

ElderSource Advisory Council Meeting

Thursday February 20, 2020

12:30 PM

ElderSource Training Room

Jacksonville, Florida

Call-In Number: 1-929 436-2866

Meeting ID #: 842-548-1583

AGENDA

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| 1. Call to Order | Pamela Sanders, Chair |
| 2. Signatures – In-kind Match & Travel Vouchers | Pamela Sanders, Chair |
| 3. Roll Call – Sherry Holmes, Administrative Assistant | Sherry Holmes, Admin. Asst. |
| 4. Approval of Council Minutes (Meeting December 5, 2019) | Pamela Sanders, Chair |
| 5. Review of Advisory Council Policies and Procedures | Pamela Sanders, Chair |
| 6. American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) | Justine Conley, Guest Speaker |
| 7. County Reports | |
| Volusia | |
| St. Johns | |
| Nassau | |
| Flagler | |
| Duval | |
| Clay | |
| Baker | |
| 8. Old Business | |
| 9. New Business | |
| 10. Date of Next Meeting – April 16, 2020 at 12:30 PM | |
| 11. Adjourn | Pamela Sanders, Chair |

Inclusion Statement: ElderSource values all people – including but not limited to all nationalities, socio-economic backgrounds, abilities, races, genders, religious perspectives, sexual orientations and gender identities – in everything we do. We welcome the unique insights and perspectives of all persons in our quest to fulfill our mission.

Mission: To empower individuals to age with independence and dignity by providing leadership, direction, advocacy, and support for a comprehensive coordinated continuum of care.

**Advisory Council Meeting
10688 Old St Augustine Rd
Thursday December 5, 2019
12:30 PM**

Present

Pamela Sanders, Chair – Baker
Albert Abbatiello – St. Johns
Ashley Jennings – Flagler
Bernadette Ricks – Nassau (via phone)
Bernie Fitzgerald – Flagler
Cheryl Jefferson – Duval
Diane Eckert – Clay
Hortense Geter – Volusia (via phone)
Ingrid Montgomery – Duval
Janet Joiner – Clay (via phone)
Patricia McDonald – Baker
Stevie Taylor – Clay

Staff and Guests

Linda Levin, CEO
Janet Dickinson, Planner
Brittney Lee, Intern
Sherry Holmes, Admin. Assistant
Alexis Read, Guest
Heather Campbell, Guest
David Bell, Guest

Absent

Anna Lindler – Clay (Resigned)
Barbara Solomon – Flagler (Exc.)
Caryn Prather – Flagler (Exc.)
Curlene Wims – Duval
Earnest Berrian – Duval (Exc.)
Frances Chew – Volusia (Exc.)
Janice Ancrum – Nassau
Jerry Thompson – St. Johns (Exc.)
Judith Rossetti – Volusia (Exc.)
Lesa Lee Dike – Baker

Meeting Called To Order

Pamela Sanders called the meeting to order at 12:35 PM.

Roll Call

Sherry Holmes, Administrative Assistant, called the roll. A quorum was present.

Ice Breaker

Advisory Council members introduced themselves, named their county and shared their favorite Thanksgiving tradition or food.

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes from the October 17, 2019 meeting was made by Bernie Fitzgerald and seconded by Ingrid Montgomery. Motion passed unanimously.

New Members and Resignations

Linda Levin, CEO announced that Anna Lindler has resigned from the Advisory Council.

New members participating today were: Ashley Jennings, Bernadette Ricks and Patricia McDonald.

Nominating Committee

Pamela Sanders announced that Cheryl Jefferson has volunteered for the Vice Chair open position. A motion to accept the nomination of Cheryl Jefferson for Vice Chair was made by Ingrid Montgomery and seconded by Bernie Fitzgerald. Motion passed unanimously.

Client Satisfaction Surveys

Janet Dickinson, Planner stated that every year ElderSource conducts client satisfaction surveys with clients who are receiving services from our providers. Janet explained this year's survey is focused on case management, congregate meals, homemaker and personal care services and that there are five to seven questions regarding these services. Several Council members are participating in helping with the survey. Janet is asking if other members are interested in helping to contact her.

Linda explained that this activity is within the roles of the Advisory Council by helping ElderSource know what the needs are and how things are going. This is one of the ways that we can work with our providers to improve services and to discover if there is a new need that has been missed to allow us to follow up with that person and the provider to resolve that situation. Bernadette Ricks has volunteered to participate with the surveys and Bernie Fitzgerald is still working on his surveys. Janet stated that the deadline for completing the surveys is the end of December.

Division of Blind Services and Vision Education and Rehabilitation Center (VERC)

Advisory Council Chair, Pamela Sanders, invited representatives from Division of Blind Services and Vision Education and Rehabilitation Center (VERC) to talk about vision loss and aging and what services are available so Council members could bring this information back to their communities.

