

MINUTES of ORANGE COUNTY NURSING HOME COMMUNITY ADVISORY
COMMITTEE MEETING

May 5, 2015

Members Present: Teri Driscoll, Chair; Sandra Nash, Mary Ann Peter, Jerry Schreiber, Vibeka Talley, Susie Deter, Maria Hardin, Bill Crittenden, Jerry Ann Gregory, Mary Fraser, OC Department on Aging liaison, Charlotte Terwilliger, Ombudsman.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Chair, Teri Driscoll. The minutes of the March 3, 2015 meeting were approved as amended.

Meeting dates for the rest of the year were discussed. It was decided to continue to meet on the first Tuesday of every other month at 5:30pm at the Seymour Center in Chapel Hill. The July 7 meeting will begin promptly at 5:30 pm as Lisa Levine from the NC Alzheimer's Association will provide a special training on communicating with persons with dementia from 6-7pm.

Remaining 2015 meetings:

July 7 - 5:30 pm

September 1 - 5:30pm

November 3 - 5:30pm

Teri reminded committee members to respond to Charlotte's requests for quarterly Activity Reports. Charlotte needs to report the number of hours that each CAC member engages in both committee related volunteer and continuing education activities each quarter.

The Nursing Home CAC Attendance Policy was reviewed. Orange County policy requires that committee members attend at least $\frac{3}{4}$ of all meetings in order to be reappointed at the end of each term. Charlotte will confirm with each member their attendance record at that time.

Bill Crittenden was elected Committee Vice-Chair and Sandra Nash was elected Secretary.

Molly Stein's committee application was reviewed and recommended for membership.

The Carol Woods visitation report was reviewed and approved.

Charlotte Terwilliger made the following report:

- Triangle J will hold a training at their offices on communicating with persons with dementia on Oct 21, 2015 from 1-3:30pm.
- The Triangle Caregiver Conference will be held on June 16 in Raleigh and June 25 in Durham.
- Current CAC members can now attend orientation sessions for new members if they would like a "booster training".

Mary Fraser, Department on Aging Liaison, discussed the changes in the OCDOA's volunteer program. It will no longer be called RSVP – now Volunteer Connect 55+. The new program will focus on serving older adults in Orange County. Current and potential volunteers who wish to work with other ages and groups will be referred to “Hands On Triangle” for those assignments. She also reported on the OCDOA's first Direct Care Worker Award process. 27 individuals were nominated. 8 will receive special awards at the ceremony on May 6th. Carol Woods was the only nursing home that sponsored a winner this year, although nominations were received from both Brookshire and Signature NFs. She hopes that there will be an easier process to nominate outstanding direct care workers next year so that more will have the opportunity to be recognized.

Teri reminded committee members that all nursing homes need be visited prior to the quarter ending on June 30, 2015.

Next meeting will be held on July 7 at 5:30pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Fraser, DOA liaison