

**MINUTES OF THE CRC AREA AGENCY ON AGING ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING**

**Richmond Hill, GA**  
**January 26, 2016 10:00 a.m.**

**PRESENT:**

<p><b>COUNCIL MEMBERS</b> Farran Fullilove, Vice- Chair Ceola Foreman, Secretary Margie Pevey-Shuman Kenneth Shuman Walter Gibson Howard Dawson Dr. Becky Dawson Linda Wright Linda Mercer Eleanor Legg David Anderson Lillian Simmons Lorraine Koenn Lloyd Flanders Daniel Brantley</p>	<p><b>STAFF MEMBERS:</b> Dionne Lovett, Aging Services Director Allen Burns, CRC Executive Director Gale Barr, Aging Fiscal Analyst Tori Foisy, Case Manager Supervisor Loreatha Jenkins, Wellness Manager Teresa Townsend, Administrative Assistant</p> <p><b>REGRETS (OR EXCUSED):</b> Rev. Lloyd Dees Dessie Baker</p> <p><b>ABSENT:</b> Elizabeth Jones Deborah Scariano Rev. Henry Frasier Pat Rentz Janet Watford</p> <p><b>GUESTS:</b> Maudie Anderson Margaret Kramer Ellison Richard Ellison Claudia Collier Tony Chiariello Elizabeth Kennebrew Ruth Bowen Lucy Powell Patsy Grainer</p>
<p>The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Vice-Chair Farran Fullilove. Chairman Lloyd Dees was absent due to illness. A card was passed around for members to sign and send get-well wishes.</p>	
<p><b>1. Roll Call by secretary Ceola Foreman.</b></p>	
<p><b>2. Approval of Minutes</b></p> <p>The Minutes of the meeting of October 27, 2015 were presented. Due to no corrections or additions, minutes were approved. Moved by: Dr. Daniel Brantley Seconded by: Mr. Howard Dawson</p>	

### 3. Old Business

Request for Providers Update: AAA's Aging Services Director, Dionne Lovett, reviewed the list of chosen providers (see attachment). Two new service providers were chosen this year: Heavenly Divine Blessing and Res Care Home Care. June 17, 2016, new contracts will be issued to providers. Special thanks were given to Dr. Daniel Brantley and Mr. Fullilove for serving on the review committee.

Vice-Chair Fullilove asked Rev. David Anderson to grace the members with a joke, in honor of Rev. Dees initiative to publish a book of jokes as a fundraiser. This was a pleasant interlude between the Old Business and New Business.

### 4. New Business

\*Area Plan Presentation: Dionne Lovett, Aging Services Director, presented the area plan and goals for the upcoming cycle, which will cover 2017-2020. A plan cycle is usually four years. The current cycle, which has been extended to coordinate with that of the State, ends July 1, 2016. After Mrs. Lovett's presentation today, she hopes to get the approval of this AAA council. Followed approval by this agency, she will take the plan to the Regional Commission, and finally to the State Department of Human Services on March 1, 2016.

The overall mission of CRC Area Plan is to develop, coordinate, help deliver, and monitor a comprehensive system of services for promoting the well-being of senior citizens and disabled individuals. There are many resources across the State. The CRC Area Agency on Aging aids the client in finding needed services and providing validity for the services offered. It further aids in preventing duplication of services to curtail waste of resources. And in case a client moves to another location, it facilitates the transfer of services.

In short, the CRC Area Agency for the Aging finds resources to address the needs of its clients. For example, the agency helps provide senior centers with resources, such as transportation and health programs. The agency doesn't necessarily pay for the resources, but finds and secures them for the clients. Various State and local agencies provide most of the funding.

*OAA Core Programs Area Goals and Objectives* (See the Handout, pages 1-2.)

**Goal 1.** Focus on Sustainability to Ensure Programs and Services Remain Available for Those in Need. The main objective of this goal is to develop an Aging Network that is sustainable in all economic climates. For example, our agency works with the hospital in Glynn County, making certain that when a senior is released from the hospital, he/she has the services needed so that he/ she does not have to return due to insufficient care. Also, this agency helps with senior housing in Bryan County.

**Goal 2.** Create a Statewide Focus on Reaching Underserved Persons. There are two objectives for this goal: (1) To develop an Aging Network that reaches underserved persons across the State; (2) To promote greater access to waiver services in underserved rural parts of the State. The AAA has an outreach program.

**Goal 3.** Expand Opportunities for Transportation in Underserved Areas of Georgia. The objective is to increase community based transportation opportunities. AAA does not provide transportation; that is the responsibility of another division; what we do is coordinate housing for seniors and disabled individuals.

**Goal 8.** Expand Efforts to Support Individuals to Remain in Their Desired Residence as Long as Possible. The main objective for this goal is to expand and increase Statewide access to home modification or home repair services. As stated previously, AAA does not do this directly, but works with community services to help facilitate this service.

