

The August 2, 2016, meeting of the AAA was called to order by Chair Farran Fullilove at 10:06 A.M. Prayer was offered by Rev. Henry Frasier from Liberty County. Roll was called by council secretary Ceola Foreman.

Minutes from the April 26, 2016, meeting were presented. Motion to accept the minutes was made by Mrs. Pevey-Shuman and they were seconded by Dr. Daniel Brantley. Two corrections were offered before minutes were accepted: (1) Mr. Shuman should be listed as a guest, not as a seated member of the Council; and (2) that "Levey-Shuman" under Announcements should read "Pevey-Shuman."

Old Business began with a report from Mrs. Dionne Lovett, Director of Aging Services. She attended the National AAA conference in San Diego, CA. She voiced that she is proud of the work that AAA is doing to manage the budget but had a concern about the department's handling of some Title 3 Federal funds used for program development approximately 2 years ago. As a part of the care management program, the department generally does a 30-day intervention with patients returning home or to nursing facilities; this is done in an effort to help prevent them from being re-admitted to the hospital. Further attention will be given to this matter to ensure that funds are managed appropriately.

On a more positive note, she reported, the AAA ranks high on the job in the care transition program. The department is being encouraged to utilize a fee-for-service program in working with patients being discharged from hospital. For example, when AAA does the 30-day follow-the-patient plan, the hospitals pay a per patient fee for the services. The same is true when AAA presents chronic disease management and care transition classes as part of health and wellness programs in the counties.

Dr. Brantley asked if AAA has the funds available to finance the programs mentioned above, since there is a six-month (data/results) waiting period before being paid. Mrs. Lovett responded with a tentatively "yes" because there are grants and partnership programs that help the hospitals or health systems to pay us for the work we do. She added that AAA has been doing that and developing the program most recently with the Southeast GA health Systems in Brunswick and Kingsland and has been following patients for 30 days, giving them those crucial services they need. The hospitals pay a fee for the patients. Also, AAA recently contracted with Ashley place in Bryan County to do a chronic disease self-management workshop for residents at their independent living facility as part of their health and wellness/ disease self-management/ living well program. Ashley Place has further contracted AAA to do an additional 6-week course.

A Savannah hospital is also interested in piloting the care transition program. Staff members will meet to be work out tentative details for the program. The outcome of these meetings will be presented at the November meeting. There will be funds available from the Brunswick project and from grants to do the pilot program for the hospital in Savannah. There is also the possibility of working with a partner agency in the Savannah area.

REACH (Resources for Enhancing Alzheimer's Caregivers Health), is a program financed by a grant received through the Roselyn Carter Institute. It helps caregivers assisting people with dementia or any kind of memory problem; however, it is presently available only in the city of Savannah. The program needs more individuals to serve as volunteers so that it can meet the requirements for this grant. REACH hopes to serve approximately 50 caregivers; only about 11 or 12 are being served and

\$81,000 are available for others who qualify for the services. The news needs to get out in to the community. The pharmacy at Kroger is helping in the effort by placing the information on their grocery bags.

Members were asked to help spread the word about REACH and other programs designed to help those in need of such services. The Alzheimer's Association gives referrals to this program. Various communities offer similar services.

New Business

The new fiscal year began July 1. Details were given about the 4 million plus monies allocated for all the AAA's and the various services offered. Details were also given about the new data system and the issues that remain to be worked out in it. There were numerous questions and discussion about it.

Mrs. Lovett suggested that our AAA members join CO-AGE, a group that does an outstanding job in keeping people updated on legislation involving senior issues, etc. Some of the current issues include (1) funding for adult protective services, including staff salaries and training; (2) pay increases for service providers, (3) transportation; (4) the Family Care Act; (5) Medicaid waiver program for dementia patients; (6) oral healthcare for seniors; (6) pharmacy; (7) R.N. care, etc.

Along with an increase of budget, CO-AGE is advocating for a home community care act, oral healthcare at nursing facilities without a licensed dentist present, and a registry of CNA abusers.

Lobbying can be done by groups as well as individual citizens, as in the case with Mrs. Collier and others in the group present at the meeting. AAA cannot lobby but it can advocate. The Alzheimer's Association usually sponsors a bus trip to the Capitol during Senior Week in February; however, Mrs. Collier felt that the trip may be cancelled next year (February 2017). Theresa Bayman may be asked to come speak with this group in the future.

