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

Minutes of Meeting

September 18, 2017

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Advisory Committee on Aging & Adults with Physical Disabilities for Sussex County was held on Monday, September 18, 2017, at the CHEER Community Center, 20520 Sand Hill Road, Georgetown, Delaware. The following members were present:

Ruth Ann Beideman
Michelle Griffith (non-voting member)
Jamie Magee
Cathy Parker

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 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 Scott Phillips, seconded by Cathy Parker, to approve the minutes of July 17, 2017, as distributed. Motion Adopted by Voice Vote.

Guest Speaker

Steve Page, President and CEO of SUN (Solving Unmet Needs) Behavioral Health, spoke regarding the new mental health, substance abuse facility currently under construction in Georgetown, Delaware. The project broke ground last fall, with hopes of completion by July 2018.

The goal of SUN Behavioral Health is to bring services to areas that are currently lacking. The facility will provide inpatient psychiatric services, partial hospitalization (five days a week, three to five hours a day), and intensive outpatient services (two to



three days a week, two to three hours a day). They will also have staff on hand that can assist the County's emergency rooms with risk assessment and help determine the right level of care for patients. SUN Behavioral Health will partner with educators, such as medical/nursing schools and schools of social work as well.

Mr. Page advised that private insurance, Medicare, Medicaid, and individual pay will be accepted as methods of payment for the cost of care. There will be four major areas of care, separate from each other and self-contained, and four smaller areas of care. All ages will be accepted when the facility first opens, with an assessment of the age of Sussex County residents being served taking place at a later date.

Public Comment

- ❖ Several positive comments were received regarding the SUN Behavioral Health presentation by Steve Page, i.e. “nice presentation – will greatly impact how we deal with patients – very excited to have SUN Behavioral come – Sussex County has only had the option of going to New Castle County in the past.”
- ❖ Anthony DelFranco announced that Frontier Day, a Senior Living Expo, will be held at the CHEER Community Center in Georgetown on Friday, September 22nd, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
- ❖ Jamie Magee stated that the Alzheimer's Association website now offers a Community Resource Finder whereby agencies can register to be included on the site and found nationwide by zip code. Ms. Magee also noted the following upcoming Alzheimer's activities that will be taking place:
 - Walk to End Alzheimer's on September 30th at Grove Park in Rehoboth Beach
 - Dementia Conference on November 15th at Dover Downs
 - SWANK Memory Clinic (symposium geared toward professionals) on October 6th at Rehoboth Beach Country Club

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Advisory Committee will be held on Monday, November 20, 2017, at 10:00 a.m., location to be determined at a later date.

Adjourn

Ruth Ann Beideman thanked everyone for attending. A Motion was made by Helen Smith, seconded by Jamie Magee, to adjourn at 11:15 a.m. Motion Adopted by Voice Vote.

Respectfully submitted,

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