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

Minutes of Meeting

May 16, 2016

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Advisory Committee on Aging & Adults with Physical Disabilities for Sussex County was held on Monday, May 16, 2016, at the Sussex County Emergency Operations Center, 21911 Rudder Lane, Georgetown, Delaware. The following members were present:

Sally Beaumont
Ruth Ann Beideman
Michelle Griffith (nonvoting member)
Jamie Magee
Penny Orndorff

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

Approval of Minutes

A Motion was made by Sally Beaumont, seconded by Larry Savage, to approve the minutes of March 21, 2016, as distributed. Motion Adopted by Voice Vote.

Correspondence

No correspondence was received.



Guest Speaker

Joe Thomas, Director, Sussex County Emergency Operations Center, presented an overview of the Sussex County Emergency Operations Center and the types of emergencies they are responsible for handling. Mr. Thomas advised that the Center has been at its present location since 2008 and consists of four divisions: (1) Emergency Management, (2) Fire and Ambulance, (3) Local Emergency Planning Committee, and (4) Communications Support. Mr. Thomas stated that Sussex County's population in 2010 was 192,747 compared to over 200,000 today, with approximately 8,000,000 visitors to the County each year. Although agriculture remains the County's number one industry, tourism is the second largest.

Mr. Thomas explained the new Smart911 system which has been adopted in the State of Delaware. This new system provides the exact location of the caller from a mobile device. While the previous system depended on the caller to provide all of the information during an emergency, Smart911 is designed to speak for the caller. In order to utilize the Smart911 system, information must be logged in to the system via computer and email address. Sign-up is free. Information is stored in a secure national database for use by the emergency management team and first responders. The system stores vital information relative to the person/household, i.e. phone(s), address, vehicle(s), emergency contacts, pets/animals, and much more, which allows for quicker response time to an incident. Mr. Thomas distributed fliers regarding the Smart911 system and noted that the system is active in almost every state in the United States.

At the conclusion of Mr. Thomas' presentation, a tour of the Sussex County Emergency Operations Center was provided.

Old Business

None to address at this time.

New Business

The Conference Planning Subcommittee will meet at 11:30 a.m. on this date to continue planning for the annual conference scheduled for October 19th, the topic of which is housing.

Public Comment

A member of the audience thanked the Advisory Committee for providing helpful information to the public.

Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Advisory Committee will be held on Monday, July 18, 2016, at 10:00 a.m.—location to be determined. 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 by Sally Beaumont and seconded by Helen Smith to adjourn. Motion Adopted by Voice Vote.

Respectfully submitted,

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