

ORANGE COUNTY
ADVISORY BOARD ON AGING

Minutes

April 10, 2012

PRESENT: Leo Allsion, Heather Altman, Alex Castro, Peggy Cohn, Ed Flowers, Katherine Leith, Haryo Marsosidiro, Joan Pellettier, Jeane Suddarth, Jan Wells

EXCUSED: Thelma Perkins

STAFF: Mary Fraser, Kathie Kearns, Janice Tyler

UNC CAPSTONE TEAM: Brenda Devellis, Phoebe Goldberg, Laura Major, Marcia Perritt, Hannah Prentiss-Dunn, Rebecca Woodruff

The meeting was called to order at the Seymour Center by Chair Heather Altman. Following a correction to the name of the National Association of County *Commissioners*, the minutes of the March 13 meeting were approved with the motion offered by Alex Castro and the second by Peggy Cohn.

Janice Tyler began her Director's Report by informing the Advisory Board of the announcement that Britthaven Nursing Home is closing and the remaining residents are being placed in other facilities. She added Mary Fraser will be the staff person assigned to both the Nursing Home and the Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committees in Orange County. Discussion followed on the role that the Advisory Board on Aging should play in Britthaven's transition. Joan Pellettier suggested that a letter could be sent from the Nursing Home Advisory Committee to Britthaven management offering to provide assistance.

Ms. Tyler stated that the North Carolina Association on Aging is holding its annual training conference in Raleigh on May 3-5. She also announced that the Seymour Center will be hosting its Fifth Anniversary Gala on May 30 and that the Fourth Annual Resource Connections Fair will be held at University Mall in Chapel Hill on May 9.

Janice Tyler informed the Advisory Board that Myra Austin has been chosen as the Department's new Senior Centers Administrator, creating a vacancy in the Wellness Coordinator position. An Orange County Transit Plan public hearing was held on April 3. Alex Castro spoke on the need for an increase in service for the rural Orange area. Another public hearing is scheduled for April 17 at the Southern Human Services Center in conjunction with the Board of County Commissioners meeting.

The UNC HB/HE Capstone student team presented the Master Aging Plan to the Governor's Advisory Council and State Division of Aging and Adult Services Director Dennis Streets. Janice Tyler announced that another Capstone team of 5 students will be working with Department on Aging in the next

academic year on MAP implementation strategies. Staff is still looking for summer practicum student to begin the MAP implementation process.

Following the Advisory Board's action at its March meeting, Keith Cook was recommended to the Board of County Commissioners for appointment. The recommendation has not been considered as of this date. Also, after attending last month's meeting Donna Prather expressed interest in being appointed. A motion was made by Jan Wells and seconded by Alex Castro that Ms. Prather be recommended for appointment to the Advisory Board. Motion carried. The UNC Institute on Aging staff has expressed interest in being included on this Advisory Board but neither co-manager is an Orange County resident. Alex Castro made a motion that the Institute on Aging staff be invited to participate as ex-officio members of the Advisory Board on Aging. Peggy Cohn provided the second. Motion carried. Mary Fraser stated monthly reports of the Institute's activities can strengthen the link between the Department on Aging and the University.

Alex Castro suggested that the Advisory Board nominate the Capstone students for an American Planning Association-North Carolina Chapter (APA-NC) award. Discussion followed on the most appropriate category of award for recognition of the outstanding work that this group has produced. A motion was made by Alex Castro and seconded by Peggy Cohn that the Capstone students be nominated for the APA-NC Team Award. Motion carried. Janice Tyler agreed to coordinate the submission of the nomination.

MAP Co-Chair Katherine Leith summarized the actions of the MAP Steering Committee meeting held earlier that morning. The Committee members discussed the feedback/evaluation process and added their agencies' names to the 'partners' list where appropriate. Discussion followed on the benefits of using the term 'agency responsible' versus 'partner agencies'. There was also discussion about replacing the Bill of Rights terminology of previous MAP documents with the term principles and expanding the definition of faith based organizations to include civic groups.

MAP Co-Chair Mary Fraser asked for the Advisory Board's final comments on the Master Aging Plan. Peggy Cohn offered a motion to submit the Plan to the Board of County Commissioners as edited by the Steering Committee. Alex Castro provided the second. During discussion it was decided that the Capstone Team would be acknowledged collectively on the cover page of the document and individually on the second page along with the co-chairs and the convener, Pat Sprigg. Motion carried unanimously. Janice Tyler reminded the Advisory Board that a 20 minute presentation of the Plan will be made by the Capstone Team at the May 1 BOCC meeting. Mary Fraser announced that a Celebration for all involved in the MAP process is being planned for May 14. Alex Castro suggested that a questionnaire be available to recruit continued participation in the MAP process. Tentative plans call for summer practicum students to interview Steering Committee members in an effort to identify specific tasks for the first year of implementation and indicators for monitoring achievement of the Plan's goals and objectives. Quarterly progress reports will be made to the Advisory Board on Aging and semi-annual updates to the Steering Committee. Carol Woods has donated the funding for the summer interns. Mr. Castro suggested that an update of MAP activities be included in the Senior Times and posted in the Senior

Centers. Janice Tyler added that the Board of County Commissioners members receive the minutes of the Advisory Board meetings where the MAP's implementation progress will be discussed.

During Committee Reports Jeane Suddarth announced that the Senior Tar Heel Legislature is accepting resolutions to submit to the General Assembly during its upcoming session. Leo Allison stated that a few tickets are still available for the Friends of COSC's Las Vegas Night fundraiser on April 21. Janice Tyler reported that two electric car charging stations are being installed in the Seymour Center parking lot and the early voting will be held again at Seymour for the primary election.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice Tyler, Secretary