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

Minutes of Meeting

January 27, 2020

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Advisory Committee on Aging & Adults with Physical Disabilities for Sussex County was held on Monday, January 27, 2020, at the Sussex County Administrative Offices West Complex, 22215 North DuPont Boulevard, Georgetown, Delaware. The following members were present:

Linda Forte
Antionette Johnson
Jamie Magee
Cathy Parker
Helen Pase

Scott Phillips
Linda Rogers
Larry Savage
Francine Shockley
Helen Smith

Call to Order

Jamie Magee, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.

Approval of Agenda

A Motion was made by Helen Smith, seconded by Helen Pase, to approve the Agenda as posted. Motion Adopted by Voice Vote.

Approval of Minutes

A Motion was made by Linda Rogers, seconded by Cathy Parker, to approve the minutes of November 18, 2019, as distributed. Motion Adopted by Voice Vote.

Correspondence

Jamie Magee reported that correspondence received pertains to the May 8th Sussex C.A.R.E.S. Conference and will be read at the Conference Planning Subcommittee meeting following the Advisory Committee meeting.

Introductions

Members of the Advisory Committee introduced themselves to the audience.



Guest Speakers

Scott Phillips introduced Valerie Camarillo and Mark Taylor, Community Outreach Specialists, Wilmington office of the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, who explained that there are currently three locations for veterans' health care in Delaware – the Wilmington VA Medical Center, the Dover Outpatient Clinic, and the Georgetown Outpatient Clinic. They spoke about who is eligible to receive veterans' health care benefits, the paperwork needed to complete the process, and how to apply for health care. Services include, but are not limited to, dietician, smoking cessation, palliative care, social worker, mental health, medical team, and eye care. They also discussed the VA Mission Act of 2018 for Veterans which states that every veteran is entitled to care in their community. Instead of someone in Sussex County having an hour-plus drive to Wilmington, they can be seen at the Georgetown VA Clinic; if the doctor there feels that he or she needs to see a specialist, the doctor will make an appointment with a specialist in the community and the VA will pay for it.

The telephone number for Ms. Camarillo and/or Mr. Taylor is (302) 994-2511.

Public Comment

- The Georgetown VA Clinic holds Meditation for Veterans with PTSD every Thursday at 1:00 p.m. It is not necessary to sign up in advance – veterans can just walk in.
- The Vet Center, part of the Georgetown VA Clinic, has counselors who will see a veteran on-the-spot. There is no need for an appointment. They will also see family members of a veteran who may be struggling.
- Jamie Magee introduced Ruth Briggs King, State Representative of the 37th District, thanked her for attending the meeting, and asked if she had any comments. Representative King stated that the Delaware Legislature is working on a bill to do away with property taxes for disabled veterans in Delaware. She then asked what Sussex County is doing to assist veterans.
- VFW Post No. 22 on Route 24 in Millsboro holds a meeting every third Tuesday of the month at 11:30 a.m. It consists mostly of Vietnam veterans who get together to talk and socialize; however, all vets are welcome.
- Since it was mentioned that the Georgetown VA Clinic is always very busy, Linda Rogers suggested that maybe Volunteer Delaware 50+ could provide volunteers to help out.

Old Business

There was no Old Business to report.

New Business

There was no New Business to report.

Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Advisory Committee will be held on Monday, March 16, 2020, at the Sussex County Administrative Offices West Complex, 22215 North DuPont Boulevard, in Georgetown.

Adjourn

A Motion was made by Cathy Parker, seconded by Helen Smith, 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**