

LEE COUNTY SENIOR SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 20, 2016 The Enrichment Center Conference Room, Sanford, NC

**Board Members Present:** Jim Payne, Karen Oldham, Jim Turner, Commissioners Ricky Frazier,

**Board Members Absent:** Vera Marks, Trudy Forrest, Mary Upchurch, Donese Pulley

**Staff Present:** Debbie Davidson,

8:30 a.m. Jim Payne called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. The Agenda and Minutes may not be approved due to a lack of a quorum present.

Karen and Jim asked to include discussion in the new business item on the agenda.

Board member Dave Shabaz has resigned his position due to relocation.

Debbie Davidson provided an overview of the Senior Services Department. An offer for the Position of Senior Center Caregiver Specialist will be made on Thursday, April 21, 2016. The candidate is local and has many contacts that will be an asset to this position. She will need training in the area of Caregiver Specialist which will be provided by the Triangle J Area Agency on Aging, NC Division of Aging and Adult Services, Alzheimer's North Carolina, and Senior Services Staff. Judi Womack will return to work with the new employee for a week to train her. Lee County budget proposal was submitted on Monday, March 7, 2016. There are no significant proposed increases.

Debbie Davidson reviewed the March, 2016 Finance Report. A copy of the report is attached to the original minutes.

Debbie Davidson provided information about upcoming programs. May is Older American's Month – the month will kick off with an Ice Cream Social on May 2, along with daily activities to include: the High Hopes Chorus performing on May 9; Gay 90's Annual Luncheon on May 11; Picnic on May 27 and Senior Fitness Day on May 31.

**New Business:**

Karen Oldham gave an update on the PACE (Program for All Inclusive Care for the Elderly) Innovations Act and gave information on the program and how it operates. She met with Congress in Washington, DC. With the Senior Tarheel Legislature, discussions were held regarding Disability vs 60+ populations. This has been an ongoing discussion for several years as funding is limited for both populations and "do they really go together" for programming purposes.

Jim Payne discussed that the Older American's Act has been reauthorized and signed by President Obama. The details have not been released on any updates or changes to the Act. Jim also discussed the need for programming on Drug Interactions and how Senior Adults are not made aware of the side effects and how a medication might interact with another one they are taking. Debbie stated that Senior Services will look at options for programming on this topic. Medicine Park Pharmacy has a staff member who will counsel clients on drug options and interactions.

9:30 am – Ricky Frazier left the meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 18. Due to various health needs and a limited number on the Advisory Board at this time, the members present decided to delay the next meeting to June 1, 2016. A presentation will be made for the upcoming Home and Community Care Block Grant funding at the June 1 meeting. All Members are needed to attend. With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Debbie Davidson, Secretary \_\_\_\_\_

Jim Payne, Chair  \_\_\_\_\_