

LEE COUNTY SENIOR SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 17, 2013

**Board Members Present:** Woody Beale, Alice Beardslee, Janet Fasick, Brenda Ingram, Karen Oldham, Commissioner Ricky Frazier, Donese Pulley, Esther Siler, Mary Upchurch

**Board Members Absent:**

**Staff Present:** Debbie Davidson, Melanie Rodgers

Mary Upchurch opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. The Board approved the January 16, 2013 minutes and the February 20, 2013 minutes.

Debbie Davidson provided an update about the Federal Sequester. In years past reductions are normally given in a dollar amount and the agency can reduce services where there is the least harm. However, these reductions are required to be taken from Title IIIB (we selected Home Repair/wheel chair ramps), IIIC1 (Congregate Meals) and IIIC2 (Home Delivered Meals). Reductions are calculated by population formula. The total cut is \$12,500 through September 30, 2013, which is the Federal budget year-end. To implement the reduction congregare and home delivered meals will not be provided on Wednesdays May 15 – September 25, 2013. This means each Wednesday 30 home delivered meals and 70 congregare meals will not be served. This reduction also causes 30 passengers per day not riding COLTS (County of Lee Transit System) to the Diners Club (congregare meal), or 60 trips per day and part time staff in the kitchen a reduction in hours. Shelf-stable meals will be provided to the Home Delivered Meal clients for the Wednesday meals missed. Commissioner Frazier commented that he would like to discuss with the County Manager and Board of Commissioners the possibility of the General Fund supporting this loss so that the service will continue uninterrupted.

Debbie Davidson reminded the Board that Senior Games Opening Ceremonies will be held Tuesday, May 14, 2013. Registrations will be taken through that time. The Caregiver Education Conference will be held Tuesday, May 21, 2013 at the Dennis A. Wicker Civic Center. The Card Party will be held April 23, 2013. The Gay 90s has been canceled due to the budget sequester. The Helping Fund Golf Tournament will be held May 3 at 1 pm.

Debbie Davidson reported that the SCOPE (Senior Center Operations and Program Evaluation) certification tool has been submitted to Mary Warren at Triangle J Area Agency on Aging for the first desk review. After her review, the tool will then be submitted to NC Division of Aging and Adult Services for the next desk review and site team assignments. The certification visit will take place on Monday, June 10, 2013.

There were no suggestions submitted to the Center.

Melanie Rodgers provided the March 2013 financial report. A copy is attached to the original minutes.

Esther Siler shared information about protection from scams. The attorney general's office in Raleigh offers free talks on the subject and will come to the senior center. Photocopy all credit cards front and back and keep in a safe place. Take advantage of ordering a free credit report to verify your accounts. Call 1-800-322-8228. To stop unwanted solicitation phone calls, call 1-888-382-1222 to be added to the Do Not Call Registry.

Mary Upchurch shared older adult projections through 2025.

Karen Oldham provided an update about the PACE facility in which she manages. The facility is ready to serve clients; however, the final approval from the State of NC has not taken place due to backlog and change in the Governor's office.

**Old/New Business**

Debbie Davidson reminded the Board that the FY2014 Home and Community Care Block Grant Hearing will take place at the next meeting May 15, 2013. There are two Board seats expiring June 30, 2013. Applications are available on the Lee County Government web site or by calling Debbie Davidson.

Respectfully Submitted by Melanie Rodgers

On behalf of Debbie Davidson, Secretary Debbie Davidson  
Mary Upchurch, Chair Mary Upchurch