

**AREA AGENCY ON AGING OF PASCO-PINELLAS
ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 12, 2016**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Betty Beeler
Miriam Benitez-Nixon
Sue Castonguay
Susannah Caum
Louise Dolsay via Conference Phone
Mike Estigo
Nancy Giles
Julie Hale
Betty Hayward
Paul McClintock
Linda Patterson
Lenny Waugh
Becky Yackel via Conference Phone

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Barb Epstein
Samantha Fenger
Kerry Kimball Marsalek
Carole McLeod
Cristina Spiegel

OTHERS PRESENT:

Jason Martino, AAAPP
Beverly Burton, AAAPP
Helen King, AAAPP
Sally Gronda, AAAPP

Agenda Item #1 Welcome and Introductions

Paul McClintock, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:33 PM at the Area Agency on Aging of Pasco Pinellas conference room. All present introduced themselves.

Agenda Item #2 Approval of July 11, 2016 Minutes

It was moved by Julie Hale and seconded by Betty Hayward to approve the September 12, 2016 meeting minutes, motion carried.

Agenda Item #3 Area Plan 2017-2019

Jason Martino, Director of Planning, presented the Area Plan for 2017 – 2019. Jason stated that the Agency has a responsibility for developing a 3 year cycle comprehensive Area Plan that gets submitted to DOEA (Department of Elder Affairs) for approval. Jason went over the 6 components of the Area Plan as well as the goals and objectives that was provided by DOEA and then explained the basic fundamentals of the Area Plan. It was moved by Betty Hayward and seconded by Mike Estigo to submit the Area Plan to DOEA; motion carried.

Agenda Item #4 AAAPP Waitlists

Beverly Burton, ADRC Director, presented the waitlists for OAA (Older Americans Act), General Revenue, & SMMCLTCP (Statewide Medicaid Managed Care Long Term Care Program). Beverly explained how the waitlist fluctuates every single day depending on each individual's need. Beverly went

over the waitlist for the different services provided for Pasco and Pinellas Counties. Beverly explained that the waitlists are not an unduplicated count and that many clients could be waiting for more than one program, or be receiving one service while waiting for another. Clients are put on the waitlist for all programs for which they appear to be eligible.

Agenda Item #5 Client Scenario

Beverly talked about 2 clients who are currently on the waiting list for services. The first client is an 85 year old woman who lives alone and has been diagnosed with Parkinson's disease. She has memory loss and has been diagnosed with bipolar disorder in her adult life. The extent of her Parkinson's is to the point of eating and drinking from Styrofoam cups and plates. She is able to bath and dress herself but could use some supervision with those things. This client is able to do some things on her own but is not able to get into bed and so she sleeps on the sofa. She also needs assistance with heavy chores and housekeeping, as well as meal preparation and shopping. The next client is a 99 year old woman with dementia who lives with her family. She is unable to bear weight and is a 2 person lift. She has to be propelled in a wheelchair. She is tube fed her medication but is able to take food by mouth. She is totally dependent on diapers. There is currently some nursing assistance in the home twice a week for wound care. She needs total care for all her ADL's (Activities of Daily Living) which includes bathing, dressing, eating, shopping, transportation and managing her medication. She currently has a 24 hour caregiver. Even though it is a strain on the family, all of her needs are being met. Her risk will increase only if her caregivers are in crisis and unable to provide care. There were a few questions to which Beverly addressed.

Agenda Item #6 Update on Recruiting for Executive Director Position

Helen King, Deputy Director, announced that the Executive Director position was offered to Mr. Mike Isaacson. Helen provided his resume' and a short bio stating that he is a current Executive Director at an Area Agency on Aging in Iowa which covers a large number of counties, has 3 offices, and more than 100 employees. His official start date will be October 1, 2016. Sally Gronda, Executive Director, included that Mr. Isaacson was very personable and warm and everyone liked him instantly. Sally added that her last day will be September 30, 2016 after 38 years with the AAAPP.

Agenda Item #7 AAAPP Board of Directors Minutes

Helen presented the Board of Directors' meeting minutes from June stating that the BOD have very positive feelings about the interaction between the Advisory Council and BOD. They also had good things to say about the meet and greet at the luncheon and have talked about doing it again for the next one. Helen said that she has been waiting for the new Executive Director to start before beginning the plans for the next luncheon so as to get some new input.

Agenda Item #8 Announcements

Helen asked any Advisory Council members interested in attending the entrance and/or exit interviews on November 16, 2016 for the AAAPP monitoring to please schedule it in their calendars. Helen stated that it is good to have the Board and Advisory members attend both interviews but that there is a lot more information at the exit interview.

Helen said that she sent out the link for the electronic version of the *Older Floridians Handbook* but that there are some hard copy books available if anyone would like to take some to pass around. Comments were made on what a good job Jason does in preparing everyone for storms. Nancy Giles mentioned that she and Sue Castonguay attended the FCOA conference stating that it was a great conference and that a lot of people attended. They also tried out the new virtual reality headsets. Nancy stated that they have a new initiative working with virtual reality for skill sets.

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting adjourned at 2:30 PM
(Minutes transcribed by Katherine Thomley)