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ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES

TRI-CO Federal Credit Union Building, Augusta NJ

November 6, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 12:05 pm by Mary Lou Schnurr from the Division of Senior Services and everyone was welcomed. Lisa Reidinger was welcomed as a newly appointed member to the Advisory Council by the Board of Chosen Freeholders.

Attendance: Present were: Elsie Allen, Shirley Baldwin, Tom Caines, Ann Farnsworth, Nancy Hess, Doris Lantz, Karen MaGill, Kathryn Orr, Elizabeth Ostuni, Lisa Reidinger, Anna Mae Schurko, Deena Smith, Ilse Stein, Diane Friedberg, Carol Novrit and Mary Lou Schnurr.

Excused: Elenora Benz, Stephen Bocskocsky, James Guimes and Alison McHose.

Absent: Joyce Post, Jackie Wershing, Kimberly Woodhull, John Eskilson, Nancy Fitzgibbons, Stephen Gruchacz, Jake Lighten and Susan Zellman.

Guest(s): None

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Mae Schurko and seconded by Shirley Baldwin to approve the October minutes. All were in favor with no abstentions.

Chairperson's Report

Tom Caines assumed the chairing of the meeting and once again welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Director's Report

1. The Senior Healthy Living Festival was very successful. A thank you was extended to everyone who assisted or participated in the event. Various options and suggestions are being considered at this time for next year's event.
2. The Salute to Military Veterans was once again very successful and well attended.
3. A Caregiver Expo will be held on November 19 from 3 p.m. -7 p.m. at the Farmstead Golf & Country Club. Providers that assist caregivers will be available with information and resources. The event is FREE but registration is required by calling the Division of Senior Services at 973-579-0555.

4. The Division of Senior Services is sponsoring an AARP Safe Driving Course for those age 50+ on November 25 and December 2, 2008 at Tri Co Federal Credit Union. A light breakfast and lunch will be provided on both days. The fee is \$10.00 for the course materials. To register send a check made payable to AARP to the Division of Senior Services.
5. A mailing on Caregiver information and services was sent to all Chamber of Commerce members.

Legislative Committee Report

The State Legislative Meeting was being held today in Lawrenceville, since it conflicted with our meeting no one was able to attend.

Housing Committee Report

No Report.

Minority Outreach Committee Report

No Report.

Baby Boomer Committee Report

Elsie Allen reported that Baby Boomers are hard to find due to their working situation and education, therefore making it difficult to reach them. The committee needs to be creative in reaching out to this group.

Old Business

Committee Reorganization: All members of the Advisory Board need to think about what committees are needed and what committee they would like to participate and assist with. Should all current committees remain? Do we need to change the purpose or scope of activity for current committees? At the December meeting we will determine what committees are warranted as we move forward. Tom Caines will facilitate a brainstorming session to develop the committees at the December meeting which will meet at the Farmstead Golf & Country Club after the Human Services Volunteer Recognition.

New Business

None

Announcements

- 1.) Elsie Allen – The Sussex County Homestead has opened a caregiver respite program at the Homestead called “In Good Company.” The program is funded through the Older American’s Act. An Open House for the program will take place on November 20, 2008 at the Homestead from 6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.
- 2.) Mary Lou Schnurr – The Sussex County Adult Day Care is now open two Saturday’s a month to provide support to caregivers.
- 3.) Swim Inc. is a new free program at the “Y” to provide those with muscular problems the opportunity to swim.

- 4.) Each Advisory Board member is asked to distribute flyers at various public facilities and bulletin boards for the Caregiver Expo.

With no further business to report a motion was made by Nancy Hess and seconded by Ann Farnsworth to adjourn the meeting.

The next meeting will be December 4, 2008
Following the Human Service Volunteer Recognition
at Farmstead Golf & Country Club

Respectfully submitted,

Diane M. Friedberg
Sussex County Division of Senior Services

Addendum: Stephen Bocskocsky, who was unable to attend the meeting, asked MaryLou Schnurr, Director of Senior Services to extend his commendation to Diane Friedberg on her excellent presentation regarding Project Healthy Living and other programs sponsored by the Division of Senior Services that she made to the doctors affiliated with Saint Clare's Hospital. Diane was able to hold the physicians' attention and elicit questions from the group.