

CHATHAM COUNTY COUNCIL ON AGING

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MARCH 30, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kathy Meredith, Michael Nowicki, Kalyan Ghosh, Kathy Brommage, Jim Hackney, David Marty, Louis Forrasi, Jim Wall, Stephanie Faris, Emily Foushee, Larry Ross

MEMBERS ABSENT: Tamara Patterson, Nansi Greger-Holt

COA STAFF: Sadie McLaurin, Dennis Streets, Brett Moraes

GUESTS: Kirby Ellis, Pam Watrous, (Cara Coppola, Angela Birchett representing the Chatham Planning Department)

Larry Ross called the meeting to order at 5:35pm.

- Overview of the **Chatham Comprehensive Plan** with focus on the implications for Chatham seniors and their families. Discussion focused on demographical data and economic issues facing workers who commute outside Chatham County, lack of affordable housing, projections of population growth to 2035, etc. Discussion centered on senior health care, and how the plan could be extended to include the goal of keeping seniors in their homes. There were multiple questions and comments from Board members, including the basis for data used in the Plan and the suggestion of considering the implications of low-, medium- and high-growth projections. Dennis said that he would add the Board comments to those he had already prepared for submission to the County Planning Office.
- Dennis reviewed activities, including **grant applications** outstanding, from previous month. He discussed the May 21st fundraiser at Carolina Meadows with Tony Williamson. Advertising has gone out, dinner and sponsorship tickets nearly sold out (except for hold back tickets for Carolina Meadows). Dennis asked all Board members to identify how they could help support the May 21st fundraiser, including securing at least one item that could be used at silent auction. Kathy Brommage encouraged Board members to assist with securing sponsorships (general and event-specific).

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- Board members shared what they had done in support of the COA mission in February.
- February **minutes** approved on motion by Mike, seconded by David.
- Committee Work:

Nominating Committee—David Marty introduced Kirby Ellis and Pam Watrous who are considering applying for the Board. David also indicated another candidate is being interviewed as well. He said it was time to review the By-laws and said that Dennis would be sending this to the Board for their review and comment in advance of the next meeting. David also mentioned that he is working on a draft charter for each of the Board committees.

Finance and Audit Committee—Jim Hackney presented the abbreviated financial and income statement. Fund balances have grown YTD due in part to a decline in expenses associated with specific programs and salaries/wages. He reviewed the notes from the Finance Committee, highlighting the Edwards Jones account, risk management (background checks), monitoring COA's presence on social media, and plans for drafting next year's budget.

Programs and Services Committee—Kathy Meredith shared that the RFB for in-home aide and transportation is underway. Brett indicated that 18 home care agencies had been contacted and showed some interest. Kathy mentioned that the committee had reviewed units of service. She mentioned that any client complaints that come to COA would be considered by the committee.

Marketing and Fundraising Committee—Mike Nowicki indicated that the April 4th Giving Party that he and Kalyan had planned to sponsor would be cancelled due to lack of interest among those that they had contacted. Mike and Kalyan will redirect their support to the May 21st event.

- In **other business**, Dennis discussed the possibility of approval of our application for the Capstone Program at UNC for graduate students to help build a comprehensive plan for aging in Chatham County. If selected, COA will outline a program of research and development, with

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student input, which may begin in September, 2017. Once built, this plan would supplement the Chatham County Comprehensive Plan.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20pm.

THE NEXT BOARD MEETING WILL BE ON APRIL 27th AT THE WESTERN CHATHAM SENIOR CENTER IN SILER CITY AT 5:30pm.