

MEETING DATE: September 23, 2016
SUMMARY OF: N.C. Coalition on Aging Annual Meeting

FROM:

RECORDED BY: Marty Lamb

TO:	D I S T R I B U T I O N	PARTICIPANTS IN ATTENDANCE: Albright Jennifer, Autumn's Way Care Home Altman Heather, Carol Woods Appert Karen, Appert Marketing Group Arendt Valerie, NASW, NC Atkins Trudy, AARP Baxter Anita, Meals on Wheels NC Bearon Luci, NCSU Dept, of Ag and Human Sciences Bethel Mary, President Black Heather, United Way of North Carolina Black Suzanne, AARP Borer Amanda, Charles House Association Bowman Bristol, NCSU MSW graduate student with AIP initiative Boyd Kathy, NASW, NC Brannock Kristen, Resources for Seniors, Inc. Brewer Karen E., NC Assisted Living Assoc. Burkhardt Heather, NC Division of Aging and Adult Services Carle Brian, NC Assisted Living Assoc. Castillo Kay, NASW, NC Cheek Janet, Life Links Cloud Randolph, Randolph Cloud and Associates/We Work for Health Colvard Tracy, Association for Home and Hospice Care Cottengim David, Resources for Seniors, Inc. Cowell Mariah, NASW, NC Crawford Dot, Pioneer Award Honoree Crawford Thomas, Guest Crawford Tom, Guest Doughty Sarah, UNC-CH School of Nursing Edwards Mary, NC Division of Aging and Adult Services Fowler Martha, SEANC Freyer Allen, NC Justice Center Friedland Dr. Robert, Keynote Speaker Geller Les, SAGE Raleigh Glazier Rick, NC Justice Center Goldsmith Thomas, NC Health News Hahn Steve, AARP Hatch Dee, Older Women's League Hatch Dick, Access Dental Care Helmar Susan, Student Johnson Alfred, SEANC Jones Delores, SEANC Kirkman Margaret, NC Adult Foster Care Association Lamb Marty, Older Women's League Lamb William, Friends of Residents in LTC Lewis Amanda, Life Links Litman David, NC Division of Services for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Litman Interpreter, NC Division of Services for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Litman Interpreter, NC Division of Services for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Martin Suzanne Merrill Suzanne, NC Division of Aging and Adult Services Mitchell Tazra, NC Justice Center Nortonen Erin Obiol Carla, NC Dept. of Insurance
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Olson Elizabeth
 Orija Victor, NC Division of Aging and Adult Services
 Rowe Bill, NC Justice Center
 Ruffner Nancy, NAVIGATE NC
 Savage Helen, Center for Responsible Lending
 Scott Richard, Governor's Advisory Council on Aging
 Sevier Catherine, AARP
 Shaw Linda, NC PACE Association
 Sirota Alexandra, NC Justice Center
 Toman Margaret, Friends of Residents in LTC
 Townsend Cara, AARP
 Troup Garman
 Troup Teresa Johnson, NC Adult Day Services Association
 Tyler Janice, NC Association on Aging
 Upchurch Gina, Senior PharmASSIST Inc.
 Uribe Laura, MSW student NCSU
 VanHecke Marsha, The Carolinas Center
 Warren Mary, NC Association of Area Agencies on Aging
 White Betsy, Access Dental Care
 Williams Polly, NC Justice Center
 Winstead Alan, Meals on Wheels NC
 Woodard Tiffany, SEANC
 Zachary Ciara, NC Justice Center

OBJECTIVE OF THE MEETING: to review accomplishments for year, to share over a meal, to elect new officers for coming year, to provide recognitions and awards, to hear national speaker on perspective, to elect new officers

******PROGRESS AND DECISIONS******
What key decisions were made during the meeting?

SUBJECT	
Introductions Speakers Comments Elections of Officers	<p>Mary Bethel called the meeting to order and thanked and recognized the annual meeting sponsors. She called attention to the handouts and their content. She addressed what a rough week it has been in the state with incidents in Charlotte and with flooding in North Carolina. There was a moment of silence. She briefed the group on some of the accomplishments of the Coalition, recognized the officers, provided an update on membership and the Coalition's budget, shared that 58 e-mails and 19 Updates were distributed during the year, reported on the day at the legislature that was held in May and on actions with legislative and Congressional members. She also noted the focus on increasing the awareness of aging issues and noted that nine membership meetings with good speakers were held during the last year in addition to this annual meeting. She remarked that the Coalition has been invited to have representation on numerous committees and advisory committees this year. She hopes that the Coalition is viewed as a good means of staying informed about what is going on related to aging in the state.</p> <p>Bill Lamb, immediate Past President and Chair of the Nominating Committee, provided the Nominating Committee report. He thanked Mary for all she has done for the Coalition this year. There are four officers with staggered terms. Allen has agreed to serve again as treasurer for a second term. Kay Castillo is rotating off as Vice-President. Janice Tyler is nominated for the Vice-President and has accepted the nomination. No other nominations were offered from the floor. Dick Hatch moved that the nominations be accepted, and they were.</p>
Pioneer Award	<p>Dot Crawford was recognized at the first recipient of the new Pioneer Award given by the Coalition. She has been active and engaged in aging issues in the state for over 6 decades. A list of her many accomplishments were shared including the fact that she has been a professional volunteer for 32</p>

