

## **ElderSource Advisory Council Meeting**

Thursday April 16, 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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| <b>1. Call to Order</b>   | Pamela Sanders, Chair                            |
| <b>2. Signatures – In-kind Match &amp; Travel Vouchers</b>        | Pamela Sanders, Chair                            |
| <b>3. Roll Call – Sherry Holmes, Administrative Assistant</b>     | Sherry Holmes, Admin. Asst.                      |
| <b>4. Approval of Council Minutes (Meeting February 20, 2019)</b> | Pamela Sanders, Chair                            |
| <b>5. COVID 19 Update</b>   | Linda Levin, CEO<br>Nancy Tufts, VP Pgs/Planning |
| <b>6. County Reports</b>  |  |
| Baker   |  |
| Clay  |  |
| Duval   |  |
| Flagler   |  |
| Nassau  |  |
| St. Johns   |  |
| Volusia   |  |
| <b>7. Old Business</b>  |  |
| <b>8. New Business</b>  |  |
| <b>9. Date of Next Meeting – June 18, 2020 at 12:30 PM</b>        |  |
| <b>10. Adjourn</b>  | 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 February 20, 2020  
12:30 PM**

**Present**

Cheryl Jefferson, Vice Chair – Duval  
Albert Abbatiello – St. Johns  
Ashley Jennings – Volusia  
Curlene Wims – Duval  
Frances Chew – Volusia  
Hortense Geter – Volusia  
Ingrid Montgomery – Duval  
Patricia McDonald – Baker

**Staff and Guests**

Linda Levin, CEO  
Sherry Holmes, Administrative Assistant  
Justine Conley, AARP, Guest

**Absent**

Judith Rossetti – Volusia (Resigned)  
Barbara Solomon – Flagler (Exc.)  
Bernadette Ricks – Nassau  
Bernie Fitzgerald – Flagler (Exc.)  
Caryn Prather – Flagler  
Diane Eckert – Clay  
Earnest Berrian – Duval  
Janet Joiner – Clay  
Janice Ancrum – Nassau  
Jerry Thompson – St. Johns (Exc.)  
Lesa Lee Dike – Baker  
Pamela Sanders – Baker (Exc.)  
Stevie Taylor – Clay

**Meeting Called To Order**

Cheryl Jefferson called the meeting to order at 12:33 PM.

**Roll Call**

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

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion to approve the minutes from the December 5, 2019 meeting was made by Al Abbatiello and seconded by Patricia McDonald. Motion passed unanimously.

**Resignation**

Cheryl Jefferson, Co-Chair announced that Judith Rossetti has resigned from the Advisory Council.

## **Policies and Procedures**

Linda Levin, CEO reviewed the established Advisory Council policies and procedures with the group and asked if there were any changes they would like to make. These included the following:

- Client Satisfaction
- Advocacy
- Outreach
- Public Hearings
- Area Plan

The policies and procedures were unanimously accepted as presented by the Advisory Council.

## **Age Friendly/Livable Communities**

Justine Conley, guest speaker from AARP, gave an informative and thought provoking presentation on the Network of Age-Friendly Communities. She delved into the “8 Domains of Livability”:

- Outdoor Spaces and Buildings
- Transportation
- Housing
- Social Participation
- Respect and Social Inclusion
- Civic Participation and Employment
- Communication and Information
- Community and Health Services

The Council shared information about their communities and asked questions that were relevant to their counties. They were directed to AARPs website for more information.

## **County Reports**

### *Volusia*

Hortense Geter

- Hortense noted issues with affordable housing due to a building boom with expensive apartment construction.
- There is concern about a vacant building that could be utilized as a senior center or council on aging location but she feels the city is not recognizing this fact.
- Transportation is an issue with two new malls and no transportation available for seniors.
- A fourth Senior Oasis group has been added to the county and all of these groups are meeting in city buildings with almost 300 seniors participating, yet there is no main building for holding their meetings.

Frances Chew

- Frances is concerned about the traffic flow on Beach Street being changed to one way north and one way south and the widening of the sidewalks that have been open up to pedestrians. She noted that this is a safety concern for tourist not being able to see the oncoming bright lights from cars as they go over the bridge.
- The Census is raising a concern for some seniors as they do not want to share their personal information.

Linda explained to the group that the funding for our programs where we contract out the services is based on census data. She noted that it is important for people to be counted. ElderSource will be sending out more information that this Council can use to get the seniors to complete the census.

*St. Johns*

Al Abbatiello

- Al is focused on transportation for the northern part of his county with so much growth coming into the county. Al noted that residents are aging in place and the roads are clogged. He is suggesting that the residents should meet with officials and voice any concerns they have regarding the county.

*Nassau*

No representation.

*Flagler*

No representation.

*Duval*

Curlene Wims

- Curlene had nothing to report at this time.

Cheryl Jefferson reported on the following opportunities for seniors where AARP has teamed up with community partners:

- AARP Careversations, Tuesday February 25 at Mudville Grill on Beach Boulevard. Caregivers get together, receive a light lunch and discuss various resources.
- Master Your Online Job Search, Friday February 28 at WJCT on 100 Festival Park Avenue at 1:00 PM to improve your networking and interview skills.
- I Am My Community, Friday February 28 at WJCT on 100 Festival Park Avenue 6-8 PM a round table discussion for all ages to discuss ideas on improving our communities.
- Learn How to Use Your SMART phone, Tuesday March 3 at River Garden.
- The Links, Take Charge of Your Future, Saturday March 7 at KIPP Middle School on McDuff Avenue 8AM-2PM.
- Healthy Living: Nature's Wonders Walk Series, Wednesday March 11 at Tillie K. Fowler Regional Park 9AM-12 PM.
- Healthy Living: Hike into History Walk Series, Wednesday April 8 at Kingsley Plantation 9AM-12 PM.

*Clay*

No representation.

*Baker*

Patricia McDonald

- Patricia works for AHEC and facilitates classes for seniors over 60 years old. Some of the classes include: A Matter of Balance, Diabetes Self-Management Program, Healthy Eating Every Day and Tai Chi. Flyers were passed out to the group for these classes. Patricia stated that most classes are held in Macclenny but the agency is looking to cover the entire county, like places in Sanderson, Taylor or Glen St. Mary. These classes can be held in all seven counties. Linda noted that ElderSource funds the classes.

**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**