Other Issues Discussed

1. Dr. Brantley brought concerns about fundraisers, initiated by Rev. Dees, to help shorten the list of people waiting for services. His goal was to raise \$50,000 by Oct. 2016. To date, \$2,800 has been raised. Mrs. Lovett will send out information about the golf tournament, which is usually held the first week in November.
Dr. Brantley further suggested that each member of this AAA make a donation to further the cause initiated by Rev. Dees.
2. Dr. Dawson suggested that someone volunteer to chair a committee to take up the fundraiser

Members were urged to continue to contribute to turn in jokes for the book, another fundraiser initiated by Rev. Dees.

Chairman's Observations

Chairman Farran Fullilove requested information about special events/actions going on in the various counties. He shared that we, as well as others, should be diligent in traveling, especially in watching out for buses and leaving early for appointments. He also informed us that Sam's Warehouse

MINUTES OF THE CRC AREA AGENCY ON AGING ADVISORY MEETING

Richmond Hill, GA

Tuesday, October 25, 2016

10:00 A.M.

Members Present:

Margie Pevey-Shuman	Ceola Foreman	Farran Fullilove
Howard Dawson	Dr. Becky Dawson	Elizabeth Jones
Linda Wright	Linda Mercer	Lucy Powell
David Anderson	Douglas Harn	Lorraine Koenn
David Brantley	Dessie Baker	Eunice Moore
William France		

Guests: Mrs. Mabry, Margaret Ellison, Richard Ellison, Kenneth Shuman, Delores Dees, Tony Charrello

Staff Members Present: Dionne Lovett, Allen Burns, Loreatha Jenkins, Teresa Townsend, Gale Barr, Tori Foisy

The Aging Services Advisory Council meeting was called to order by Farran Fullilove, Chairperson, at 10:00 A.M. Members and guests were cordially greeted.

Roll was called by Ceola Foreman, Secretary, and a number of guests introduced themselves. Chairman Fullilove made everyone aware of the ice bags and several other items donated to the group.

Minutes from the July 26, 2016, were presented and approved.

Old Business

Mrs. Lovett presented an update of business since last meeting:

1. AAA contracted with Coastal Manor Nursing Home in Ludowici, Long County, for Adult Daycare on a limited-time contract.
2. Members were encouraged to sign up for Co-age; we should be receiving regular emails from them. If not, see Mrs. Lovett.
3. Senior Day at the Capitol will be January 19 and Senior Week is Feb. 15-16. No specific plans have been made for AAA members to attend either of these.
4. Mr. Fullilove attended the last Co-Age meeting in October. He attended the Elder Abuse and Oral Health breakouts. His review is as follows:
 - Elder Abuse - The main concern deals with family members abusing the elderly by taking their money and pawning their valuable belongings. Having their funds directly deposited into the bank helps deter crime somewhat, but abusers are still finding ways to steal from the elderly.
 - Oral Healthcare - The proposal is to send a member of the oral care personnel to the nursing home center; however, a certified dentist must make the first visit. The Dental Association has not fully put its stamp on this.
 - Transportation is doing well, but could use more funds.

Both Mr. Fullilove and Mrs. Lovett felt that form letters to the legislators (such as “To Whom It May Concern”) would not be beneficial in getting help for the program. Legislators, basically, spoke out against form letters. These are usually discarded immediately.

New Business

Mrs. Lovett expressed concerns about the CRC/AAA being fully prepared for catastrophic events, such as Hurricane Matthew. AAA must have precise plans in place to serve clients in cases of severe weather. Seniors with special needs should be on the special needs list in their county.

Senior centers and home services under the auspices of AAA are prepared to issue emergency meals. Services were provided during Hurricane Matthew.

Mrs. Loreatha Jenkins made her presentation. She stated that emergency plans are in place for all senior centers, except in the Thunderbolt area.

Mrs. Jenkins stated that AAA uses a farmer from Jacksonville, FL, and one from Dublin to provide fresh vegetables for the Farmers’ Market to Senior Centers. A total of 806 seniors were served; this includes senior centers in all nine counties.

Mrs. Jenkins urged members to volunteer to become trained facilitators for the Chronic Disease Self-Management evidence-based program. Linda Mercer and Linda Wright already participate in the program. Volunteers are reimbursed for travel with a gas card valued at \$100.

Dionne Lovett discussed transportation to senior centers. Transportation is in place for those who attend Savannah Golden Age Center. The East side center still needs transportation.

