

ANNUAL MEETING/LINCHEON N.C. Coalition on Aging
Friday September 22, 2017

In attendance:

Julia Adams-Scheurich, Oak City Government Relations
Jennifer Albright, Autumn's Way Care Home
Heather Altman, Carol Woods Retirement Community
Karen Appert, Southern Gerontological Society
Ed Appert, Spouse
Robert Aquilino, Partnership in Aging Process
Anne Arndt, SAGE Raleigh
Anita Baxter, Meals on Wheels of Wake County
Mary Bethel, President
Tina Blake, Vitalink
Hank Bowers, DAAS
Kristen Brannock, Resources for Seniors
Karen Brewer, NC Assisted Living Association
Samantha Capps, NCSU student
Tod Carver, NCSU student
Kay Castillo, NASW NC
Christine Clarke, UNC Chapel Hill Geriatrics
Randolph Cloud, We Work for Health
David Cottengin, Retiree/Resources for Seniors
Lacey Cottingham, NCSU student
Lee Covington, Senior Services (Winston-Salem)
Barden Culbreth, We Work For Health
Huntley Cuthrell, Retire Triangle NC
DHHS interpreter
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Nicole Dozier, N.C. Justice Center
Evelyn Duranez, Polly Williams' daughter
Audrey Edmisten, DAAS
Mary Edwards, DAAS
Theresa Floegel, ECU College of Nursing
Nancy Fracise, NC PACE Association
Neal Goodwin, SAGE Raleigh
Charles Gray, Transitions Life Care
Sandi Gray-Terry, Concierge Elder Care
Sandy Gregory, NC Baptist Aging Ministry/NCAOA
Jullian Hardin, Kerr Tar Council of Government's AAA
Shirley Harrings, Guest of Dick and Dee Hatch
Dick Hatch, Honoree
Dee Hatch, Honoree
Chandra Henson, Catawba County/NC Adult Foster Care Assoc.
Scott Herrick, Alzheimer's Association
Rose Hoban, North Carolina Health News

Jeff Horton, NC Assoc. of Long Term Care Facilities
Rev. Dr. Joseph Jones, Spouse
Dr. Jim Johnson, Guest Speaker from UNC Kenan-Flagler Business School
Sharon Kilpatrick, SAGE Raleigh
Margaret Kirkman, NC Adult Foster Care Association
Hannah Klassar, Campbell student
Bill Lamb, Friends of Residents in Long Term Care/Past President
Marty Lamb, Secretary
Cooper Linton, Transitions Life Care
David Littman, Division of Services for Deaf and Hard of Hearing
Roger Manus, Campbell Senior Law Clinic/Governor's Advisory Council on Aging
Pat Martin, Johnston County Community Sr. Services
Suzanne Martin, NC Oral Health Collaborative
Suzanne Merrill, DAAS
Frances Messer, NC Assisted Living Association
Erin Nortonen, LifeLinks
Carla Obiol, Care4Carolina
Pam Palmer, Triangle J Council of Government
Ana Pardo, NC Justice Center
Jimmy Parker, STHL
Joan Pelletier, NC Partnership to Address Adult Abuse
Kelly Peterson, NASW NC Intern
Rosalyn Pettyford, Retiree/NC Guardianship Assoc.
Ashley Price, Triangle J Council of Governments
Victoria Purser, Union Co. Senior Nutrition
Kathe Rauch, SAGE Raleigh
Irene Reville, Social Worker
Nathan Robinson, Woodland Terrace Senior Living
Leslie Roseboro, LeadingAge NC
Zulayka Santiago, NC Oral Health Collaborative
Linda Shaw, NC PACE Association
George Smith, STHL
Dr. Althea Taylor-Jones, STHL
Luis Tolodo, NC Justice Center
Margaret Toman, Friends of Residents in Long Term Care
Garmin Troup, Retiree/Spouse
Teresa Johnson Troup, Oak Hill Living Center
Janice Tyler, Orange Co. Dept. on Aging/Vice-President
Joseph Wheeler, SAGE Raleigh
Betsy White, ACCESS Dental Care
Meike Wiest, LifeLinks
Polly Williams, Honoree
Alan Winstead, Meals on Wheels NC/Treasurer
Intae Yoon, NCSU student

