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

### Conference Planning Subcommittee Meeting

July 16, 2018

A meeting of the Conference Planning Subcommittee of the Advisory Committee on Aging & Adults with Physical Disabilities for Sussex County was held on Monday, July 16, 2018, at the Greenwood CHEER Center, 41 Schulze Road, Greenwood, Delaware. The following Subcommittee members were present:

Ruth Ann Beideman  
Will Childers  
Liz Jiron  
Jamie Magee

Linda Rogers  
Helen Smith  
Amber Woodland

#### Call to Order

Ruth Ann Beideman, Subcommittee Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:55 a.m.

#### 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.

#### Approval of Minutes

A Motion was made by Jamie Magee, seconded by Linda Rogers, to approve the minutes of May 21, 2018, as distributed. Motion Adopted by Voice Vote.

#### Introductions

For the benefit of the two new members on the Subcommittee (Will Childers and Liz Jiron), Ruth Ann Beideman asked everyone to introduce themselves and state if they are a Subcommittee member or guest.

#### Planning for Conference

- Jamie Magee recapped plans for the 2019 Conference to be held at Crossroad Community Church. The date selected is May 9, 2019.



- **Ruth Ann Beideman requested an update from Linda Rogers on the status of compiling a list of churches in Sussex County. Ms. Rogers advised that she contacted Kristen Najera who is working on the list, but Ms. Najera was not present to provide an update. Will Childers stated he has a friend who is a pastor, and he will check with him to see if there is a master list of churches in Sussex County that could be shared. In the meantime, Ms. Beideman asked that everyone continue to work in their respective communities on obtaining the names of churches, the pastor's name, an email address, and phone number for each.**
- **Helen Smith reviewed decisions which have been made by the Conference Planning Subcommittee to date regarding the conference. The conference is to address the legal aspects of end-of-life matters, such as the need for a will, powers of attorney, durable powers of attorney, revocable and irrevocable trusts, advanced directives, etc. Legal representatives will be asked to be on hand at the end of the conference, tentatively from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., to begin the preparation of powers of attorney and advanced directives for anyone interested. "Kicking the Bucket-A Different Kind of Bucket List" has been suggested as a clever title and way to soften this serious subject. Instead of providing breakfast or lunch, it was agreed that brunch will be served from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., allowing the conference to run past 12:00 noon yet still not be considered a day-long event. The schedule could look as follows:**

<b>8:00 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.</b>	<b>Registration, Coffee, Vendors</b>
<b>8:45 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Welcome</b>
<b>9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Speakers/Panel</b>
<b>10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Brunch/Vendors</b>
<b>11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Speakers/Panel</b>

**A discussion followed. Some felt the topic and title of "Kicking the Bucket" is too grim and that people will not attend if they think it is an estate planning seminar. It was also felt that if the conference is advertised to indicate that people will be able to begin the process for advanced healthcare directives and powers of attorney, too many will show up expecting this service for free. It was suggested that Wills for Heroes representatives may be able to assist in this endeavor. Another option is to offer assistance with advanced healthcare directives only. An intake form was proposed whereby those interested could be directed to Antionette Johnson, a representative of Wills for Heroes, or Amber Woodland, depending on their need. However, the possibility remains that there would be too many people to handle in a two-hour period.**

Amber Woodland stated there are forms for advanced healthcare directives, but that issue can be a slippery slope as people do not always fill the forms out correctly. Nonetheless, advertising for the conference could state that representatives will be available from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. to answer questions and point anyone interested toward services available to assist with their legal questions. Breakout sessions were suggested, but it was agreed that Crossroad Community Church should not be asked for access to three more rooms, as they have many meetings and events going on every day.

Ms. Woodland advised there are approximately four elder law firms in Sussex County. All four could be invited to speak, thus not favoring one law firm over another.

Some people felt that funeral homes and long-term care should be included back into the conference, even if it means not keeping the conference to a half-day.

- While some did not care for the title "Kicking the Bucket," they liked the second part – "A Different Kind of Bucket List." It was emphasized that the purpose of the conference is to get the idea across that people need to be proactive in end-of-life planning for their families. They need to take control and make decisions about taking care of their children, grandchildren, pets, and/or favorite charities. Linda Rogers stated that she envisioned a "Tree of Life," and this is a part of that tree – planning for the future.
- Ruth Ann Beideman expressed concern with the price being charged for the conference. Since there will be a savings on setup/teardown fees and rent, maybe the cost should go back to \$5.00 instead of the \$10.00 per person that was charged last year. Ms. Beideman stated she feels the drop in attendance last year may have been a result of the price increase.
- It was agreed that the Subcommittee will meet every month from now until the conference, unless they get to a point where it is not necessary to meet on a monthly basis.
- Linda Rogers suggested retired Delaware Supreme Court Justice Randy Holland as a possible speaker.

### Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Conference Planning Subcommittee will be held on Monday, August 27, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. at the Sussex County Administrative Offices West Complex, 22215 North DuPont Boulevard, in Georgetown. Attendees should come prepared to discuss topics which they would like to see addressed at the conference, along with topic titles and possible speakers.

**Adjourn**

**A Motion was made by Jamie Magee, seconded by Helen Smith, to adjourn at 1:15 p.m. Motion Adopted by Voice Vote.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

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