Keynote
Speaker

years. She served 8 years on the state mental health commission and has been active with SHIP and AARP. She received the state AARP Andrus award for community service. She was a charter member of the Senior Tar Heel Legislature and a former Speaker of the group. Her counsel has been sought by many. Her positive outlook on life and her refrain of "Keep on keeping on" were noted. In accepting the Award, she remarked that she considers herself a protégé of Ellen Winston, a leading proponent of community based services, and that she believes in cooperation and collaboration. Following the Award presentation, pictures were taken.

Mary introduced Dr. Robert D. Friedlander from Georgetown University as the keynote speaker. He spoke on "Politics, Policy, and People: The Future of Supportive Care." Highlights from his presentation included: He indicated that Coalitions like this are essential. The opportunities that are lost if not members of a coalition are many. It's a part of the fabric of living in our society. He finds people in other countries are interested in our process. By 2050, the need for personal care will more than double. 72,000 persons last year celebrated birthdays over 100. Many people will need some type of help. There is concern about dementia. We'll have to become much more resourceful about how to meet needs. The onus is on the family, and families are not prepared. We should be able to define fixes. Then there is hope. We can make it more family centered. We pay for it, just not in one line item. We pay for it in so many ways and through user fees. He hopes the risks can be pooled for Medicare and Medicaid. Most people are unaware. They are too busy caring for others and are too tired to consider lobbying. Misdirection has become an essential part of political campaigns. We should demand politicians develop policies, during primary season, not on Monday [the Presidential debates were to be held the Monday after his presentation]. Suggestions for our group are: (1) Misdirect the pollsters. Do NOT tell them who you plan to vote for. Make your party work for your vote. Tell what's important. (2) Try to reward media sources that help you to understand. Give reporters more strength. We need them to challenge us. Hold real debates and discussion. The nexus between long term care and acute care have not been part of the public discussion. Control of Medicare expenditures is best defined by level of care. There is variation from state to state regarding what's paid for. Are people really that different from one another based on the state in which they live? Economic growth has been anemic. Policy response is needed in response to the great recession. It took a long time to unwind all the layers of debt associated with a home crisis. Legislative change regarding financial markets is a concern. Special interests have been able to influence. Over 30 years there has been a shift in views of government. At worst, previously government was seen as an inefficient force of good. Now at worst, government is seen as evil. Small share of economic income was going to the poor, and middle class was growing. The rich do better when the middle class is doing better as well. This trend has changed, however. The odds of having employment isn't what it was 60 years ago. More people are worried and anxious. This leads to real anger. Racism, ageism, and sexism only exacerbate as merit is seen as less relevant. In trade policy, the words "Make America great again" are dangerous. We're not even discussing the right questions. Movement of capital is across the globe. What policy changes can help? Demand political leaders express their vision in a way connected with policy changes. We need deliberate forums. What are policy choices and why they prefer certain choices needs to be considered. What do we mean by "the common good?" Living well? It will be hard for anyone to repeal the law of Obamacare. Build cases. The GI bill worked in so many ways. Earned energy tax credits would be good, but is not as of yet getting traction. Opportunities occur occasionally. Be prepared.

At the end of his remarks, Mary thanked Dr. Friedland for being with us and for giving us a lot to think about. A brief Q&A was held.

Announce-
ments

Coalition members were invited to share announcements:

Linda Shaw, NC PACE Association. - The Governor declared September as PACE month in North Carolina and a lot of activities have taken place throughout the month and more are planned.

Bill Lamb – Friends of Residents in Long Term Care has a fund raising party at the Advocates for Justice Building on October 22. Everyone is invited to attend.

Suzanne LeFollette Black , AARP – Invited everyone to look at AARP voters' guide on AARP.org/nc. and to join AARP's celebration in honor of veterans on Nov. 12th at the Battleship North Carolina in Wilmington.

Mary announced that the next Coalition meeting will be on Oct. 28th at 10:00 a.m. at the NC Division and Adult Services.

Mary closed the meeting by thanking everyone for their support of the Coalition and their attendance at the annual meeting.

HANDOUTS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agenda, President's Status Report, Profile of Pioneer Award Winner and Keynote Speaker, Materials from We Work for Health and AARP 		
****NEXT MEETING****		
Who	Assignments	WHEN
Day / Date / Time	WHAT	Where
10:00am until 12 noon	Next Coalition meeting	DAAS on Dix campus at Division of Aging and Adult Services