

MEETING DATE: March 24, 2017

SUMMARY OF: NC Coalition on Aging Meeting

RECORDED BY: Marty Lamb, Secretary

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**In attendance:**

Melinda Munden, NCDOI-SHIIP  
Carol Meyer, Carolinas Ct. for Hospice and End of Life Care  
Leslie Roseboro, Leading Age  
Tom Akins, Leading Age  
Lee Geller, SAGE Raleigh  
Teresa Johnson Troup, N.C. Adult Day Services Association  
Susan Helmer, Friends of Residents in LTC  
Nancy Warren, N.C Partnership to Address Adult Abuse  
Heather Burkhardt, NC DAAS  
Patti Sacchetti, Friends of Residents in LTC  
Alex Johnson, AARP NC  
Suzanne Merrill, NC DAAS  
Carla Obiol, Care4Carolina  
Dee Hatch, Individual Member  
Dick Hatch, Individual Member  
Richard Scott, Governor's Advisory Council on Aging  
Catherine Goldman, Wake County Human Services  
Nancy Smith, NC Adult Foster Care Association/Wake County  
Chandra Henson, NC Adult Foster Care Association  
Margaret Kirkman, NC Adult Foster Care Association  
Karen Brewer, NC Assisted Living Association  
Eric Kivisto, NC Health Care Facilities Association  
Roger Manus, Campbell Un. Law School Senior Law Clinic  
Elizabeth Thueme, Campbell Law Student  
Leah Proctor, United Way NC 2-1-1  
Susan Meador, The Center for Volunteer Caregiving  
Alan Winstead, Meals on Wheels NC  
Beth Oakley, N.C. Association Long Term Care Facilities  
David Litman, NC DSDHH  
Bill Rowe, N.C. Justice Center  
Van Braxton, NCDOI-SHIIP  
Margaret Toman, Consumer and Friends or Residents in LTC  
Bill Lamb, Friends of Residents in LTC  
Mary Bethel, President of Coalition  
Sandy Gregory, NC BAM  
Mary Edwards, NC DAAS  
Charmaine Fuller Cooper, AARP NC

**On phone:**

Pat Martin, Johnston County Community Senior Services  
Gina Upchurch, Senior PHARMassist  
Calvin Vaughan, NC Senior Center Alliance  
Heather Altman, Carol Woods CCRC  
Tracy Colvard, Association for Home and Hospice Care of NC

	<p>Kristen Brannock, Resources for Seniors  Amanda Borer, Charles House  Linda Shaw, NC PACE Association  Polly Williams, Individual Member</p>
<p><b>OBJECTIVE OF THE MEETING</b> : To update each other and plan</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>****PROGRESS AND DECISIONS****</b>  <i>What key decisions were made during the meeting?</i></p>	
<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>SHARING</b>
Review of minutes	<p>Minutes of the February 24, 2017 meeting were approved as submitted.</p>
Treasurer report	<p>The Treasurer report was distributed showing \$12,093.02 balance. Mary said there was also about \$1600 in Pay Pal.</p>
Mary's update	<p>Mary reviewed activity since the last meeting including an update on membership. She thanked those who had renewed their membership since the last meeting and acknowledged new members. New individual members are Dee Hatch, Dick Hatch, Abby Palmer, Shaun Ingersoll and Dot Crawford. New agency/organizational members are the Institute for Family Caregiving, the Food Bank for Central and Eastern NC, the NC Senior Center Alliance, and Wake County Human Services. She reviewed administrative things that have been done and noted written communications that have been sent to members including the March <i>Update</i> and a summary of the Governor's budget proposals related to aging. She summarized legislative advocacy work that is taking place, including individual visits with legislators on our priority issues, and meetings she has participated in and speaking engagements she has done on behalf of the Coalition.</p>
Report from NC DAAS	<p>Suzanne Merrill reported as Division Director. She reviewed key provision in the Governor's budget proposal related to aging. She noted that she and Heather Burkhardt had made a presentation to the House Aging Committee.</p> <p>She announced that there are several new DHHS leaders: Susan Perry-Manning is the new Deputy Secretary for Human Services. She had been head of the NC Early Childhood Foundation. Michael Becketts will be the new Assistant Secretary for Social Services. He will report to Perry-</p>

