

LANCASTER COUNTY OFFICE OF AGING
Advisory Council Minutes
150 North Queen Street
Planning Commission Conference Room #104
Lancaster, PA
April 4, 2016

Members Present: Emily Booker, Joe Burchill, Carl Kanaskie, Mary Keech, Bill Kelley, Tom Kloss*, Glenn Knight, Vicki Muzyk, Jennifer Opinaldo, Bob Sauders, Gloria Schleicher and Jon Walker. (*Associate Member)

Staff: Jacqueline Burch, Derek Bendetti, Mark Papineau, Erica Shimp and Lon Wible

Guests: Stu Wesbury, PA Council on Aging Representative

Chair Bob Sauders called the meeting to order at noon followed by the pledge to the flag. Minutes from the February 2016 meeting were approved.

Chair's Report

- Information was shared about development of the State Plan on Aging for federal fiscal year 2016-2020 and related Community Listening Sessions to be held by the PA Department of Aging. On April 11 at 10 AM, the Lancaster County Public Safety Training Center will host one of these sessions. Public hearings on a draft of the state's plan will then occur in May. An online survey is available at www.aging.pa.gov for those wanting to provide input.

Executive Director's Report

- Prime Time Health program coordinator, Derek Bendetti provided an overview of the upcoming 28th Annual Senior Games taking place May 2-6, 2016 at Spooky Nook Sports Complex. This year more than 800 participants and 200 volunteers are expected to be joined by 37 sponsors for 41 different events, with 'Tappercise' and a fencing demonstration being offered for the first time. A Celebration Dance culminates the week-long Games on May 6, 2016 at Wood Crest Villa.
- Efforts continue to backfill nearly a dozen staff vacancies – most critically, several Protective Service positions and the Fiscal Officer who recently resigned. Newly hired Data Base Administrator, Mark Papineau was introduced to the Council. Discussion occurred regarding the relatively low starting salaries impacting the recruitment and hiring process.
- Nearly 150 individuals have been removed from the waiting list since early February. Another 200 remain with those of the highest priority to be served with funds allocated for use through the end of FY15-16.

- In conjunction with the PA Department of Aging, the agency will also be engaged in the process of developing a 2016-2020 plan this summer. Input will be gathered concerning areas of need with related goals to be established. More information will be forthcoming along with a public hearing in June.

Regional Council

- An update was provided regarding last month's annual conference and joint meetings with PA Department of Aging and Association of Area Agencies on Aging. Discussion occurred about the importance of advanced planning for end-of-life decision making, costs of long-term care insurance, implementation of managed care, and the State Plan on Aging.

Old Business

- Highlights of upcoming events included volunteer recognitions luncheons, Healthy Steps in Motion classes, and 50+ Senior Expo.

New Business

- Ombudsman program changes are expected next fiscal year as a result of final federal rulings. More details to come.
- Bob Still was recently hired as the County's new Chief Clerk and Christina Hausner, as the new County Solicitor.

With no other business to conduct, the meeting adjourned at 1:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Recorder

Executive Director

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