

MINUTES of the AREA AGENCY on AGING
ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
COASTAL GEORGIA REGIONAL COMMISSION
JULY 22,2014--Richmond Hill City Center 10:00AM

- ALL TO ORDER: Rev. Henry Frasier called the meeting to order at 10:am. David Anderson opened the meeting with prayer. Linda Mercer called the roll.
- MEMBERS PRESENT: Margie Pevey-Shuman, Kenneth Shuman, Farran Fullilove, Oliver Miller, Howard Dawson, Linda Wright, Rev. Lloyd Dees, Linda Mercer, Rev. Henry Frasier, David Anderson Eleanor Legg, Lorainne Koenn, Alberta Mabry, Mrs. Lloyd Y. Flanders, Daniel Brantley, Dessie Baker.
- MEMBERS ABSENT: Pearl H. Brown, Ceola Foreman, Elizabeth Jones, Dorothy Stevens, Ann Delae, Deborah Scariano, Pat Rentz, Lillian Simmons, Janet Watford, Jimmy Howard.
- GUESTS PRESENT: LaVerne Miller, Delores Dees, Rosetta Webster, Maudie Anderson, Dr. Beckie Gaston-Dawson.
- STAFF PRESENT: Allen Burns, Dionne Lovett, Teresa Townsend, Pamela Rogers, Peggy Luukkonen.
- MINUTES APPROVED: Two corrections were made in the minutes and Farran Fullilove made a motion to accept minutes with Howard Dawson making the second and minutes were approved.
- OLD BUSINESS: Dionne Lovett gave a budget update. Good news for our first meeting of the new fiscal year which began July first. We received an additional \$844,000 dollars over our earlier total. Each county will receive additional funds for the meals on wheels program and providers. During budget cuts, we lost 6 or 7 staff positions but will work on rebuilding our AAA staff. Our first priority will be providing seniors with the services they need.
- NEW BUSINESS: The Co-Age members decided on the budget and legislative priorities for this year and we heard a brief presentation on each priority. Last year the advocates decided on a budget issue that is not listed but will roll over this year. The big ask was for 50 million dollars for Home & Community based services. The request was for 10 million each year for 5 years. We received 3 million last year so this year we will ask for 7 million plus 10 million for a total of 17 million. We were asked to vote on the issues most important to us and the big ask or maybe just one, two or three of the priorities hoping they would be included in the big ask. The majority voted to concentrate on the big ask.
- The six Legislatives Priorities were presented and we get to choose three. Those choosen was the Family Care Act, Georgia Adult & Aging Services Agency and Increased Elder Abuse Protections. Our votes will be counted with other counties and presented to Co-Age. Anyone interested in joining Co-Age go to GCOA.org and click on

join now. The charge is \$25 dollars.

Our region will host the state public hearings at our next council meeting Oct. 28th at the Armstrong Center on Abercorn Street in Savannah. These hearings are for the annual state plan update. The public will be invited along with those with Senior Services and providers. We will have a chance to ask state representatives questions so have them ready. Rev. Frasier will call the meeting to order and the minutes will be approved. A sign in sheet will be provided.

Rev. Dees made a motion to send a letter to the governor and our legislative representatives to expand medicaid. Six hundred thousand people would benefit from the expansion. Mr. Fullilove made the second and the motion carried with one opposed.

Mr. Fullilove had a question about transportation in Brantley County. He teaches the GED program and some are having trouble getting to class because of the lack of transportation. Brantley County doesn't have the bus service and he needs some information about getting service. The officials need to contact Mr. Burns and he will tell them what needs to be done.

Mrs. Mabry's term on the council expired July 1, 2014 and this will be her last council meeting.

Rev. Frasier's vision is to have a Christmas Party and Mrs. Lovett will look into this.

Mrs. Flanders motioned to adjourn and Mr. Anderson second and Rev. Frasier closed the meeting with prayer.

Submitted by

Linda Mercer, Secretary