**Goal 10.** Increase the number of Individuals Served by Georgia Cares from Targeted Populations, the main objective being to increase the number of client contracts. For example, AAA helps clients get set

up with their Medicare services that ultimately cover a portion of their needs.

**Goal 11.** Increase the Number of Consumers Reached that Could benefit from Assistance Offered Through the Medicare Beneficiaries, including Disease Prevention and Wellness promotion. This service is also part of Georgia Cares. This organization helps make individuals aware of what benefits they actually have.

***Participant Directed Person-Centered Planning (PDPC P) Focus Area Goals (Handout Continued.)***

**Goal 2.** Develop and Implement a Person-Centered Approach to Service Mix. The main goal is to develop and implement a New and Non-Programmatic Regional Wait list for HCBS Services Base. Mrs. Lovett says that when someone calls and says what he/she needs, her personnel listen and assess these needs.

**Goal 3.** Maximize the Variety of Approaches to Support Consumer Control and Choice. This objective aims at using assistive technology as an option in place of direct services. For example, a client comes to the office requesting homemaker services. After using the office lab, he discovers that he only needs a special tub for easy access to getting in and out. Therefore, he is moved off of the waiting list.

**Goal 4.** Increase Professional Capacity of Georgia's Aging Network to Better Meet the Needs of Family Caregivers and At-Risk Adults. This will be done by forming collaborative teams and partnerships, conducting workshops, and utilizing technology. This goal is mainly aimed at staff preparedness.

**Goal 5.** Support Grandparents and Other Relative Caregivers to Maximize Family Independence. This objective is aimed at preventing disruption of family care systems by connecting family caregivers to formal resources. For example, AAA works with McIntosh's grandparent program.

Our agency helped them get theirs started.

**Goal 6.** Ensure Maximum Access and Efficient Delivery of Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) to Older Adults, Persons with Disabilities, and Caregivers. This objective is to ensure that the right services are delivered to the right person at the right time and for the right duration.

**Goal 7.** Increase Participation in the Sustainability of Evidence-Based Health and Wellness Programs Across the State. The assistant living program in Bryan County is one program with which this agency works.

**Goal 8.** Empower Residents of Facilities to Fully Participate in Directing Their care. The objective is increase awareness of community options, such as money follows the person (MFP). If a person is in a nursing home and wishes to transfer back home, AAA helps the individual and his family get situated.

At the completion of Mrs. Lovett's presentation, Mr. Fullilove asked for questions, comments, and a motion to accept the plan.

Dr. Brantley made a motion to approve the Area Plan; Dr. Dawson seconded it. The motion was carried; the Area Plan was approved.

**5. Chairman Observations /Announcements/ Comments:**

- Budget/Service Updates: \$1700 has been received from the fund- raising campaign to assist with home delivered meals. Dr. Brantley inquired about the status of the joke book and Calendar/ planning book fundraisers. Mrs. Lovett said that the calendars were ready for distribution today, at \$5 each. Members were encouraged to take several and ask friends and family to donate \$5 for them. As for the joke books, Mrs. Lovett said that she was unsure about how well it was going.

Mr. Fullilove questioned whether enough jokes had been submitted for the joke book. One member brought some in today, and Mrs. Lovett added that a few had been emailed. CRC's Contracts Administrator is working on the joke book for the Aging Advisory Council. Therefore, it will materialize sometime in the future.

- Members were urged to send in news of senior activities in their individual communities. This will provide more opportunities for seniors to get out.
- Mrs. Claudia Collier, representing Retirees United for the Future, discussed the Senior Day and Alzheimer's Day at the Capitol in Atlanta. Since AAA, Retirees United, and Alzheimer's advocates all have issues/ goals related to senior citizens in common, they have banded together in the past for advocacy in Atlanta in February during general legislative sessions. Alzheimer's Day at the Capitol is February 2-3, and this group in the past has joined with Theresa Bayman, regional director of the Alzheimer's Association, on the bus trip to Atlanta for the event. Mrs. Collier made a request for donations to aid 4 or 5 members in her group to finance the trip and bring feedback to AAA.

Mr. Fullilove and Mrs. Lovett expressed some concern that no representatives from the AAA were among the advocates for the event. However, none signed up for this year's trip. Due to shortages and uncertainties in her budget, Mrs. Lovett withheld her decision to donate funds towards the trip.

- Dr. Beckie Gaston- Dawson announced that Chatham Co. will host a bazaar on Feb. 19.
- The Historical Society of Bulloch Co. may clean up the Evergreen Cemetery.
- Effingham Co. is hosting a Senior Day on Tuesday, March 8.
- Mr. Kenneth Shuman announced his resignation from the AAA council. (Vacancies need to be filled.
- A comment was made that technical colleges are doing a better job with preparing students for careers and that 145 is now the passing score for the G.E.D.
- Next Meeting Date: April 26, 2016

#### 6. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:45 a.m.

NOTES APPROVED BY:

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[Name], Chair

*Teesa Foreman*, Secretary