

ElderSource Advisory Council Meeting

Thursday October 15, 2020

12:30 PM

ElderSource Zoom Room

Jacksonville, Florida

Call-In Number: 1-929 436-2866

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AGENDA

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| 1. Call to Order | Cheryl Jefferson, Chair |
| 2. Signatures – In-kind Match & Travel Vouchers | Cheryl Jefferson, Chair |
| 3. Roll Call – Sherry Holmes, Administrative Assistant | Sherry Holmes, Admin. Asst. |
| 4. Approval of Council Minutes (Meeting August 20, 2020) | Cheryl Jefferson, Chair |
| 5. Slate of Officers 2021 | Ashley Jennings, Chair
Nominating Committee |
| 6. Area Plan | Janet Dickinson, Planner |
| 7. Client Satisfaction Surveys | Janet Dickinson, Planner |
| 8. County Reports | |
| Volusia | |
| St. Johns | |
| Nassau | |
| Flagler | |
| Duval | |
| Clay | |
| Baker | |
| 9. Old Business | |
| 10. New Business | |
| 11. Date of Next Meeting – December 3, 2020 at 12:30 PM | |
| 12. Adjourn | Cheryl Jefferson, 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 August 20, 2020
12:30 PM**

Via Zoom

Present

Cheryl Jefferson, Chair– Duval
Pamela Sanders, Co-Chair - Baker
Patricia McDonald – Baker
Diane Eckert – Clay
Janet Joiner – Clay
Steve Taylor – Clay
Curlene Wims – Duval
Bernie Fitzgerald – Flagler
Ashley Jennings – Volusia
Frances Chew – Volusia
Hortense Geter – Volusia

Staff and Guests

Linda Levin, CEO
Nancy Tufts, VP of Planning and Programs
Sherry Holmes, Administrative Assistant
Dr. Standralyn Terry, Guest

Absent

Lesa Lee Dike – Baker
Earnest Berrian – Duval
Ingrid Montgomery – Duval
Barbara Solomon – Flagler
Caryn Prather – Flagler
Bernadette Ricks – Nassau
Janice Ancrum – Nassau
Albert Abbatiello – St. Johns (Excused)
Jerry Thompson – St. Johns

Meeting Called To Order

Cheryl Jefferson called the meeting to order at 12:32 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 June 18, 2020 meeting was made by Bernie Fitzgerald and seconded by Ashley Jennings. Motion passed unanimously.

Census Presentation

Dr. Standralyn Terry, is the 2020 Census Coordinator with the Nonprofit Center of Northeast Florida. Dr. Terry works with nonprofit organizations whose primary focus is on hard to count populations. This would include the elderly, households with very young children, people who are unstably housed, people without regular access to the internet, those who have foster children and many other populations who have been historically undercounted in the decennial census. She noted that working with this particular population is crucial to increase awareness about the census and to improve our self-response rate to the census. More than one-third of Florida's General Revenue comes from federal aid. That is roughly 25.5 billion dollars in funding and nonprofits are the delivery mechanism for much of that assistance. Dr. Terry emphasized that without an accurate census, the residents of Florida and particularly Duval County could be denied full funding that we deserve and need. For every person that we miss in the census, our community misses out on roughly \$1,400 per person, per year in funding. We want to make the best use of our voices and make sure that the census is available to everyone and that all of our senior citizens are able to access and understand the importance of it because it is directly impacting services that they require and that organizations such as ElderSource are providing. We want everyone to understand the importance of completing the census and to make sure they understand how they can complete the census.

Linda followed up with how important it is for the elders of our seven counties to complete the census. That information is used in calculating formulas for funding of all kinds of programs, including those programs that are funded by ElderSource e.g. Older Americans Act (OAA), Community Care for the Elderly (CCE), etc. All of our funding is based on population data. Showing growing numbers of older adults and certain populations of older adults, would have a positive impact on our funding.

Linda noted that when people do not answer the census and are still present in our community, our funding is shifted. It goes somewhere else or is not increased. We will not be able to address the growing need. We need the help of the Advisory Council to help inform members of their communities, encouraging their participation.

Open Positions

Bernie Fitzgerald, volunteered for the Secretary position. Steve Taylor, Ashley Jennings and Patricia McDonald, volunteered for the Nominating Committee positions. Linda informed these volunteers that an email will be sent to schedule a meeting regarding the membership slate for 2020-2021.

Topics for Live Chats

Linda Levin, informed the group that ElderSource is partnering with AARP to host live chats with older adults for approximately 30-40 minutes on Facebook live. These will be recorded sessions, available for viewing on a variety of topics once a month around lunch time. "Let's do Lunch" is the title of the program. Linda stated that the hope is for an interesting, lively and engaging chat, giving older adults during this time of COVID and isolation something to tune into and to learn from. Linda asked the group for suggestions on topics that could be discussed. She explained that resources would be shared after the chats and people would be able to contact us for more information. Suggestions for topics were:

- Physical activity and meditation.
- Speaker on Dementia and Alzheimer's.
- Visual impairment and independent living.

