

ORANGE COUNTY
ADVISORY BOARD ON AGING

Minutes
August 11, 2015

PRESENT: Alex Castro, Mary Richard White, Donna Prather, Keith Cook, Mary Altpeter, Ed Flowers, Yvonne Mendenhall, Teri Driscoll, Winston Liao, Yvette Missri, KK, JT, K Leith, Peggy Cohn

The meeting was called to order by Chair Alex Castro. He encourages members to consider PE. Minutes moved approval by Ed, seconded by Keith, motion carried.

M Altpeter : promoting Go For Life from the Institute on Aging. Ed Flowers seconds this recommendation.

Jt adds Bd membership update.

JT: announces her cruise for the end of September 14.

Thanks for coming to the WHCOA.-last minute announcement of agenda: presentations 'staged'. Unfortunate is only happens every 10 years – Winston announced National Health aging conference done last month. Thinks that this was a much more worthy of the time. In DC. Combined staff meeting in August with interns giving presentations. Next presenter is Yvette. New Staff: Yvette and Keisha Andrews. Resignation: Eileen Nilsen. Retirement: Richard Vanhook. Alex promotes volunteer driving volunteers. He again encourages bd members to be part of the effort. Peggy asks for published materials that bd members can use as recruiters. JT-most need for volunteers in northern orange. MF. Discussion followed on instances. Ed: providers can make adjustments if they know the need.

Also, MSW intern Ana Lima is now with us as the temp SHIP coordinator and latino outreach coordinator. Now have 4 staff who are bilingual in Spanish.

JT announces and distributes the new Senior Times. /thanks to volunteers who distribute them to the 90+ drop sites.

Heather's slot is a Carrboro slot – would Donna P be willing to switch – yes. Then Yvonne would take Donna's vacant slot. Will schedule soon for Teri and Yvonne orientations following y her appointment.

NEW:

Yvette summarized her new position and KP focuses on VITA. Describes the Team. Overview of how the VC differs from RSVP. (attach report). Volunteer handbook. Revamp intake. Office hours at COSC! Monthly volunteer orientation. Integrate VC into the DoA. Will present to staff at Sept 21 all staff meeting. Alex intros discussion about how to do this with the loss of funding. PE is now part of the Volunteer Connect division.

Mary; summarizes the eight summer students

- Volunteer handbook
- Outreach strategies to medical providers
- Dementia and how to improve what we're doing for caregivers incl. ACL grant app and dementia-friendly business campaign
- Senior hunger: where are the older adults that don't have enough food and where are the gaps; also, where food is available across the county

- Housing; updated housing stats in OC and interviewed developer to determine what are the barriers to building senior-appropriate housing.
- Falls prevention; 5 prong action strategy
- Julia Katz; complete streets powerpoint presentation to take to municipalities. Keith asked if the housing info is being shared with Affordable Housing coalition. Housing bond to include seniors.

Dick asks that these reports be distributed to members. Alex speaks to the planning ordinance limiting residents per acre. Advocate. Peggy asks that the students be identified on their work. Alex suggests a commendation letter from the Board to each student by the next meeting. Mary A-those letters include their specific accomplishments that could be included in their portfolio. Winston-let the Dean know. Heather started campaign to get the UNC know about the experience.

Mary A asks if there is breakout of 60 + to age subcategories. 85+. Yvette-use the UNC GIS person. JT circulates the DoA stats for each county.

MAP – mary

Year 3 summary highlight – most partners are still involved. This is the last year of current plan; year 5 will be development of next 5 year plan. Very active plan thanks to staff and Capstone team. Peggy recalls that the last plan was based upon the State DAS model – will we follow that structure again?

Not necessarily. Mary reviews the structure grid that tracks progress. Highlighted are the items that the Board will be involved. Alex on the OUT board is an example of how this works. Transpo and LTC are two big areas for Board involvement. MF talks about the Collaborative as an outgrowth of the LTC improvement efforts. Housing with Keith as the main link. Cherie, Food-Alex with MOW board; they have expanded greatly. Yvette also on that board. Working with OCIM to expand. Leo, Norma. Senior resource team. Need to decide today or before next month and email Mary with list of issue areas each member is interested in. Ed-are we still focusing on inclusion of disabled? Yes, assigned to Wellness.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PE: SALT success.

Yvette_7 resource teams – distributed report.

JT: end of life group is diving into the Dying With Dignity legislation for the General Assembly.

Class 3 begins Sept 10. 11-12 on board; Carol Gunther-Mohr will be coordinator, on contract with UNC. Class schedule will be sent to all board members who may want to audit certain sessions. Observer Ed wants a flier for Walmart event that being planned with EMS. Teri will be a member of Class 3.

Alex references schedule of upcoming events that he receives from Carla Banks. The schedule is specifically for OPT new and expanded schedule. Where are the bus stops. How do you notify the bus when you want to ride. OPT needs help in promoting the expansion. How do you ride the bus....all this expansion from ½ cent sales tax. Bus clubs at each center. Next step is shelters. Dic suggests that this group take the bus? 420. Contact Alex if you want to ride as a group. Last year's intern did a survey – where are those results? JT-the Seymour route had only 4 riders in July! Donna-how about including bus availability in the listserv blast.

DONNA – LTC committee reviewed applicants for quality awards – all 5 met criteria of demonstrated use of training. Good track. Music in MM user groups sharing info, visit each others facilities. Sept 1 the BOCC will honor the recipients.