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LINDA ROGERS
LARRY SAVAGE
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FRAN SMITH
HELEN SMITH

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

Minutes of Meeting

November 18, 2019

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Advisory Committee on Aging & Adults with Physical Disabilities for Sussex County was held on Monday, November 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)
Linda Forte
Antionette Johnson
Jamie Magee
Cathy Parker**

**Helen Pase
Linda Rogers
Larry Savage
Helen Smith**

Call to Order

Jamie Magee, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes

A Motion was made by Helen Pase, seconded by Linda Rogers, to approve the minutes of September 16, 2019, as distributed. Motion Adopted by Voice Vote.

Correspondence

There was no correspondence to report.

Old Business

Jamie Magee provided an overview of the Advisory Committee on Aging & Adults with Physical Disabilities. She stated that when Sally Beaumont was Chairperson, it was decided that the Committee needed a mission, and that mission would be to link seniors



to services that are vital to them. This would be accomplished through a conference, to be held annually if possible.

Ms. Magee noted that the next conference will be held on May 8, 2020, at Crossroad Community Church in Georgetown. Linda Rogers has agreed to take the lead, since she has previously organized a conference on scams and frauds against seniors – the topic for the 2020 conference.

Continuing, Ms. Magee stated that a Conference Planning Subcommittee, consisting of the Chairperson and four members of the Advisory Committee, as well as four community members, works on organizing the conference each year. The Subcommittee meets every other month following the regular Advisory Committee meetings, and on alternate months usually the third Monday of the month. However, there has been a problem lately ensuring that a quorum is present for the Subcommittee meetings, as there are two vacancies for community members. In addition, the Subcommittee is in need of a Secretary. Ms. Magee requested that anyone interested please contact her.

Carolyn O'Neal volunteered to serve on the Subcommittee and also as Secretary.

New Business

Jamie Magee reported that at the last conference the Committee had wanted to assist attendees in drafting their own advance healthcare directives, but it was felt there may be too many people interested in doing so and there would not be enough time to help everyone. Ms. Magee asked Chantel Collie if the Ombudsman Program would be able to provide several people to assist with drafting advance directives at one of the regularly scheduled Advisory Committee meetings, which could serve as a mini-conference on this issue. Ms. Collie agreed to see if this would be feasible.

It was felt that registration would be a good idea for the mini-conference, considering there may be more people interested in preparing advance directives than could be handled within a specific timeframe. Jamie Magee volunteered to handle registration.

Barbie McDaniel advised that she might be able to give an introduction and have some social workers available from Hospice to help draft the directives too. She stated that the documents do not have to be notarized, simply witnessed by two people who have nothing to gain from the individual, and they can be changed at any time.

Chantel Collie said that someone from her office could possibly do the introduction if Barbie McDaniel is not available.

It was suggested that guardianships be included as well.

Barbie McDaniel suggested that the mini-conference be held in April, given that April 16th is “National Healthcare Decisions Day.” Since the Advisory Committee does

not normally meet in April and the annual conference is scheduled for May 20th, it was felt that the fall might be a better time. Linda Rogers proposed that flu shots be offered if it is held in the fall.

A Motion was made by Helen Smith, seconded by Linda Rogers, to pursue the topic of advance healthcare directives for a mini-conference to be held on a regularly scheduled Advisory Committee meeting date sometime next fall. Motion Adopted by Voice Vote.

Public Comments

- ITN Southern Delaware has moved to 26412 Broadkill Road, Suite 1A, closer to Route 1.
- CHEER has scheduled their Frontier Festival for May 1, 2020.
- State Adult Protective Services has extended their hours until 8:30 p.m. and has hired more nurses. The State Legislature is looking at the issue of self-neglect, as Delaware is the only state that does not have a law concerning this subject.
- CHEER – Wellness Village has received a \$750,00 grant to do a wellness survey each time a meal is delivered to a homebound senior. Any red flags that are detected will be referred to a physician. The grant will also assist people with getting healthcare providers.
- It was suggested that the Advisory Committee may want to present a program on the subject of insurance, as many seniors do not have secondary coverage. Medicare only pays 80 percent, leaving seniors to pay the other 20 percent and they often cannot afford it. People need help finding and purchasing secondary insurance. Advantage plans could help.

Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Advisory Committee will be held on Monday, January 27, 2020, at the Sussex County Administrative Offices West Complex, 22215 North DuPont Boulevard, in Georgetown.

Adjourn

A Motion was made by Larry Savage, seconded by Helen Smith, to adjourn at 11:00 a.m. Motion Adopted by Voice Vote.

Respectfully submitted,

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