Alexis Read is from the Division of Blind Services, which is a State agency through the Department of Education (Florida State College of Jacksonville). They serve clients who are visually impaired from birth through the individual's life span. To qualify for service clients must have a bi-lateral visual impairment, visual acuity 20 over 200 or less or the field is 20 degrees or less. Their programs are for all ages. Alexis shared copies of the applications and noted that the process is very simple, an application and a release form. They have a talking book library service out of Daytona, Florida. Books and magazines can be ordered through this service. A player is shipped along with the materials free of charge. Alexis shared vision simulators (closing one eye) showing a basic idea of what different eye conditions would look like through someone else's eyes. Alexis explained that people with visual impairments can live productive lives and learn independent living skills.

Heather Campbell is from the Vision Education and Rehabilitation Center at Florida State College of Jacksonville where individual training is provided to individuals with vision loss. VERC serves people with all types of vision loss. Heather shared a wealth of information in her power point presentation with the group. (See attachment)

County Reports

Baker

Pamela Sanders

- Pamela wants to know if a new community being constructed in her county will be a senior community. She is desperately seeking answers from her council members due to the lack of senior housing.

Clay

Diane Eckert

- A new Baptist Health Emergency Center has opened up in Oakleaf, located off of Argyle by Home Depot.
- There is a new facility by the name of Cassie Gardens and they are looking for land to construct a new building for the elderly.
- Salvation Army has a program to help low income seniors with prescriptions, food, phone, electrical, housing, home repairs and legal fees.

Stevie Taylor

- Stevie recently met with a group of seniors in Clay County voicing their need for transportation. The Clay County Council on Aging was providing this service previously. When their contracts were terminated, this services was taken over by JTA. Attendance at Senior Center appears to have dropped due to lack of transportation.

Duval

Ingrid Montgomery

- Ingrid will be coordinating monthly meetings with the Council on Elder Affairs
- AARP is seeking volunteers
- Monday December 9, John "Bowzer" Bauman performance 6:00-8:00 PM at the Union Hall
- Saturday December 7, Senior Christmas Party 2:00-5:00 PM at the Prime Osborn Convention Center. Tickets are \$5.00

Flagler

Bernie Fitzgerald

- Reported that he is continuing to educate the community through networking groups.
- SHINE materials were handed out during open enrollment at various networking facilities: assisted living, independent living places and the information was well received.

Nassau

Bernadette Ricks

- UF Health Wildlight Building will be opening up on Monday December 9 and includes dentist, family health, imaging laboratory, urgent care, psychology, and pediatrics. These are services that

residents would normally travel out of Nassau to get and all of these services will now be on Williamsburg Boulevard.

- Prince Chapel Church in Fernandina Beach, has partnered with the Health Department. They are holding health programs and will begin honest conversations with seniors by questioning them on the behaviors they demonstrate to have a quality of life.

St Johns

Al Abbatiello

- He is working with the county in order to restore a building in northwest St. Johns County to be used as a community center. His committee has been working with the county for the past three years in trying to restore the building. The St. Johns County Commission has given permission to lease the building. This would be a potential place for the Council on Aging to meet and provide services to the elder community. Al stated that now they can raise money for restoration of this building.

Volusia

Ashley Jennings

- West Volusia (Deltona) UF Health Halifax Hospital will be opening soon.
- West Volusia (Deltona) Senior Softball League had an amazing championship game.
- East Volusia (Bethune Cookman University) they are working with the immediate population located close to the University. Thanksgiving baskets were provided during November and some activities were done to engage the community on campus and in surrounding areas.
- Students enrolled in the Gerontology program go out into the community and work at places like funeral homes or the Ormond Beach Senior Center.

Hortense Geter

- The New Smyrna Beach Senior Center is holding their Christmas party today.
- December 13 the City of Daytona Beach is sponsoring a senior prom with dancing and prizes.
- Hortense noted a transportation issue with the City of Daytona Beach. Currently the City has two shuttles to transport seniors. Neither shuttle is equipped for transporting people with disabilities. Because of this, the City has placed all of our senior outings on hold until they can resolve the issue. Hortense and her group feel this is unfair. They want to participate in those trips already scheduled and have suggested the City notify them when those vehicles for people with disabilities are in place. This group will raise the issue with the City of Daytona Beach.

Frances Chew (Excused Absence) Shared Information via Email:

- One of the members in the Senior Oasis Program at the Mid-Town Cultural Center in Daytona Beach has a daughter who is a playwright. "A Swing and a Prayer" will be performed at the church she attends. Frances proposed this as an outing for the seniors and a section of the church will be set aside for those interested seniors.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Meeting Adjourned at 1:44 PM
Minutes prepared by Sherry Holmes, Administrative Assistant

These minutes were adopted by vote of this Advisory Council on _____.
(Date)

Secretary: _____
Albert Abbatiello