

**AREA AGENCY ON AGING OF PASCO-PINELLAS
ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MAY 08, 2017**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Betty Beeler
Miriam Benitez-Nixon via Conference Phone
Sue Castonguay
Susannah Caum
Louise Dolsay via Conference Phone
Barb Epstein
Samantha Fenger via Conference Phone
Nancy Giles
Kerry Kimball Marsalek via Conference Phone
Carole McLeod
Paul McClintock
Jodi Vosburgh
Lenny Waugh
Lena Wilfalk
Becky Yackel via Conference Phone

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mike Estigo
Cristina Spiegel

OTHERS PRESENT:

Tawnya Martino, AAAPP
Jason Martino, AAAPP
Katherine Carleton, AAAPP
Shannon Fernandez, AAAPP
Helen King, AAAPP

Agenda Item #1 Welcome and Introductions

Paul McClintock, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM at the Area Agency on Aging of Pasco Pinellas conference room. All present introduced themselves.

Agenda Item #2 Consent Agenda

Paul McClintock made a motion to approve the items on the consent agenda and it was moved by Susannah Caum and seconded by Betty Beeler to approve the February 13, 2017 Board of Directors meeting minutes, March 20, 2017 Board of Directors meeting minutes, and March 13, 2017 Advisory Council meeting minutes. None opposed, motion carried.

Agenda Item #3 Guest Speaker

Fred Gericke, Sales Executive for Lifestyles After 50 Magazine, thanked Nancy Giles and Helen King for inviting him to come and speak. Mr. Gericke reported that Florida has the highest percentage of elders in the nation, and 17% of Florida's population is 65 or older. There are 4 counties in Florida that are considered highest in senior population in the US: Sumter County with 52% of elders 65 and older, Charlotte County 37%, Citrus County 36%, and Sarasota 33%. Lifestyles Magazine has been in existence since the mid 80's and now has 3 platforms of communicating with seniors; the first is the magazine, the second is the website, and third is through events. Mr. Gericke played a game with everyone and passed out prizes. A copy of Lifestyles magazine was distributed to each Advisory member and guests. Mr. Gericke expressed his interest in partnering with the AAAPP and offered a free article in their paper.

Agenda Item #4 Nominating Committee Report

Helen King, Acting Executive Director, reported that there is one active vacancy left by Julie Hale who was asked to join the Board of Directors. There will be another upcoming vacancy left by Susannah Caum as she will be leaving in about 6 months. Helen stated that she and Paul had 5 possible names for a replacement but 2 were removed due to a conflict of interest and so there are 3 remaining names. Helen asked if Susannah knows of any contacts in Pasco County to please pass them on to her. Helen stated there is also a vacancy on the BOD for a Pasco representative.

Agenda Item #5 Older Americans Month 2017

Jason Martino, Director of Planning, reported that May is the month that we designate and recognize as Older Americans Month, and the theme this year is "Age Out Loud". What the AAAPP does each year for the month of May is ask that each of the 24 municipalities for Pasco and Pinellas counties develop a proclamation and send it to the AAAPP to put on display. Jason then asks the different providers to send their list of activities in recognition of Older American's Month. Jason distributed the Older Americans Month Calendar of Events for the month of May. Helen asked that some of the Advisory members stay after the meeting for pictures.

Agenda Item #6 Legislative Priorities

Jason reported that on the state level, the legislative session ends today and they should be making their end votes on an agreed upon budget. Jason and Helen both attended some speaking events and delegations to advocate and educate on the services that are offered through our agency. The budget still has to go through the governor for approval but as it stands today, a budget was agreed upon between the Senate and the House by majority and we should know by this evening if the budget has passed. Jason reported that the proposed budget for ADI (Alzheimer's Disease Initiative) has a \$3 million increase statewide; CCE (Community Care of the Elderly) has a \$4 million increase statewide; HCE (Home Care for the Elderly) has a \$1 million increase statewide. Recurring funds for PSA5 for LSP (Local Service Programs) will be receiving \$105,571 which will go to the expanded respite programs. Also recurring funding for LSP will be \$1.1 million. Statewide funding for the ADRC (Aging and Disability Resource Center) workload issues was increased by \$352,174 to be split around the state. Jason included that it has been confirmed by the State and House that Secretary Bragg is now DOEA's secretary. Jason moved on to report that the agency's lobbyist in Tallahassee is asking us to advocate for the AAAPP on behalf of our programs on the state level by sending out letters and/or emails to the governor requesting that they not touch any appropriations around the state that are going to affect seniors. On the Federal level, N4A is our National Association for Area Agencies on Aging, and the last update received was the agreed upon FY 2017 budget between the House and Senate for OAA (Older Americans Act) Title III supportive services was to have a \$2.5 million increase; home delivered meals \$1 million increase; and congregate meals a \$2 million increase. The Senior Community Services Employment Program under OAA was agreed upon to be reduced by \$34 million. It was agreed that the SHIP programs will not be reduced by the original \$52 million but rather by \$5 million.

Agenda Item #7 Contract Review Process-State General Revenue Programs FY 2017-2018

Tawnya Martino, Director of Program Accountability, presented the timetable for the contract review process for the state GR (General Revenue) programs. Tawnya stated that this timetable goes to the BOD for approval before proceeding. There are 2 lead agencies, Gulf Coast in Pinellas County and CARES, Inc. in Pasco County. Both lead agencies went out to bid and did not receive any competition, and so Tawnya will be presenting their bids to the BOD for final approval.

Agenda Item #8 Contract Review Process-Older Americans Act (OAA) and Local Service Programs (LSP) Funded Services for Contract Year 2018

Katherine Carleton, CFO, presented the proposed allocations for OAA and LSP stating there was a change in case management at the beginning of the year, and that ended on March 31, 2017. Those dollars were put back into Information and Referral where they had been taken from, as well as some of

the outreach, and so that position will not be filled. Overall there was no change to the funding. There is also no change to LSP. Tawnya added that they included another timetable for the contract review process stating that it is not a bid year but will be doing continuing applications. The current service providers that went out to bid 3 years ago will be submitting their continuing applications with any changes that were made since last year. It was moved by Nancy Giles and seconded by Sue Castonguay to approve and take to the Board the proposed allocations and timetable. None opposed, motion carried.

Agenda Item #9 Announcements

The next Advisory Council meeting will be held on July 10, 2017 at the Aging Well Center in Clearwater.

Helen acknowledged Lenny Waugh and his accomplishments as a SEAL and thanked him for his service.

Included in your packet is a PBS Newsletter outlining why Medicare counseling (SHIP-SHINE) should be saved from the chopping block. The article highlights why it's beneficial to seniors.

There has been a change in location for the Advisory Council meeting on November 13, 2017 from the Aging Well Center in Clearwater to the AAAPP.

DOEA monitoring dates for 2017 appear to be November 15th and 16th. Helen will notify everyone if there are any changes.

Helen unofficially announced that there was an offer made to Ann Marie Winter for the E.D. position and she accepted that offer. Ms. Winter currently works for Gulf Coast Jewish Family and Community Services. She is expected to start July 19, 2017.

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting adjourned at 2:45 P.M.

(Minutes transcribed by Katherine Thomley)