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

Minutes of Meeting

July 20, 2015

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Advisory Committee on Aging & Adults with Physical Disabilities for Sussex County was held on Monday, July 20, 2015, at the CHEER Community Center, 20520 Sand Hill Road, Georgetown, Delaware. The following members were present:

Sally Beaumont
Ruth Ann Beideman
Michelle Griffith (nonvoting member)
Janice Moseley
Penny Orndorff

Scott Phillips
Larry Savage
Francine Shockley
Anna Short
Fran 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 and seconded to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion Adopted by Voice Vote.

Approval of Minutes

A Motion was made and seconded to approve the bimonthly meeting minutes of May 18 and Conference Planning Subcommittee minutes of June 24, 2015, as distributed. Motion Adopted by Voice Vote.

Correspondence

ROBERTA LESLIE, MILLSBORO, DELAWARE.

RE: Installation of an ADA-compliant handicapped ramp.

Guest Speaker

Linda Forte, Community Relations Coordinator, Easter Seals of Delmarva, was invited to speak on “*Easter Seals – Serving the Community.*” Easter Seals serves all ages—from children as young as three weeks to adults 100 and older. The organization provides physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, caregiver and respite services, adult day care, a personal attendant program (for which there is currently a waiting list), and assistive technology and supported employment services, to mention just a few of the programs they offer. Easter Seals’ services are targeted to help children and adults with disabilities and special needs and their families to have a better day and live a better life.

Ms. Forte shared some interesting stories of the successes of Easter Seals and spoke about Camp Fairlee near Chestertown, Maryland. Camp Fairlee is a residential/recreational and respite camp which offers campers from age six and up the opportunity to experience the joys and challenges of camp in a fully-accessible setting. Ms. Forte also announced the Easter Seals of Delmarva “Walk With Me” event, a national fundraising event to raise awareness and support for families living with disabilities, which will be held on October 18, 2015, at Baywood Greens.

Old Business

None to address at this time.

New Business

- Sally Beaumont provided an update on the progress of the Conference Planning Subcommittee for the **LIVE Conference: Getting Out and About**. Two separate flyers were distributed, one relative to the date and time and the other with more specifics regarding the conference. The kickoff speaker will be Jill Rogers, Director, Delaware Division of Services for Aging and Adults with Physical Disabilities, and the keynote speaker will be a representative of the Community Transportation Association of America, Washington, DC (affiliated with United We Ride). There will also be a panel of local organizations that currently provide transportation services to those in need in Sussex County.
- Two guests from the University of Delaware were introduced by Sally Beaumont—Angie Kline and Julia O’Hanlon. Ms. Kline and Ms. O’Hanlon are seeking information, and requested input from the Advisory Committee and audience, that can be used by legislators and others relative to funding for grants for needed services to assist the elderly and disabled in Delaware. Senior citizens and persons with disabilities are facing issues every day with transportation, housing, increase in the number of people who qualify but cannot receive hospice services due to an unstable home environment, homelessness, and lack of backup plans for caregiving. Separating Sussex County into three tiers may well be described as (1) the affluent living on the east side, (2) the central area containing many immigrants, and (3) the west being very rural. Such diversity presents a number of concerns when it comes to providing services.

An interesting statistic presented was that 47 percent of Americans cannot cover a \$400.00 emergency. It was also noted that Delaware ranks number one with people retiring to the State, and Milford is currently the number one town for retirees who are relocating.

Additional thoughts or views relating to services for the elderly and disabled can be sent to Angie Kline or Julia O'Hanlon at the University of Delaware.

Public Comment

- Linda Rogers, Delaware Volunteer 50+ – gave an overview of the Volunteer 50+ program.
- Linda Forte, Easter Seals – advised they are having a kickoff event for the third annual Walk With Me Delmarva on Thursday, July 23rd, at 3:00 p.m. at Easter Seals in Georgetown.
- Rae Short – representing Home Instead Senior Care.
- Barbie McDaniel, Delaware Hospice – requested the success of visits from Hospice be shared with doctors.
- Al Morris, Delaware Hospice – spoke about the Transitions Program and how they try to connect people with services; individuals with neurological problems is the number one issue.
- Michelle Griffith, DSAAPD – nonvoting member of the Committee and liaison between the Advisory Committee and the State.
- Helen Smith – works with the Alzheimer's Association.
- Carole Upman – inquired if there is any interface between the Advisory Committee and local churches - Sally Beaumont addressed the question and explained the function and purpose of the Advisory Committee. Ms. Beaumont advised she will contact Susan Kent with regard to outreach to local churches as well.
- Ken Bock, CHEER – announced that the picnic at Trap Pond will be held on September 4th and Senior Beach Day will take place on September 25th.

Mr. Bock also stated that there is going to be a shift in service programs in the future due to lack of funding and an increase in the adult population in Sussex County. Thoughts were expressed that the priority of this Committee should be to reach out to State legislators and the Sussex County Council in this regard. It was noted that Council members receive the minutes of all Advisory Committee meetings.

Additional Comment

- The Milton Senior Picnic will be held on August 21st.

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- Anna Short stated there are plans to open a 90-bed psychiatric crisis center in Georgetown, with completion expected by 2017.

Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Advisory Committee will be held on Monday, September 21, 2015, at 10:00 a.m., at the Sussex County Administrative Offices West Complex, 22215 North DuPont Boulevard, Georgetown, Delaware.

Adjourn

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