Evelyn and Don Gay, Georgia Cares, presented a PowerPoint presentation. Georgia Cares is a volunteer-based, State educational outreach program that offers assistance to low income people and others with Medicare and related insurances. They answer questions about open enrollment, various plans offered, low income subsidies, discount prescriptions programs, long-term care, consumer protection, healthcare fraud, etc., all free of charge. See the attached brochure for details.

AAA advisory council members are urged to go out into their communities and get out information about the free services offered by Georgia Cares. Contact information is as follows: phone: 1-866-552-4464 (Option 4) or go to the following website: www.georgiacares.org

Georgia Cares will train volunteers and will go to churches and senior citizen centers to share their information.

What’s going on in the communities: Several members shared information about what is going on in their communities, especially about experiences with Hurricane Matthew in October 2016. Listed are some of the major points brought:

- Register on the Special Needs list in your county.
- Leave when told to do so.
- Know where your shelter is located. Prepare ahead of time.
- Locate a pet-friendly place for your pets ahead of time.

Miscellaneous items: A sum of \$3000 has been donated to the AAA of Coastal Regional Commission in honor of Rev. Dees fundraiser designed to help shorten the list of people waiting for home meal deliveries. Rev. Frasier sent \$200 for the fund. Fundraising for the cause will be continued, including the printing of the joke book.

AAA has made no specific plans for the first of the year rallies to the Capitol in Atlanta. The Alzheimer's Association has plans to charter a bus. Those interested may contact Theresa Bayman.

Adjournment: The next AAA meeting will be held at 10:00A.M., on January 24, 2017, in Richmond Hill. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:45 and Mr. Johnson offered grace.

Farran Fullilove, Chair

Ceola Foreman, Secretary

will be opening soon in Brunswick. He also suggested that Bryan works diligently to fill its vacancies on the Aging Council. He later shared that Camden is attempting to get a college built at Coastal Pines.

Mrs. Pevey-Shuman of Bulloch County shared news that her husband's team, the Eagles, had its first game and that the team is very "hot!" Bulloch also started a semi-professional soccer team.

Chatham County, under Mayor Heath, initiated a staff of attorneys to handle cases of elder abuse. Cemetery cleanup using inmates has begun in Chatham. This information was shared by Mr. & Dr. Dawson.

Mrs. Mercer reported that Effingham is in need of better transportation services for doctor appointments. There is also a new Kroger and a new health facility there.

Glynn County reported that a new hearing aid facility was now located there.

Liberty County/ Hinesville has a new shopping mall coming on Highway 84. Rev. Fraiser of Liberty added that the county has two new schools that a tech school is coming. There is also a eating place there.

Mrs. Watford from Long County encouraged everyone to try the App called Goodrx for medications at a much cheaper price. She also mentioned that there is a long waiting line for medications. Suggestions were made about getting Tele-help for the school system. A doctor on TV will examine the individual and prescribe treatment. A new school will also open there.

Lorraine Koenn of McIntosh County expressed pleasure upon being appointed to serve as member of the Aging Council for three more years. She will bring a friend next time.

It was suggested that Claudia Collier and Rick Ellison become members at-large, due to their continuous service.

Chairman Fullilove announced that the next meeting of the AAA will be Oct. 25, at 10:00 A.M., in Richmond Hill. In closing, Rev. Frasier was asked to offer a blessing for the food. The meeting was then adjourned.

Farran Fullilove, Chairperson, Aging Services Advisory Council, CRC

Ceola Foreman, Secretary

**Minutes of the Coastal Regional Commission
Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council Meeting
January 24, 2017**

Call to Order:

Farran Fullilove, Chairperson, called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Rev. Henry Frazier offered the prayer.

Members Present:

Farran Fullilove	Linda Mercer	Linda Wright
Eunice Moore	Douglas Harn	William France
Lorraine Koenn	Eleanor Legg	Oliver Miller
Lucy Powell	Dessie Baker	Elizabeth Jones
Rev. Henry Frasier, Sr.	Howard Dawson	Dr. Becky Dawson
Janet Watford	David Anderson, Sr.	Doris Carter
Lillian Simmons	Alice Holloway	

Members Absent:

Ceola Foreman	Margie Pevey-Shuman	Mary Woods
Dr. Daniel Brantley		

Guests Present:

Tony Chiarello	Richard Ellison	Margaret Ellison
Lavern Miller	Claudia Collier	Maudie Anderson
Olive Hillery	Alberta Mabry	Cynthia Anderson

Staff Present:

Dionne Lovett, Allen Burns, Pam Rogers, Loreatha Jenkins, Peggy Luukkonen, Teresa Townsend

Minutes Approved:

Minutes were approved with no corrections or additions.

