

## **ElderSource Advisory Council Meeting**

Thursday, August 15, 2019

12:30 PM

ElderSource Board Conference Room

Jacksonville, Florida

**Call-In Number: 1-888-585-9008**

**Conference Room Number: 814-673-693**

### **AGENDA**

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 June 20, 2019) Pamela Sanders, Chair
5. Area Plan Nancy Tufts, VP of Planning and Programs
6. County Reports
  - Baker
  - Clay
  - Duval
  - Flagler
  - Nassau
  - St. Johns
  - Volusia
7. Old Business
8. New Business
9. Date of Next Meeting – October 17, 2019 at 12:30 PM
10. 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 June 20, 2019  
12:30 PM**

**Present**

Michael Ballenger, Secretary (Acting Chair) - Baker County  
Albert Abbatiello – St. Johns County  
Barbara Solomon – Flagler County  
Bernie Fitzgerald – Flagler County  
Cheryl Jefferson – Duval County (candidate)  
Curlene Wims – Duval County (via phone)  
Earnest Berrian – Duval County (candidate)  
Frances Chew – Volusia County  
Hortense Geter – Volusia County  
Janice Ancrum – Nassau County (via phone)  
Jerry Thompson – St. Johns County (candidate)  
Judith Rossetti – Volusia County  
Vickie Monroe – Nassau County (via phone)

**Staff**

Andrea Spencer, VP of Communications  
Sherry Holmes, Admin. Assistant

**Absent**

Pamela Sanders – Baker County (Exc.)  
Anna Lindler – Clay County  
Caryn Prather – Flagler County (Exc.)  
Diane Eckert – Clay County (Exc.)  
Ingrid Montgomery – Duval County (Exc. candidate)  
Janet Joiner – Clay County  
Rita Scheeler – Volusia County  
Stevie Taylor – Clay County (Exc.)

**Meeting Called To Order**

Michael Ballenger called the meeting to order at 12:35 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 April 18, 2019 meeting was made by Albert Abbatiello and seconded by Bernie Fitzgerald. Motion passed unanimously.

**Nominating Committee/Recommendations for Membership**

The following candidates were recommended and approved by the Nominating Committee for membership:

Duval County – Cheryl Jefferson  
Duval County – Earnest Berrian  
Duval County – Ingrid Montgomery  
St. Johns County – Jerry Thompson

A motion to approve these candidates for membership was made by Albert Abbatiello and seconded by Hortense Geter. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Orientation**

Andrea Spencer, VP of Communications led the new members through our orientation session.

### **County Reports**

#### *Volusia*

Hortense Geter is concerned with the relocation of Council on Aging of Volusia County:

- Why did they leave Daytona Beach and move to Holly Hill?
- What services are they providing?
- Who should she speak to regarding her inquiries?

#### *Judith Rossetti*

- The seniors versus Crime Office will be back in operation in September.
- Judith will be retiring from the Attorney General's office within the next month.

#### *St. Johns*

Albert Abbatiello reported on the following topics that St. Johns County Council on Aging is involved in:

- Public transportation is a major concern for him. He has been deeply involved with this issue over many years as the County has experienced rapid growth. The Sunshine Bus Company provides service he noted but not to all sections of the County. Fares were recently increased from one dollar to two dollars to continue operations.
- A garden has been established through the partnership of St. Johns County Council on Aging and Parks and Recreation in Hastings which is a food desert community with limited access to grocery stores. The garden is intended to supplement the ability to get food by planting the food. The garden not only offers food but fellowship, communication and an experience of planting their own private garden at home.
- St. Johns County Council on Aging is offering a Savvy Caregiver program which is free. It is a 12 hour program delivered in 2 hour sessions over a 6 week period. The program helps caregivers carry out their role effectively.
- River House is offering an Art Techniques Class for artist of all levels to improve their techniques.

- Amazon smile program (smile.amazon.com) is a buying program. When you shop at the website Amazon donates 0.5 percent of the price of your eligible purchases to the charitable organization of your choice.

#### *Nassau*

Janice Ancrum reported on the following topics:

- Department of Transportation (DOT) cut Transportation Disadvantage dollars for everyone throughout the State. Nassau lost \$60,000 and that has been a challenge for transporting people.
- A reception for the new Adult Day Health Care Center will be held on August 6, 2019. A request has been submitted to ACHA to help expand from serving 15 people a day to 30 people a day.
- The annual Senior Expo Health Fair is scheduled for September 13. This is the 6<sup>th</sup> annual fair.
- A Fall Prevention grant partnership program has been formed with Baptist Health. A case manager will be hired and Baptist will fund that position.
- Nassau's Senior Life magazine has been published listing over 100 classes.
- Nassau is awaiting the Governor's approval of their \$300,000 request for hiring staff to work in the kitchen and to prepare meals.

#### *Flagler*

Barbara Solomon and Bernie Fitzgerald are new members. A lot of information was given in orientation and Barbara being new to the Council, has no idea how and what she should be doing or what is expected of Council members. She noted that an ice breaker or introductions at the beginning of the meeting would help in getting familiar with each member.

*The chair took the opportunity at this point to allow members to go around the room and introduce themselves.*

#### *Duval*

Curlene Wims is concerned about the number of Arcade Gaming Centers in her neighborhood and how it is contributing to crime. She noted that the media has recently focused attention to this issue and she is glad. Curlene attended the Medical Mission at Home, held at the Prime Osborn Center. This event was sponsored by St. Vincent's and she thought it was a great event that was highly attended. Unfortunately, she did not get a chance to visit the ElderSource table.

#### *Clay*

No representation.

#### *Baker*

Michael Ballenger reported on the following topics:

- Baker County is in dire need of a senior center. They are currently using a very old building in downtown Macclenny. The Council on Aging in Baker has established a goal of 2.5 million dollars to build a new senior center. With the new transportation center, Michael feels that a senior center could be built next to it because of the land and parking availability. Mike is open to suggestions for raising this amount of money.

- Baker County’s transportation system is working well and Michael suggested that Al Abbatiello contact them for information.

The following is a list of suggestions that were voiced by the newer Council members:

- Working together rather than individually
- Advocate for Senior Center (establish new one in Daytona Beach)
- Form a Council on Aging (COA)
- How to get a COA to cover Daytona Beach
- Create a “Go Fund Me Page”
- Bring in teenagers to teach elders how to use: cell phone, computers, tablets, any electronic items

Andrea explained to the Council that we would list their questions presented today and respond at a later date with information.

**Old Business**

There was no old business.

**New Business**

There was no new business.

**Meeting Adjourned at 2:05 PM**

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

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

**Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_**  
**Albert Abbatiello**