

AREA AGENCY ON AGING OF PASCO-PINELLAS
ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 12, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Beth Aker
Betty Beeler
Miriam Benitez-Nixon
Sue Castonguay
Anne Corona
Louise Dolsay via Conference Phone
Barb Epstein
Mike Estigo
Lori Felber
Nancy Giles via Conference Phone
Sharon Lena
Kerry Kimball Marsalek via Conference Phone
Jodi Vosburgh
Lenny Waugh
Lena Wilfalk
Becky Yackel via Conference Phone

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Samantha Fenger
Carole McLeod

OTHERS PRESENT:

Ann Marie Winter, AAAPP
Beverly Burton, AAAPP

Agenda Item #1 Welcome and Introductions

Mr. Mike Estigo, 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. Roll call was taken and a quorum was present.

Agenda Item #2 Consent Agenda

Mr. Estigo presented the January 8, 2018 Board of Directors meeting minutes and the January 8, 2018 Advisory Council meeting minutes for approval. It was moved by Lori Felber and seconded by Sue Castonguay to approve both the Board of Directors and Advisory Council meeting minutes. None opposed, motion carried.

Agenda Item #3 Items for Discussion from the Consent Agenda

There were no questions or comments.

Agenda Item #4 Therap Services

Ms. Ann Marie Winter, Executive Director, AAAPP, introduced Shirley Kervin, Senior Business Analyst with Therap Services. Ms. Kervin thanked everyone for inviting her to speak and apologized on behalf of Mr. Pollack that he was unable to attend today's meeting. Ms. Kervin gave a power point presentation on Therap Technology and talked about what has changed in how we operate with our documentation, what is coming next, and how it's going to affect us. CMS (Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services) drive a lot of the change that is happening. One piece that is coming is Electronic Visit Verification, which allows you to capture the services that are being provided in real time, and have been put in place by

CMS for those who are delivering Medicaid or Medicare services with a requirement that it be in place by January 1, 2019, and will be available on your phone, laptop, or tablet. One of the changes that will be happening in the State of Florida will be replacing CIRTS (Client information and Registration Tracking System). Ms. Kervin explained some of the things that will be available through mobile documentation are: security risk assessment tools, health information exchange, logging an electronic signature, caregiver and consumer portal, external alerts, reports and graphics, attendance tracking, oversight functions, and secure communication. Everything is customizable, stored in the cloud and not on your phone, and only persons with the right privileges can view the information. There were a few questions to which Ms. Kervin addressed.

Agenda Item #5 Legislative Update

Ms. Winter reported that the Legislative Budget was finalized by the House and Senate and is on the Governor's desk for review. On the State level there was a \$2 million increase in general revenue services for Community Care for the Elderly (CCE), HCE (Home Care for the Elderly), and ADI (Alzheimer's Disease Initiative) which will be divided between all 11 PSAs throughout Florida. There are 2 line item appropriations specific with proviso language to the Area Agency on Aging and we have received level funding for both of those 2 line items for our Service Providers in Pasco and Pinellas County. In the budget is 2 million dollars for the overhaul of CIRTS (Client Information & Registration Tracking System) that all the Area Agencies on Aging and our funded organizations use for tracking client information. What did not make the budget was the Workload Increase for our ADRC (Aging & Disability Resource Center) for \$800,000. Ms. Winter thanked everyone who contacted our legislators on behalf of the AAAPP, and thanked Ms. Anne Corona for her diligence in setting up and organizing meetings with our legislators, including a long one on one meeting with Speaker Richard Corcoran. On the Federal level, Funding for the SHINE (Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders) program has been extended through March 23, 2018 for continuing resolution and believe that budget will be extended through June 30, 2018. OAA (Older Americans Act) funding has been extended through March 23, 2018 with positive indications that it will continue through the end of the fiscal year.

Agenda Item #6 Executive Director's Report

Ms. Winter presented on her meetings with legislators, other elected officials and partner agencies.

Agenda Item #7 Marketing and Communications Plan

Ms. Winter presented the Marketing and Communications Plan stating that she and staff are reviewing the Agency Brochure, updating the Mission Statement to better reflect the AAAPP and what the agency offers, revising the look and feel of the Annual Report, revising the website, and enhancing the agency's social media visibility. There will also be a strategic planning process, and the Board of Directors would like members of the Advisory Council to participate. Ms. Winter plans to meet this summer for 1 or 2 days with a facilitated host who will conduct the strategic planning process with the committee. There will be members of the Board and Advisory Council who are interested, along with some agency staff and an outside participant the Board has asked to be involved. The reason for the committee is to look at what direction the Area Agency on Aging is heading, and so Advisory Council input is very important. If anyone on the Advisory Council is interested in participating, please let Ms. Winter know.

Agenda Item #8 Adult Diaper Bank

Ms. Beverly Burton talked about a new project called the Adult Diaper Bank. Ms. Burton reported the AAAPP received \$10,000 dollars from the Pinellas Community Foundation to set up an Adult Diaper Bank in Pinellas County. Beverly also reported that a pallet of adult diapers was donated by Feeding Tampa Bay to the AAAPP for the Adult Diaper Bank. Beverly has reached out to 5 different partners in the community asking if they are willing to come on board and help store the diapers, and once she gets that commitment, they can start marketing for donations and will begin putting out flyers and posters to advertise. The object is to get Pinellas County started with the Adult Diaper Bank and then work on getting one set up in Pasco County.

Agenda Item #9 Announcements

Ms. Winter wanted to remind everyone that the meet and greet with the Board of Directors will begin at 10:45 AM at the Annual Luncheon and she hopes that everyone will be able to attend.

Chair Estigo reported that Advisory Council member Ms. Carole McCleod has retired from her job as a grief counselor and has also sent in her resignation to the Advisory Council. Chair Estigo stated that they are now seeking a replacement for a Pinellas County member and if anyone knows of someone who would be a good replacement, please let he or Ms. Winter know.

Next Advisory Council meeting will be held Monday, May 14, 2018 at 1:30 PM at the AAAPP Board Room.

(Minutes transcribed by Katherine Thomley)