Old Business:

Coastal Manor Adult Day Care center contract - The newly formed partnership was announced at the last Aging Advisory Council meeting in October; since then, Coastal Manor has closed their doors. They had put in an application to provide Medicaid services and the application did not go through.

New Business:

Dionne Lovett, CRC AAA's Aging Services Director, presented a PowerPoint on the Area Plan; she explained that every year, the AAA completes an Area Plan update. It is required that the Area Plan be presented to the Advisory Council. She explained the purpose of the Area Plan and the Area Agency on Aging. The Area Plan is a planning document for activities and tasks of the AAA as related to providing services. The Area Plan directs the growth of services in a strategic manner. The Plan also decreases duplication of services.

The AAA works on a four-year planning cycle; this planning cycle is for the period of fiscal years 2017-2020. Every four years the AAA engages in a competitive bidding process and submits Request for Proposals to services providers in the region. Contracts for services are reviewed annually and renewed if the provider is doing a good job. Proposed Community Services include the following:

- Home Delivered Meals
- In Home Services (Homemaker, Personal Care, Respite)
- Case Management (REACH, Care Consultation, Hospital Transitions)
- Nursing Home Transitions
- Information and Assistance
- Medication Management
- Nutrition Education
- Volunteer Services
- Senior Centers and Meals
- Benefits Counseling
- Adult Day Care
- Legal Services
- Advocacy Projects
- Transportation
- Evidence-Based Wellness Initiatives

Dionne explained that the handout provided to members with red and black print is a document containing goals and projects supporting those goals. As required, Georgia's State Plan includes measurable objectives that address focus areas outlined by the United States Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Community Living. The areas in black print are the actual goals and objectives; the areas in red are the AAA's local projects supporting each of the statewide goals. For instance, the first goal on the handout is: Focus on Sustainability to Ensure Programs and Services Remain Available for Those in Need with an objective: Develop an Aging Network that is Sustainable in all Economic Climates. The AAA's local project to support that goal is: Care Transitions Project: Southeast GA Health System and Candler.

Pam Rogers, Contracts Administrator, explained the AAA reports to the State annually regarding the goals, providing program-specific data they use to evaluate the agency's success of each goal. She also explained that the Area Plan is posted on the CRC's website after submitted to and approved by the State.

Dionne explained funding comes from Division of Aging Services; there are eight factors that go into the formula for funding. Some of those eight factors include: 60+ population, 75+ population and 65+ low income minority. The AAA budget for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017 is \$4,151,857. This amount is about a \$263,000 reduction from this past year's budget. Fifty-eight percent (58%) of funding received is federal; 36% is state and 8% is local match. The Advisory Council approved the Area Plan. The Plan will be submitted to the CRC Council during the February meeting and submitted to the State on March 1, 2017.

Senior Trip – February 15-16, 2017: A small group from McIntosh Co. is coordinating the trip. Lodging discounts are available at the Hyatt House Atlanta. The phone # is 404-332-5522. Dionne stated that if Advisory Council members attended, booked their room at the Hyatt House and paid for the room, they could submit receipt to the AAA to be reimbursed. There are buses leaving from I-95 Exits 49 and 94 at 11:00 a.m. on February 15. Michael Brand, CRC's Case Manager, will be going with the group on the trip.

Allen Burns, CRC's Executive Director, briefly discussed the legislature being back in session and that there are a half million dollars in proposed cuts and potential cuts at the federal level. He encouraged the group to speak with state and/or federal representatives about these proposed cuts.

Chairman observations: Mr. Fullilove encouraged advisory council members and guests that are age 62+ to take college courses; tuition is free. He also encouraged everyone to look out for their neighbors and make sure they are doing ok. He mentioned that it is a very good idea for seniors to get out of the house and be active.

The meeting was adjourned after a prayer/blessing of the food.

