

ORANGE COUNTY  
ADVISORY BOARD ON AGING  
Minutes  
January 9, 2018

PRESENT: Heather Altman, Alex Castro, Peggy Cohn, Keith Cook, Winston Liao, Alicia Nelson, Donna Prather, Vibeke Talley, Dick White

Excused: Mary Altpeter, Colin Austin, Lorenzo Mejia, Yvonne Mendenhall

Staff: Myra Austin, Mary Fraser, Kathie Kearns, Yvette Missri, Janice Tyler

The meeting was called to order at the Seymour Center. The minutes of the December 12, 2017 meeting were approved as corrected following the motion offered by Alex Castro and the second by Winston Liao.

#### DIRECTORS REPORT

Yvette Missri invited the Advisory Board to attend the January 11 Project EngAGE graduation. The eleven graduates will announce five new Senior Resource Team initiatives at the Passmore Center ceremony.

Myra Austin described the Pass Management check-in system that will be implemented at each Senior Center in late January. Individualized key fobs will be issued to all participants and volunteers to use at the kiosks located near the Center entrances. Heather Altman inquired if this system might be capable of linking with the tele-health project piloted in Orange County several years ago. Discussion followed on how the new system will operate.

Janice Tyler announced that the Orange County annual budget process has begun with a February 15 submittal deadline. The County Manager has stated that any new position or other budget increase requests must be fully supported by outside revenues. Questions were raised about the development of a five year financial plan in conjunction with the MAP for the Department. Keith Cook asked if the current building improvement projects will be affected by this budget restriction. Ms. Tyler responded that the improvement projects at Passmore and Seymour will continue. She added that she has submitted a request that the Seymour expansion be included in the future the Capital Improvement Plan and stated that a master plan needs to be developed for the Passmore Center campus. The contract for the current year's renovations at Passmore will be considered by the County Commissioners at the January 23 meeting.

The role of the Friends organizations in funding Center equipment and furniture was discussed. Ms. Tyler informed the Advisory Board that a Johnson Intern will not be requested for Seymour next year due to a reduction in the financial support from its Friends organization. Heather Altman suggested that an ad-hoc committee be formed to discuss other resource options and other ways that we might be able to support the Friends. Alex Castro volunteered to join this group.

#### NEW PROJECTS

Longtime Senior Tar Heel delegate Jean Suddarth has retired and alternate Dick White will now represent Orange County. Alex Castro made the motion and Heather Altman provided the second that Keith Cook be recommended to the TJCOG-AAA as the new alternate. Motion carried.

The Healthy Aging Summit, a national conference held every other year, is accepting presentation proposals. Winston Liao summarized its focus and suggested that the Department on Aging has many options for abstracts. Suggestions included: Master Aging Plan, Falls Prevention, Brain Health Academy, Project EngAGE, Dementia Friendly Business, One Stop Shop, Senior Centers as Wellness Centers. Heather Altman suggested that highlighting receipt of the three year Administration for Community Living grant may be beneficial when submitting a proposal. Mr. Liao offers to assist staff with the abstract development.

#### CONTINUING PROJECTS

Mary Fraser reported that most of the MAP workgroups have not met yet for this quarter. She will provide the quarterly progress report at the February Advisory Board meeting. Alex Castro gave an update on recent transportation activities. A workgroup subcommittee on medical transportation is being formed. The Housing workgroup has established a rehabilitation subcommittee. The new OC Housing Director attended a workgroup meeting and that Department received funding for home repairs for FY 17-18. Keith Cook has recently been elected its Affordable Housing Advisory Board's Chair.

Yvette Missri announced that this year's Volunteer Appreciation party will be held on the evening of May 4 at the Passmore Center.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Dementia Friendly Business – Heather Altman reported that Mary Fraser has recruited SHARP Committee members to become Dementia Friendly Business trainers.

Nursing Home Community Advisory Committee – Vibeke Talley stated that the committee continues to look into options for improving the quality of life through activities for residents.

Transportation – Staff asked that Alex Castro inquire about the status of the AARP-funded simmi-seat installation project at the next Orange Unified Transportation Board meeting.

Friends of Passmore Center – The annual Las Vegas Night fundraiser will be held on April 21.

Friends of Seymour Center – Janice Tyler was asked to convey the Advisory Board's concern about membership recruitment at the next Friends leadership committee meeting and request that a representative from that organization be selected to attend the Aging Advisory Board meetings.

Community Partners Report – Alex Castro announced that Orange County Rural Alliance (OCRA) has 43 volunteers, many of whom are graduates of Project EngAGE. Eighty individuals currently receive meals on 10 routes in rural Orange County. The Chair asked when the next Project EngAGE class will be convened. Dick White noted that only two of the current class graduates live in rural Orange County.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice Tyler, Secretary