

FLUVANNA COUNTY PARTNERSHIP FOR AGING

**Minutes
September 19, 2016
4:00 – 5:30 p.m.
Fluvanna County Library**

Meeting called to order at 4:10 by Chair, Stephanie Fick

In attendance:

Stephanie Fick—Cunningham Rep
Curtis Putnam—Columbia Rep
Linda Bernick—Palmyra Rep
Diane Dean—Jefferson Pharmacy
Amy Kirchner—At-Large
Eric Hess—Sheriff's Office
Charlie Fawcett—Region 10
Karen Hebert--DSS
Steve Nichols—County Administrator
Mozell Booker--BOS
Dennis Flannery—Louisa Health and Rehab

Guests: Ben Jamison, Warren McIvor

Curtis moves to accept minutes, Amy seconds

Curtis reports on Special Use permit; developer recommending changes; having independent and assisted living in same area; new definition from County ordinances led to update; to be approved by BOS; long-term

Steve Nichols reports on refurbishment of Columbia and Cunningham schools; still in process; data from surveys being processed at State level to determine continuation

Curtis reports on Strategic Planning Communication System: letter was sent out both via email and post; Effort and Calvary pastors in attendance

NB: JOY program started at Calvary; outings and adventures; build relationships
Linda stated that two-way communication is desired
Will be updating the list based on response and return from email/post
Effort has established a small team to help seniors (e.g., ramp building)

Dennis reports on changes in Medicaid, especially concerning “bundles”; more restrictions need for those who are informed to counsel those in need

Diane states that payment from Medicare for equipment is less

Mozell speaks about JABA Critical Transition program; follow-up for hospital stay
many seniors-in-need are at home; need advocate; Dennis suggests pairing-up
5th-Sunday at Afro-American churches at Union Baptist from 10:00-noon; suggests sending info;
churches are helping to identify needs; take ministry outside of church into community

Curtis has identified some transportation players; Stephanie working with volunteer coordinator
Charlie says that Greene has its own service; suggests we contact them
There is a woman in the county (Gail?) who offers a \$20-an-hour service

Partner reports

- TRIAD (Sheriff Hess) on September 28th; 40 participants, including FPA; grants from WalMart; keeping seniors safe and learning what services are available
- Sheriff Hess went to Sheriff's Conference: need for senior help; drug abuse and sales; scams, especially from Jamaican gangs (check area codes) and Eastern Bloc countries and use of Green Dot cards
- Ben talks about Young At Heart (YAH) group that meets on Thursdays from 11:30-1:00; community involved; starting to plan events
- Dennis has been going out to churches and groups speaking about changes in Medicaid; giving demos to help seniors not to experience falls; gives advice regarding hospital admission/discharge and consequences
- Warren states that older people are sometimes hesitant to reveal any problem; build relationships and core group
- Mozell and Karen agree that sometimes, there is misuse of funds; nothing can be done if the person involved is in charge of their facilities
- Diane states that Jefferson Pharmacy will be at TRIAD; flu shots are now available and usually covered; when secondaries from Medicare become available, there will be counseling concerning appropriate medications/alternates; counseling concerning scheduling of dispensing medications
- Karen says heating assistance starting up ~October 15th ; one-time payment; funding limits set by State
- Charlie participates in suicide-prevention; a walk is scheduled to raise awareness

Stephanie suggests that if anyone needs to contact us, do so through our email; Senior Guides are also available online

Next meeting will be November 21st @ 4 PM