**Minutes of the Coastal Regional Commission
Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council Meeting
May 2, 2017**

Call to Order:

Farran Fullilove, Chairperson, called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

Members Present:

Farran Fullilove	Linda Mercer	Linda Wright
Eunice Moore	Douglas Harn	Margie Pevey-Shuman
Lorraine Koenn	Ceola Foreman	Doris Carter
Lucy Powell	Dr. Daniel Brantley	
Howard Dawson	Dr. Becky Dawson	
Janet Watford	David Anderson, Sr.	
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Members Absent:

Mary Woods	Rev. Henry Frasier	Eleanor Legg
Dessie Baker	William France	Oliver Miller
Elizabeth Jones		

Guests Present:

Tony Chiariello	Richard Ellison	Margaret Ellison
Maudie Anderson	Alberta Mabry	Olive Hillery
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Staff Present:

Dionne Lovett, Teresa Townsend

Minutes Approved:

Minutes were approved with no corrections or additions.

Old Business:

1. Reports from Senior Day at the Capitol
 - a. Ceola Foreman – reported that the trip was interesting and enjoyable. She was able to meet with the representative from her county – Rep. Spencer. Most representatives came out and spoke to them. Ms. Foreman brought up the issues the Aging Advisory Council had mentioned earlier, including elder abuse.

- b. Lucy Powell – she met with John Burns and Jack Hill and they were very cordial. Transportation issues were discussed.
- c. Dionne recognized Olive Hillery. She worked diligently to make the trip happen. She took care of most of the details for the trip. Dionne thanked her as well as the other participants: Ceola Foreman, Dessie Baker, and Lucy Powell.

New Business:

Engage with CO-AGE presentation – Dionne presented a PowerPoint from Georgia Council on Aging CO-AGE regarding the 2017 legislative session results. GCOA, CO-AGE and their partners worked hard this legislative session to improve the lives of seniors across Georgia. CO-AGE members took action on alerts, went to the events at the capitol and reached out to legislators to ask for support on aging issues.

Budget Wins: Over \$13 million in new funding for aging services.

- \$4.2 million added to reduce waiting lists for in-home care services; \$750,000 in funding for senior meal programs and \$250,000 for a rate increase for meals providers.
- Transportation challenges – this priority was not funded this year; however, progress was made establishing transportation as an important need.
- \$766,000 was added for additional adult protective service workers who investigate the abuse of the elderly and disabled.
- The legislature added funding in two key areas: to fight elder abuse and to aid Alzheimer’s patients. Over \$2 million was added to increase the salaries of those who monitor nursing homes and over \$100,000 was added for a prosecutor to help put abusers in jail. The legislature added \$1 million to the Medicaid home care program for Alzheimer’s patients and \$4.12 million to create the Georgia Alzheimer’s Project to improve early, accurate diagnosis, especially for those in rural and under-served communities.

CO-AGE legislative priorities:

- Oral healthcare: HB 154 passed. This bill allows dentists to authorize hygienists to perform services without the dentist being on site including in safety-net settings such as nursing homes.
- The Family Care Act: SB 201 passed. This allows workers with accrued sick leave to use sick days to care for a parent, spouse or child without jeopardizing their employment.
- Abuser Registry: Progress was made on this effort to create a registry of people who abuse, neglect or exploit at-risk adults.

Other bills that passed:

- HB 221 Uniform Power of Attorney
- Kinship Care

- HB 343 Replacing “mental retardation” phrase with “intellectual developmental disability”
- SB 41 DME Licensing
- HB 486 Proxy Caregiver

Dionne placed Georgia Council on Aging handouts on a table at the front of the room for council members to pick up as they entered the meeting room. She mentioned these handouts including the “Mark your Calendar.” A CO-AGE meeting will be held on July 13th in Macon, GA. The GGS Conference will be July 24- 26 in Braselton, GA. The Fall CO-AGE meeting will be held in Athens, GA on October 26th.

Also included in the handouts was a survey regarding the CO-AGE presentation. Dionne encouraged everyone to submit those at the end of the meeting.

Plaques and Certificates – Dionne distributed plaques of appreciation to members of the Aging Services Advisory Council and certificates to the guest/supporters who regularly attend the Council meetings. She expressed her appreciation to all for participation and support.

Chairman Observations:

Farran Fullilove, Chairman, encouraged council members to look out for their neighbors. Hot weather (summer) is approaching and we need to look out for either other, especially the elderly and homebound. He mentioned crime and safety measures and encouraged all to lock their house and automobile doors.

Mr. Fullilove asked attendees to tell about events/issues going on in their counties. Several council members and guests reported events and issues.

The meeting was adjourned after a blessing of the food.