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

Minutes of Special Meeting

Wednesday, April 17, 2013

A special meeting of the Advisory Committee on Aging & Adults with Physical Disabilities for Sussex County was held on Wednesday, April 17, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. at Easter Seals, 22317 North DuPont Boulevard, Georgetown, Delaware. The following members were present:

1. Sally Beaumont
2. Ruth Beideman
3. Jamie Magee
4. Jim Moseley
5. Penny Orndorff
6. Scott Phillips
7. Francine Shockley

Also in attendance were Deb Brown, retired from Easter Seals; Chantal Willis, member of the Independent Living Advisory Committee; Glenn Brustman, State Facilitator for Seaford Anxiety and Depression Support Group; Janice Mosley, AARP; Linda Connors, Delaware Division of Substance Abuse & Mental Health; Linda Leonard, Greater Lewes Community Village; Doris Schonbrunner, Administrator at Heritage at Milford; Dennis Leebel, Sussex County Parkinson's Education and Support Group; Randy Nelson, Marketing for CHEER; Beth Elzey, Director of Harbor Lights CHEER Center; Patsy Brown, President of the Delaware Amputee Support Group; Linda Rogers, Volunteer Coordinator for RSVP; and Kathy Kratz Hudson, Nanticoke Health Services.

Call to Order

Sally Beaumont, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10 AM and welcomed everyone on behalf of the Advisory Committee.

Special Meeting

Sally Beaumont, Chairperson, explained that this was a special meeting that was called to begin planning a conference for seniors in Sussex County that would benefit and possibly improve their lives. The conference would be open to all concerned Sussex Countians, consumers, professionals and those concerned with the issues facing seniors. She advised

that we would be outlining the conference and she would take our recommendations to the Sussex County Council for approval.

Conference Planning

Sally Beaumont, Chairperson, explained that she had copied a format from the internet on planning a conference and provided a copy for each person in attendance. She stated that she had recently been on vacation with others and, being the youngest person in the group, was interested in their opinions on "aging in place". In the course of their conversations, she had thought of a theme for the conference that included things with which seniors seem to be concerned:

Be Active....Be Healthy....Be at Home or Stay Active....Stay Healthy....Stay at Home.

A discussion followed, but everyone agreed on the theme of the conference.

Naming the Conference

According to the template that Sally provided, the first order of business was to establish a name. Much discussion followed. Deb Brown suggested, "The Sussex County Council's Live Conference" with a tag line of "Live Healthy....Live Active.... Live at Home". Everyone approved.

Location

The next order of business was to determine the venue. A discussion had been held with Ken Bock from CHEER at the previous meeting, and specifics had been gathered. Randy Nelson, also from CHEER, was in attendance and stated that the large room could accommodate 400-600 people depending on how it was set up. Ken had given Sally the information that the building would cost about \$400 for four hours or \$700 for the full day. A half day would include a continental breakfast for \$5.00 per person. A full day would have to include a buffet luncheon for a cost of \$ 9-10. Everyone was in agreement that the CHEER Community Center on Sand Hill Road should be the location for the event.

Date and Time

Ken Bock from CHEER had provided several dates that are open at the Community Center. Kathy Hudson from Nanticoke Health Services checked online to see if any other major events were scheduled for the dates at which we were considering. After much discussion, the conference is scheduled for October 9, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. and will include lunch. This decision is pending the approval of the Sussex County Council.

Speakers

Several attendees had suggestions for speakers including Rita Landgraf, Delaware Secretary of Health and Social Services; Bill Love, Director of the Division of Services for the Aging and Adults with Physical Disabilities; Governor Jack Markell; Attorney General Beau Biden; Jeffrey Fried, President and CEO for Beebe Medical Services; and Dr. Judy Pierson, Grief Counselor

for Delaware Hospice. Cheyanne Luzader, Beebe Hospital Alternative Medicine. Due to time constraints and importance, this item was tabled until the next meeting.

Topics

Dennis Leebel has talked with St. Francis Hospital in Wilmington regarding their PACE program (**Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly**) currently operating in New Castle County and who would like to bring this program to Sussex. He feels this is a wonderful opportunity to explain the program to the residents of Sussex and an opportunity for St. Francis to promote the expansion of the program. This was also tabled until the next meeting.

All topics for the conference will be selected to promote the theme of the conference: Live Healthy...Live Active....Live and Home.

Vendors

The group was all in agreement that there would be a vendor area or room. There will be a charge (to be decided) for each vendor table. This revenue will be used to defer some of the cost.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is set for Wednesday, May 1, 2013 at 9:30 a.m. -11:30 a.m. . at the CHEER Community Center 20520 Sand Hill Road in Georgetown, Delaware. At this meeting we will look at the venue and decide on its best use and flesh out details of conference.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jamie Magee, Committee Member