

ORANGE COUNTY
ADVISORY BOARD ON AGING

Minutes

June 12, 2012

PRESENT: Leo Allison, Heather Altman, Alex Castro, Keith Cook, Ed Flowers, Haryo Marsosudiro, Donna Prather, Jeane Suddarth, Jan Wells

STAFF: Mary Fraser, Kathie Kearns, Janice Tyler

The meeting was called to order at the Central Orange Senior Center by Chair Heather Altman. The minutes of the May 8 meeting were approved following the motion made by Keith Cook and the second by Alex Castro.

In her Director's Report Janice Tyler announced that she has been asked to participate in the Orange Person Chatham (OPC) local mental health entity's County Advisory Council. She asked retired OPC Medical Director Donna Prather to give a brief summary of the transition from OPC Mental Health to OPC Community Operations Center (OPC-COC) with Piedmont Behavioral Health. Ms. Prather stated that the intent of the merger is cost-savings that can compensate for the loss of funding for services. Ms. Tyler highlighted the Department on Aging recent activities including the Fifth Year Anniversary celebration of the Seymour Center, the fourth annual Community Resource Fair at University Mall, and the Master Aging Plan celebration where the Capstone Team students were honored by the Advisory Board members for their outstanding contribution.

Kathie Kearns distributed the Home and Community Care Block Grant Funding budget summary for FY 2013. Ms. Tyler noted that the Board of County Commissioners favorably reviewed the Department on Aging's proposed budget that included this funding at their previous week's work session. The County's Capital Improvement Project budget includes funding for a Seymour Center generator. She also stated that Nantucket Grill had submitted the sole bid for the Senior Lunch Program catering contract for FY13. That contract will be considered by the BOCC at the June 19 meeting. Ms. Tyler added that the Senior Lunch program receives a great deal of financial support from Orange County and the Towns of Carrboro, Chapel Hill, and Hillsborough. The Chair asked that the Advisory Board receive quarterly updates on the Senior Care Adult Day Health Program.

Janice Tyler reported that Heather Altman's name had been submitted for reappointment to the Advisory Board on Aging. Four Department on Aging staff persons will be attending the NC Conference on Aging in September. This will conflict with the regular Advisory Board meeting date of September 11. It was decided that the meeting will be rescheduled for Thursday, September 13 at the Central Orange Senior Center.

Mary Fraser reported that two UNC Masters of Public Health students who are part of next year's Capstone Team are interning at the Department on Aging this summer. These students will accompany Janice Tyler as she interviews the members of the MAP Steering Committee whose agencies have specific roles in its implementation. In these conversations the goal is to identify activities that can be undertaken without additional resources in this first year and those for which additional resources will be needed in Year Two. She proposed that a MAP Management Team meeting be held in July. Ms. Fraser will electronically survey the Team members to select the date. She also reviewed the grid she had developed to align the implementation strategies with the Department on Aging's program divisions or the Aging Advisory Board. The Management Team meeting will be used to prioritize those items assigned to the Board for implementation during the next two years. The MAP Steering Committee will reconvene in September and an initial progress report is planned for the County Commissioners in the fall. Jan Wells requested that links to other County Departments' strategic plans be provided to the Committee, where available.

Leo Allison reported on behalf of the Friends of the Central Orange Senior Center that proceeds from their fundraising efforts were used to buy additional dishes and a storage barn as well as pay for staffing at the Senior Center two evenings per week. The Friends' planning meeting for next fiscal year will be held the following Monday. Janice Tyler reported that Walter Mack was elected the president of the Friends of the Seymour Center at their recent annual meeting. Staff is currently meeting with that Board to determine the level of support for FY2013.

Heather Altman announced that the Administration for Community Living, which includes the Administration on Aging, has made \$50 million available for Community Resources Connections (CRC's) nationwide. This funding could continue the support for the part-time Chatham-Orange CRC Project Manager. Discussion followed on the challenges with measuring the impact that CRC's have made in service delivery. Keith Cook requested a list of the 24 agencies that are currently members of the Chatham-Orange CRC.

Ed Flowers informed the Advisory Board that Britthaven of Chapel Hill has discharged its last patient. No announcement has been made about the facility's future. Jeane Suddarth stated that the Senior Tar Heel Legislature is developing a resolution that supports insurance discounts for defensive driving class graduates. The State Employees Credit Union is working with the NC Division of Aging on this issue.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice Tyler, Secretary

