

ORANGE COUNTY
ADVISORY BOARD ON AGING

Minutes
January 13, 2015

PRESENT: Heather Altman, Mary Altpeter, Alex Castro, Peggy Cohn, Keith Cook, Ed Flowers, Winston Liao, Lorenzo Mejia, Donna Prather, Richard White

EXCUSED: Virginia Brown

STAFF: Mary Fraser, Kathie Kearns, Janice Tyler

The meeting was called to order at the Central Orange Senior Center by Chair Heather Altman. Following introductions the minutes of the December 9 meeting were approved on the motion provided by Keith Cook and the second made by Peggy Cohn.

In the Director's Report Janice Tyler announced that the second Project EngAGE graduation had been held the previous week. The number of graduates now totals 25. She stated that Aging Transitions social worker will retire January 31. Orange County Financial Services Director Clarence Grier has accepted a position with Guilford County and a new Housing, Human Rights and Community Development Director has been recruited for the DC area. It was suggested that she should be invited to a future Advisory Board meeting to become familiar with the housing emphasis in the Master Aging Plan. The Orange County budget process for FY15-16 has begun and the Department on Aging's request will be presented at the February Advisory Board meeting. The Orange County Space Study is continuing with on-site surveys of space utilization. Ms. Tyler added that the Department has submitted a request for a golf cart to shuttle from the Southern Human Services Building parking lot when needed as an interim solution. She concluded her report by announcing that Triangle J Area Agency on Aging will be conducting its annual monitoring of Block Grant-funded services on February 19 and 20.

Mary Fraser distributed the Year 3 Master Aging Plan Goal Implementation Status Report. In reviewing she made the following comments regarding recent achievements:

- Plans are underway for disseminating information to UNC physicians and patients; another Project EngAGE class will begin in September. Discussion followed on the benefits and drawbacks of waiting until the Fall and the value of measuring outcomes.
- The Latino outreach activities have increased; the budget request will include bringing the bilingual social worker position to full-time; a Latino geriatric clinic is being established; the Saturday Zumba class for Spanish speakers continues at the Seymour Center.
- The October Senior Housing Fair at Seymour Center was very successful; the next Aging In Community presentation, Tiny Houses, will be held on March 25.
- The volunteer driver program developed by the Mobility Manager will be advertised in the next Senior Times and on the Department's Facebook page.

- Exercise classes were expanded to community locations utilizing volunteers through the ‘train the trainer’ process.
- The Stay Up and Active campaign through Orange County EMS has conducted 1,000 screenings in its first year of operation.
- Music In My Mind is the focus of the Long Term Care Collaborative Year 2 awards.
- The Department’s volunteer division is shifting focus from the federal mandates required by the Corporation for National and Community Services grant funds to the Volunteer Connect 55+ initiative for volunteer needs identified by the Master Aging Plan.
- A One Stop Shop Clinic for Community Living is being implemented monthly at each Senior Center led by Aging Transitions staff. Keith Cook requested a listing of upcoming dates and times.
- Applications for Direct Service Worker award, sponsored by the LTC collaborative, will be available in February.

In concluding her MAP report Ms. Fraser announced that the Faith Based Community Outreach Symposium will be held on Thursday March 5.

The Chair announced that the deadline for CAPSTONE project proposal is early February. Mary Fraser suggested a social marketing campaign on aging preparedness with application emphasis on the implementation and evaluation skills instead of the benefits to older adults. Peggy Cohn, Alex Castro, Mary Altpeter and Winston Liao volunteered to serve on the proposal development subcommittee.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice Tyler, Secretary