The annual meeting/luncheon of the NC Coalition on Aging was held at the NC State University Club. Mary Bethel, President, called the meeting to order a few minutes after 12:00 noon and welcomed everyone in attendance. She noted a role of the Coalition is to bring people with an interest in aging together. She had attendees take time to introduce themselves to one or more people they did not know. Next, she thanked all those who had helped with registration and recognized the four sponsors (We Work for Health, the NC Assisted Living Association, LeadingAge NC, and AARP NC) and their representatives in attendance and thanked them for their support. She also recognized Suzanne Merrill, Director of the NC Division of Aging and Adult Services, and her staff present and thanked them for their support this year. She noted that apologies were due our Jewish members as we had mistakenly scheduled this meeting during the time of a Jewish holiday. She also asked that we take a moment to remember those who had experienced the devastation of the recent natural disasters. Lunch was then served.

After the lunch, Mary gave the President's report on the state of the Coalition on Aging which summarized highlights of the Coalition's activities and accomplishments the past year. In so doing, she discussed six focus areas of the Coalition: strengthen the Coalition as an organization, enhance regular communications with members, advocate on behalf of our priority issues, raise awareness about aging, convene nine regular meetings a year, and enhance the visibility of the Coalition. A copy of the handout she shared is attached.

Alan Winstead who served as chair of the Nominating Committee was recognized to present the report from the Committee. It was noted that every two years, two of the four officers of the Coalition are up for re-election or roll off because they have served four consecutive years, the maximum allowed in an office without interruption. Alan acknowledged the other two members of the Committee – Dick Hatch and Tracy Colvard – and then reported that the Committee presented the names of Mary Bethel to continue as President and Marty Lamb to continue as Secretary. He asked for nominations from the floor and there were none. He called for a vote on the recommended slate of officers and following a second they were approved without objection. Mary, who had stepped aside, returned to the podium and expressed appreciation for the vote of those present. She thanked Alan, Dick, and Tracy for their service.

Mary next called on Bill Lamb, the Annual Meeting/Luncheon Planning Committee Chair, to present the Pioneer Awards. Bill recognized the three honorees: Polly Williams, Dee Hatch, and Dick Hatch. He noted their many contributions and thanked them for their many years of advocacy on behalf of aging issues and leadership in the Coalition. (A copy of a profile of each nominee is attached). Each honoree made brief remarks. In closing his comments, Bill thanked the other members of the Planning Committee – Janice Tyler and Heather Altman. Mary also thanked the honorees and the Committee members.

Mary recognized Janice Tyler, Coalition Vice-President, who introduced the keynote speaker, Dr. Jim Johnson, the UNC Kenan-Flagler Business School's William R. Kenan Jr. Distinguished Professor for Strategy and Entrepreneurship and the Director of the Urban Investment Strategies Center. Dr. Johnson spoke on Vulnerable Older Adults and the Challenges of Aging in Place. He presented numerous statistics creating a demographic profile of vulnerable older adults, highlighting both the characteristics of the housing units they occupy and their diverse living arrangements. He identified specific barriers and challenges which must be overcome in order

for them to successfully age in place. He then presented a series of policy recommendations and action steps for addressing the problem. (A copy of the presentation PowerPoint is attached). After his remarks, there was a time for questions and answers.

Following the presentation, Mary thanked Dr. Johnson, thanked the sponsors again, and offered a few closing remarks. There were several announcements from the floor and the meeting was adjourned.

Attachments:

- Handout from President's remarks on State of the Coalition
 - Profile of Award honorees
 - PowerPoint from Dr. Johnson's presentation
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