

**MINUTES OF THE CRC AREA AGENCY ON AGING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Richmond Hill, GA**  
**April 26, 2016 10:00 a.m.**

**PRESENT:**

**COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Farran Fullilove, Chair  
Ceola Foreman, Secretary  
Margie Pevey-Shuman  
David Anderson  
Linda Mercer  
Linda Wright  
Elizabeth Jones  
Lillian Simmons  
Oliver L. Miller  
Rev. Henry Frasier, Sr.  
Dr. Becky Dawson  
Howard Dawson  
Walter Gibson  
Eleanor Legg  
Daniel Brantley  
Lucy Powell

**STAFF MEMBERS:**

Dionne Lovett, Aging Services Director  
Allen Burns, CRC Executive Director  
Gale Barr, Aging Fiscal Analyst  
Tori Foisy, Case Manager Supervisor  
Pamela Rogers, Contracts Administrator  
Peggy Luukkonen, ADRC Program Manager  
Loreatha Jenkins, Wellness Manager  
Teresa Townsend, Administrative Assistant

**REGRETS (OR EXCUSED):**

**ABSENT:**

Pat Rentz  
Janet Watford  
Lorraine Koenn  
Mrs. Lloyd Y. Flanders  
Dessie Baker

**GUESTS:**

Kenneth Schuman  
Tanya Scott-Pilcher, United Healthcare  
Mrs. David Anderson  
Delores Dees, Effingham  
Maudie L. Anderson, Effingham  
Alice R. Brown, Camden

Claudia Collier, Effingham  
Margaret Kramer Ellison, Chatham  
Tony Chiarello, Effingham  
Jack Garvin, Effingham

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Vice-Chair Farran Fullilove. David Anderson offered a prayer of blessing upon the group and the meeting.

1. Roll Call by Secretary Ceola Foreman
2. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the meeting of the January 26, 2016, which were mailed to Council members for review prior to the meeting, were presented. Due to no corrections or additions, they were approved.

Moved by: Dr. Daniel Brantley  
Seconded by: Rev. Henry Frasier  
CARRIED

3. **Old Business**

Before the start of Old Business, visitors were welcomed and given the opportunity to introduce themselves, followed by members of the staff of CRC.

Next, Dionne Lovett, Aging Director, called for a moment of silence in memory of deceased Chair of CRC Aging Council Lloyd Dees.

Dionne presented the Legislative recap. For 2017, two million dollars were added to the existing two million in the Governor's budget for Regional Commission services. This is used for non-Medicaid home and community-based services that the AAA performs. Examples of these include services, such as transitioning from nursing facilities to home, caregiver services, homemaker services, personal care, and so on. The funds are distributed throughout the State, and of these, the CRC Area Agency for the Aging is expected to receive \$134,000.

There is also an expected State increase for the home delivered meals program. Statewide, the increase is \$500,000. Of this, Coastal Regional is expected to get \$33,000. There is also an increase in funding for the transitioning of seniors from the nursing home into the community setting. This was previously a federal program wherein the money follows the individual, such as the moving of the senior out of a nursing home setting after a period of ninety days and putting him back into the home with home care if eligible for Medicaid. The State has now given an additional million dollars to help those individuals who don't meet the federal guidelines.

There was also a \$3 million increase in funds for the GBI to investigate elder abuse cases. On the Social Services' side, for senior protection services for 2017, \$760 thousand has been added to the existing \$266 thousand. For kinship navigators, such as grandparents caring for grandchildren, the budget has added \$580,000. CRC partners with several local organizations, such as the ones in Glynn and McIntosh Counties, to carry out this program. Ms. Lovett concluded her report for the legislative update and gave way to Ms. Collier to give a brief report of her visit to the Capitol in early February 2016.

Ms. Collier participated with the Alzheimer's organization during the Alzheimer's Day at the Capitol in Atlanta. She was accompanied by Tony Chiarella and Rick. Due to inclement weather, many activities were cancelled and many groups cancelled their visits. Her delegation visited with Sen. Jack Hill of Appropriations and other legislators. She distributed a letter to them requesting a continuance of support of senior issues. She, along with Ms. Lovett, urged all of us to personally contact our congressmen and do the same.

There was a brief discussion about Senior Week/ Alzheimer's Week at the Capitol for next year. She urged us to start preparing for this activity now, even in our local communities. Ms. Collier added that is a possibility that the Alzheimer's group, with whom AAA partners for the Senior Week activity, may discontinue trips to the Capitol due to lack of participation. Very few seniors made the trip this February.

#### **4. New Business**

New business began. Voting results confirmed Farran Fullilove of Camden County as Chairman of AAA, due the demise of Chairman/ Rev. Lloyd Dees. Dr. Daniel Brantley was voted Vice-Chair.

New business continued. A total of \$2300 has been raised for Rev. Dees's projects to benefit home-delivered meals and Christmas food drives. Funds were raised through the sale of CRC calendars and a charity golf tournament. Also, the Dees family has requested that anyone desiring to make donations to the Dees family be made to AAA instead.

Tori Foisy, CRC staff case manager, announced that the CARE respite program has come to an end and that REACH helps caregivers deal with their aged or disabled love-ones. Brochures explaining the services offered by REACH were distributed. Persons needing these services should contact CRC.

Loreatha Jenkins, CRC Wellness Manager, presented information about the farmer's market for senior citizens centers. A total of 675 vouchers will be distributed among the nine counties in this region. Each senior citizens center is responsible for handing out the vouchers. What fresh items are available depends on what the farmers have available. Ossie Mack, Oak Tree Farm, Jacksonville, FL, and Mr. McClendon of Blackshear, GA, are the two farmers signed on to program. The fruit and vegetables supplied are State certified but not necessarily organic. Vouchers are valued at \$20 each.

#### **5. Chairman Observations**

Mr. Fullilove, who is running for Camden County board member, presented comments on behalf of his campaign. He also made announcements about the upcoming Crawfish Festival in Woodbine, GA, during the weekend of April 29-30. Comments were made about SR287, which deals with an amendment authorizing State intervention in cases of failing schools. Members were urged to vote "no" to the amendment and to contact legislators about the same.

#### **6. Announcements:**

Several other announcements and comments were made about upcoming activities or concerns in various communities:

- Mrs. Levy-Shuman shared that former AAA member Dr. Branch published an informative article dealing with needs/ concerns of senior citizens.
- Dr. Becky Dawson expressed concerns about revitalizing a specific cemetery in Chatham County. Mrs. Shuman shared that young people needing community service hours could help with this.
- Loreatha Jenkins announced a six-week class on Living Well and about the upcoming jazz concert in Camden.
- Ceola Foreman announced the Belk Charity Sale and urged members to purchase \$10 coupons to support the Camden Retired Educators in their effort to award graduating high school seniors a scholarship.
- Farran Fullilove announced a smartphone workshop offered to the community by Camden County FBLA on April 27.

- Allen Burns, CRC Executive Director, announced that Congressman Buddy Carter will visit Darien Center's "Tools for Life". CRC is the only AAA with the tool kit and other projects that allow them to "step out of the box." Georgia Tech help set up the technology lab. It was also announced that Lloyd Flanders was stepping down as McIntosh's member of the council.

7. **Adjournment**

The next AAA meeting will be held at 10:00 A.M., on July 26, at the Richmond Hill Center. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:45 A.M.

MINUTES APPROVED BY:

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Farran Fullilove, Chair

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Ceola Foreman, Secretary