stay rather than leave right after lunch, and it would also eliminate the need for a second panel in the afternoon. Another option is for Mr. Goodwork to perform his skit immediately after lunch and then have Mr. Rose speak from 1:15 to 1:45 p.m., with a 15-minute question and answer period to follow. That way the conference could wrap up by 2:00 p.m.

### Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Conference Planning Subcommittee will be held on Monday, May 15, 2017, at the Sussex County Administrative Offices West Complex, 22215 North DuPont Boulevard, Georgetown, Delaware (following the regular Advisory Committee meeting). Everyone should be thinking about what vendors they would like to see at the conference, and come prepared to discuss who to include on the morning panel. Agencies such as Easter Seals, Alzheimer's Association, CHEER, Delaware Hospice, and ADRC were suggested. Anthony DelFranco volunteered to moderate the morning panel.

**Adjourn**

**The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Helen Smith, Acting Secretary  
Conference Planning Subcommittee**