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

Minutes of Meeting

March 18, 2019

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Advisory Committee on Aging & Adults with Physical Disabilities for Sussex County was held on Monday, March 18, 2019, at the Sussex County Administrative Offices West Complex, 22215 North DuPont Boulevard, Georgetown, Delaware. The following members were present:

**Chantel Collie (non-voting member)
Antionette Johnson
Cathy Parker
Scott Phillips**

**Larry Savage
Francine Shockley
Fran Smith
Helen Smith**

Call to Order

Antionette Johnson, Vice Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes

A Motion was made by Fran Smith, seconded by Larry Savage, to approve the minutes of January 28, 2019, as distributed. Motion Adopted by Voice Vote.

Guest Speaker

Erin Willis, Director of Business Development, SUN Behavioral Health, spoke about the services currently offered, as well as new programs that will be coming in the future, at their newly opened hospital for mental health and substance use disorder treatment in Georgetown.

Detox for adults and adolescents, a program which normally takes five to seven days to complete, is available. There is an Integrity Unit for people 65 years and older, primarily for those with depression or who are suicidal. It is not for people with



dementia or Alzheimer's unless it is early onset Alzheimer's along with another mental health issue. An Adult Unit is also open at the facility.

SUN Behavioral is working on a Chronic Unit to help people with a long-term mental health issue, and they are working on opening a PTSD Unit which will help veterans and others with PTSD. These two units need staff to open, which is one of their biggest problems right now.

They are also hoping to open an Outpatient Unit in April that will be able to provide transportation for adults who need it both to and from the facility.

The Inpatient Unit is open 24/7, and all types of insurance are accepted. Inpatient treatment is usually seven to ten days, depending on the diagnosis. In order to be considered for inpatient treatment, a person must be a threat to themselves or others, or unable to take care of themselves.

Introductions

Advisory Committee members introduced themselves, followed by guests introducing themselves and advising the agency they are associated with.

Correspondence

Antionette Johnson reported that she received an email from Liz Jiron advising that she is resigning from the Conference Planning Subcommittee due to health reasons.

Scott Phillips stated he received an email from Paul Rosa advising of his resignation from the Advisory Committee due to health reasons.

Old Business

- **Conference Planning**

Antionette Johnson detailed for the audience the date, time, place, theme, and how to register for this year's Sussex C.A.R.E.S. Conference. Scott Phillips reported that 67 people are registered thus far. All Advisory Committee and Conference Planning Subcommittee members are reminded to register using Eventbrite (<http://bit.ly/2019caresconference>) or by calling (302) 396-9518.

Francine Shockley and Cathy Parker will assist Scott Phillips with registration, and Fran Smith will help with setting up tables on the day of the conference.

Antionette Johnson reported that she reached out to the Modern Maturity Center in Dover to see if they might be able to provide bus transportation for people to attend the conference, but she was told they are unable to do so. They will, however,

distribute the fliers that Ms. Johnson dropped off to them. She also reported dropping off 500 fliers to Crossroad Community Church for distribution.

New Business

There was no New Business to discuss.

Public Comment

Members of the audience were invited to comment on today's program and/or suggest topics for future meetings. Several people had ideas for future meetings that they passed along to Scott Phillips, Program Director.

Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Advisory Committee will be held on Monday, May 20, 2019, location to be determined at a later date.

Adjourn

A Motion was made by Fran Smith, seconded by Helen Smith, to adjourn at 10:50 a.m. Motion Adopted by Voice Vote.

Respectfully submitted,

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