

**Advisory Council Meeting  
10688 Old St Augustine Rd  
Thursday February 18, 2021  
12:30 PM**

**Via Zoom**

**Present**

Patricia McDonald – Baker  
Steve Taylor – Clay  
Ingrid Montgomery - Duval  
Barbara Solomon – Flagler  
Bernie Fitzgerald – Flagler  
Frances Chew – Volusia  
Hortense Geter – Volusia  
Ashley Jennings – Volusia

**Staff**

Nancy Tufts, VP of Planning and Programs  
Sherry Holmes, Administrative Assistant

**Absent**

Pamela Sanders – Baker  
Lesa Lee Dike – Baker  
Diane Eckert – Clay  
Janet Joiner – Clay  
Cheryl Jefferson – Duval  
Curlene Wims – Duval  
Earnest Berrian – Duval  
Caryn Prather – Flagler  
Bernadette Ricks – Nassau (Excused)  
Janice Ancrum – Nassau (Resigned)  
Albert Abbatiello – St. Johns (Excused)  
Jerry Thompson – St. Johns

**Meeting Called To Order**

Ingrid Montgomery called the meeting to order at 12:35 PM.

**Roll Call**

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

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion to approve the minutes from the December 3, 2020 meeting was made by Barbara Solomon and seconded by Hortense Geter. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Nominating Committee**

Ashley Jennings, Chair nominated the candidate Lili High of Nassau County to the Advisory Council for membership as recommended by the Nominating Committee. The committee agreed that Lili High will bring a wealth of experience and knowledge as a member to the Advisory Council.

### **Motion**

A motion to accept the nomination of Lili High as submitted by the Nominating Committee was made by Patricia McDonald and seconded by Steve Taylor. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Staff Report**

Nancy Tufts, VP of Planning and Programs updated the committee on:

- *Client Satisfaction Surveys* with Providers were completed. The responses were positive and the approval rate was 88 percent. An area that we can continue to work on is communication. This was particularly challenging during COVID. We must be able to inform clients as to what is happening and keeping them in the loop.
- *Caregiver Care Plan System (T-CARE)* is a four year grant funded by the Florida Blue Foundation. Caregivers can call in and be given a brief assessment that helps to identify their mental health needs, loneliness level, and several other factors. A care plan is made for the caregivers with different resources in the community. A Specialist will reach out and check in on a regular basis with them.
- *Get Set Up* is funded under the *ADRC No Wrong Door grant* and offers online classes with social interaction. Internet access is needed, and there is no fee. Also, there is no limit on the number of participants.

### **County Reports**

#### *Volusia*

Hortense Geter

- Hortense reported that there were 500 seniors vaccinated over the past week with the COVID first shot. Follow up is in March.

Frances Chew

- Frances noted that on February 11, the local paper published an additional phone number for seniors who had not yet schedule a vaccination appointment.

Ashley Jennings

- Ashley reported that the Public Health & Aging Studies Departments of Bethune Cookman University have been awarded two separate grant opportunities. Both grant programs will provide services to the Midtown Community to create health equity and food security. The Wild Cats Care Project will provide older adults and caregiver's services through the GRB 490 practicum course facilitated by graduating seniors. This will be rolled out in the Fall. Ashley will update Partner information at our next meeting.

*St. Johns*

No Representation.

*Nassau*

No Representation

*Flagler*

Barbara Solomon

- Barbara had nothing to report from Flagler.

*Duval*

Ingrid Montgomery

- Ingrid noted that they are continuing to give out the daily lunches along with a Times Union newspaper at three centers: Mandarin, Louis Dinah and Mary Lena Gibbs Community Center from 11:00 AM until 1:00 PM.
- A vaccination center has been set up at the Wiley Senior Center and has been very successful. Ingrid will look into getting information on the number of seniors that have been vaccinated.

*Clay*

Steve Taylor

- Steve noted that the Clay County Fair Grounds has done a lot of vaccinations.
- Food distributions are happening at different churches throughout Clay County.
- Seniors are having financial issues with electric, water and rent bills. Some have even been evicted.

Nancy named the following as points of referrals to assist these seniors:

ElderSource Helpline, Clay County Senior Services and Jacksonville Area Legal Aid.

*Baker*

Patricia McDonald

- Patricia noted that AHEC has posted a February schedule for wellness classes on line.
- Vaccines are being given out at the Hospital, the Health department, Winn-Dixie and Wal-Mart.

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

Steve Taylor noted that there is an upcoming food distribution being sponsored by Dedicated Senior Medical and Florida Blue at the Daily Manor Service Center on Friday February 26 at 10:00 AM – 12 PM on the corner of Edison and King Street. This event is for seniors 55 and above. They drive through and the items will be placed in their trunk.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.

**Meeting Adjourned at 12:55 PM**

**Minutes prepared by Sherry Holmes, Administrative Assistant**

**These minutes were adopted by vote of this Advisory Council on \_\_\_\_\_.**

Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_  
Steve Taylor

(Date)