- Caregiving and caring for the caregiver and fraud.
- Seniors living alone and enhancing their lives, managing life as a single person and available resources for seniors during this COVID crisis.

Area Plan

Nancy Tufts informed the committee that the Area Plan is an Older Americans Act (OAA) requirement. Every three years ElderSource creates a new plan and in between years we do an update. This year we are required to do an update and because of COVID there are only minor updates required. Nancy gave the group an update on what was done this year that we will be providing to the Department of Elder Affairs (DOEA).

Nancy highlighted the sections that were updated:

- *Update Board Members and Funding Sources* – Information was changed.
- *Targeting and Outreach* – Each provider has to deliver their plan for outreach activities that they will do in the upcoming year. This year was a little different because of COVID. The in-person outreaches had to be transitioned to virtual. We included what was provided last year and got ideas from the providers about how they will do it next year.
- *Unmet Need* – This area remains consistent from year to year. Areas such as access to health care, transportation, mental health needs, and caregiver support. This year we added the unmet need surrounding COVID. Congregate meal sites are closed, adult day care centers are not opened with the exception of one or two. Caregivers feeling additional stress and individuals no longer able to go away for the day and participate in activities are under stress.
- *Response that has taken place: Cares Act Funding* from the Federal Government through the Department of Elder Affairs (DOEA) and how much providers have responded to the need for nutrition in their communities for seniors. Providers also implemented programs such as Telephone Reassurance.
- *Direct Service Waivers* – This last section of the Area Plan is resubmitting the Direct Service Waivers that were previously approved because they have to be submitted each year. Most of these updates are related to COVID.

The most recent approved Area Plan can be found on the Board Portal.

Motion

A motion to accept the Area Plan update as presented by staff was made by Bernie Fitzgerald and seconded by Pamela Sanders. Motion was unanimously approved.

County Reports

Baker

Pamela Sanders

- Pamela noted that there has been a big COVID outbreak in the nursing home and in the County Correctional facility. The Council on Aging is not up yet.

Patricia McDonald

- Patricia informed the group of a website: hometownjournal.org that is updated daily and a resource for free mental health counseling due to COVID, utility assistance and other resources.

Clay

Steve Taylor

- Steve is concerned about the Council on Aging having a back log in trying to get meals on wheels as well as trying to find locations for food pantries. There is a great need in this area.

Diane Eckert

- Diane noted that the Shepherd Center is not up yet but they are doing online services. The AMC movie theater has opened.

Duval

Nothing to report at this time.

Flagler

Bernie Fitzgerald

- Bernie noted that his agency Senior Helpers has received a lot of phone calls for assistance with groceries. The agency will start collecting food items for redistribution to seniors in need of groceries.

Nassau

No Representation

St. Johns

No representation.

Volusia

Frances Chew

Frances emailed her information. Midtown Oasis gave Care packages with roasted chicken, fruits and snacks to 80 seniors on July 3, 2020. She refers Hortense to places that are having food drops weekly.

Frances noted that Claudia Edwards is awaiting an update on the assessment she had with ElderSource last month. Claudia is an acquaintance who recently had lung surgery and will be leaving the hospital on tomorrow. She has no family here to assist her. Frances will follow-up with Claudia on her progress.

Hortense Geter

This information was emailed by Frances Chew. Hortense has referred 10 people to the Council on Aging for meals. She refers Frances to places that are having food drops weekly.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Meeting Adjourned at 1:09 PM

Minutes prepared by Sherry Holmes, Administrative Assistant

These minutes were adopted by vote of this Advisory Council on _____.
(Date)

Secretary: _____

Albert Abbatiello

Advisory Council Nominating/Membership Committee
10688 Old St Augustine Rd
Tuesday September 29, 2020
9:00 AM

Present

Ashley Jennings, Acting Chair
Patricia McDonald
Steve Taylor
Cheryl Jefferson

Staff

Linda Levin
Sherry Holmes

Meeting Called To Order

The meeting was called to order by Ashley Jennings at 9:08 AM.

The purpose of this meeting was to select the leadership candidates for the 2021 slate of officers.
The committee decided on the following:

Chair – Cheryl Jefferson
Past Chair – Pamela Sanders
Vice Chair – Bernie Fitzgerald
Secretary – Steve Taylor

A motion was made to accept the nominees for the 2021 slate of officers to the Advisory Council. Motion passed unanimously.

The nominees will be presented to the Advisory Council at the next meeting on October 15, 2020.

There was no further business for discussion and the meeting was adjourned.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:18 AM

Minutes prepared by Sherry Holmes, Administrative Assistant