	<p>Manning and DAAS will “fall” under him. Mark Benton is Dept. Secretary for Health and Kristin Link-Young is the Deputy Secretary for Policy and Operations. Walker Wilson has been hired as Chief Policy Officer.</p> <p>There are no new hires in the Division of Aging and Adult Services, but they are working on filling vacant positions. The first Alzheimer’s Coalition meeting was March 20. The Special Assistance Plan that a workgroup has been working on is due April 1.</p> <p>Mary reviewed the President’s Budget proposals pertaining to aging issues and noted developments related to the American Health Care Act. Alex Johnson with AARP NC commented on issues of concern with the Health Care Act and distributed a script for making calls in opposition to the Act. He can be reached at <a href="mailto:alejohanson@aarp.org">alejohanson@aarp.org</a> for questions. Tom Aiken with LeadingAge spoke on the Medicare Observation issue and HR 1425 and S 568 legislation (“if your head is on the bed at midnight you are considered admitted”). Van Braxton NC DOI/SHIIP commented on the Medicare MOON provision and also about the fact that new Medicare cards issued will no longer have a person’s Social Security number on them. He also updated everyone on SHIIP funding. The SHIIP budget year goes from April 1-March 31. They have funding for the current year but the status of funding for FY18 is very uncertain.</p>
<p>Update on Federal Developments</p>	<p>Mary shared information about what is going on at the General Assembly related to aging issues, including reviewing bills that have been introduced. She passed around a copy of HB 248, Establish Aging Subcommittee in Joint LOC HHS, which is a priority of the Coalition. She called on Coalition members to share information about bills they are working on. Charmaine Fuller Cooper with AARP NC shared that they had CARE Act bills introduced in both the House and Senate which ensures persons in a hospital can identify a family caregiver and prior to discharge, the hospital has to inform the family caregiver that the person is going home and provide instructions for care at home. HB456 establishes mandatory dementia care training.</p>
<p>Aging Related Bill in General Assembly</p>	<p>Kay Castillo is chairing this workgroup which has been meeting and talking about the future direction of the Coalition. A short survey will be sent soon to those on the Coalition’s e-mail list to ascertain their input about what they like about the Coalition and ideas for direction.</p>
<p>Workgroup on Direction of the Coalition</p>	<p>Teresa Johnson Troup spent considerable time sharing information about the Coalition’s upcoming Day at the</p>
<p>Day at the Legislature</p>	

**Organizational  
Announcements**

Legislature and the logistics and details for this. The Day is scheduled for April 4 and we will be "stationed in the 1200 quadrant of the Legislative Building. The theme this year is "Aging Together." She needs to know who is coming and in what capacity and where people are coming from. She particularly needs to know who plans to make visits with legislators so everyone can be assigned to a team. Teams will go to every legislator's office to share information on our priorities. There will be a leader of each team to help direct efforts. Team leads identified so far were recognized.

There will be a number of fun things going on in the 1200 quadrant including an Aging Photo Booth. Coalition members will also be available there to share materials and to talk with people who have questions or need information. Set up should be done by 9:00 am. Everyone is asked to wear a dark blue or black shirt.

The Governor's Advisory Council on Aging meets March 28.

AARP has several legislative days scheduled including one on May 10 with a theme of "It's Cool to Age.

Carol Meyer with The Carolinas Center announced that the NC Partnership for Compassionate Care is planning a statewide event and April 16 is National Health Care Decision Day.

Nancy Warren announced that the NC Partnership to Address Adult Abuse will have its annual conference on May 17 at the NC Judicial Center.

Bill Lamb with Friends of Residents in Long Term Care shared that the stakeholders group on adult care homes has developed their recommendations and they are currently being reviewed by DHHS.

Amanda Borer announced that the new Workforce Coalition had its first meeting and about 20 people participated in person or by phone. The next meeting is April 21. She shared that Sen. Tillis may do a field hearing in western NC in September or October on workforce issues.

Calvin Vaughan noted that there are 163 senior centers in the state.

**Next meeting of  
Coalition**

The next meeting of the Coalition is scheduled for April 28 in the Brown Building on the Dix campus.

	<b>Note : A set of keys was found in the meeting room after the meeting. If these are yours, please see Mary Bethel.</b>

<b>HANDOUTS</b>		
Agenda, and treasurer reports, minutes		
<b>Who</b>	<b>Assignments</b>	<b>WHEN</b>
Mary	Send out updates and coordinate efforts for our next Coalition meeting.	Soon
Allen	Keep finances in order	ongoing
Marty	Will route draft minutes to Mary	Soon

<b>****NEXT MEETING****</b>		
<b>Day / Date / Time</b>	<b>WHAT</b>	<b>Where</b>
May 19, 2017 10 AM	Next Coalition Meeting	Brown Building Dix campus