**Minutes of NC Coalition on Aging 2021 Annual Meeting**

**September 24, 2021**

**NC State University Club – Raleigh, NC**

**Records Indicate at Least 126 People Attended in Person or Joined by Zoom Including:**

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| Abby Schwartz | East Carolina University |
| Abigail Quick | NC DHHS Division of Services for Deaf and Hard of Hearing |
| Adam Sholar | NC Health Care Facilities Association |
| Adam Wolk | Alignment Healthcare |
| Aimee Kepler | Triangle J Council of Governments AAA |
| Akua Jackson | Senior Health and Education Partners, PLLC |
| Alan Winstead | Meals on Wheels of Wake County |
| Allison Crossman | The Generations Group |
| Allyse Buck | NCSU Student |
| Dr. Althea Taylor Jones | NC Senior Tar Heel Legislature |
| Amanda Smith | Greene County Department of Social Services |
| Andy Dooly | UnitedHealthcare |
| Angus Twombly | Advance Auto |
| Anne H. Giass | AARP NC |
| Annetta Brown | Upper Coastal Plain Council of Governments AAA |
| Annette Read | Meals on Wheels of Durham |
| Ari Medoff | Arosa Care |
| Art Bethel | Spouse of Award Recipient |
| Bill Lamb | Friends of Residents in Long Term Care/AARP NC |
| Bill Rowe | NC Justice Center |
| Bob Tomasulo | AARP NC |
| Brad Alan | NC Senior Games |
| Brooke Baragona | NC Senior Living Association |
| Brooke Blanton | Wake County Health & Human Services |
| Calvin Dobbins | NC Retired Governmental Employees' Association |
| Carol LeBlanc | AARP NC |
| Carolyn Pennington | Triangle J Council of Governments AAA |
| Dr. Catherine Sevier | The Generations Group/AARP NC |
| Celia Wilson | SEANC |
| Chad Walker | Coalition Board Member, Alignment Healthcare |
| Cheryl Greenberg | AARP NC |
| Cheryl Wilson | NC Senior Living Association |
| Chris Brandenburg | AARP NC |
| Chutimar Altizer | Alignment Healthcare |
| Cole Bradham | Mom's Meals |
| Dr. Consuela Blaizes | Central Piedmont Community College |
| Craig Burrus | Wake County Health & Human Services |
| Dale Neal | Alignment Healthcare |
| Darcy Dye Bowers | Transitions LifeCare |
| David Rosenthal | NC Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing |
| David Sevier | The Generations Group |
| Demarcus Andrews | Center for Responsible Lending |
| Dennis Streets | Chatham County Council on Aging, Award Recipient |
| Rep. Donna White | NC House of Representatives, Award Recipient |
| Deryl Davis Fulmer | NC Retired Governmental Employees' Association |
| Dori Franklin | Daughter of Award Recipient |
| Elizabeth Scott | Wake County Health & Human Services |
| Elizabeth Williams | Mountain Care |
| Ellen Schneider | UNC Center for Aging and Health |
| Eric Kivisto | NC Health Care Facilities Association |
| Grace Shires | ASU Student |
| Guy Brown | NC Alliance for Retired Americans |
| Harold Barnette | Institute for Family Caregiving Inc. |
| Dr. Heather Altman | Harmony Advisors NC |
| Heather Burkhardt | NC Coalition on Aging |
| Jamie Philyaw | UnitedHealthcare |
| Janice Tyler | Coalition Board Member, Orange County Department on Aging |
| Jeanie Schepisi | NC Department of Insurance/SHIIP |
| Jennifer Hubbard | UNC Center for Aging and Health |
| Jennifer Link | Triangle J Council of Governments AAA |
| Jo Paul | NC Department of Insurance/SHIIP |
| Joan Pellettier | Aging Advocate |
| John Gibbons | RHA Health Services |
| John Olmstead | NorCCRA |
| Joyce Massey-Smith | NC Division of Aging and Adult Services |
| Karen Appart | Southern Gerontological Society |
| Karen Brewer | NC Assisted Living Association |
| Kathie Smith | Association for Home an Hospice Care of NC |
| Kathryn Bunn | NC Senior Living Association |
| Kay Castillo | NASW-NC Chapter |
| Kevin Robertson | NC Department of Insurance/SHIIP |
| Dr. Kezia Scales | PHI |
| Koren Harrison | Wake County Health & Human Services |
| Kristen Proctor | NC Senior Living Association |
| Lani Tillar-Smith | Transitions LifeCare |
| Lauren Zingraff | Friends of Residents in Long Term Care |
| Les Geller | SAGE of Central Carolina |
| Lisa Barker | NC Department of Insurance/SHIIP |
| Lisa Riegel | AARP NC |
| Lynette Tolson | NC PACE Association |
| Madeline Rickett | NC Coalition on Aging/UNC CH Intern |
| Mark Dearmon | SEANC |
| Mark Hensley | AARP NC |
| Martha Fowler | Coalition Board Member, SEANC |
| Martha Lamb | Friends of Residents in Long Term Care |
| Mary Bethel | Coalition Board Member, Award Recipient |
| Mary Marlin | Upper Coastal Plain Council of Governments AAA |
| Mary Warren | Triangle J Council of Governments AAA |
| Mary Williams-Stover | Member |
| Melinda Munden | NC Department of Insurance/SHIIP |
| Michael Gonzales | Mom's Meals |
| Mike Olender | AARP NC |
| Morgan Arnold | Meals on Wheels of Wake County |
| Nancy Copeland | AARP NC |
| Nancy Warren | NC Partnership to Address Adult Abuse |
| Paola Learoyd | Randolph Cloud and Associates/We Work for Health |
| Patricia Calloway | Generations Ashe |
| Preston Craddock | Greene County Department of Social Services |
| Randolph Cloud | Randolph Cloud and Associates |
| Ray Riordan | Coalition Board Member |
| Rebecca Freeman | NC Division of Aging and Adult Services |
| Renee Gregory | NC BAM |
| Richard Chady | Third Age NC |
| Richard Rogers | NC Retired Governmental Employees' Association |
| Robert Jackson | Member |
| Dr. Robyn Stone | LeadingAge/Speaker |
| Roger Manus | NC Governor's Advisory Council on Aging |
| Rosalyn Pettyford | Member |
| Rose Hoban | NC Health News |
| Dr. Sandy Gregory | NC BAM |
| Shirley Gerrior | AARP NC |
| Steve Hahn | AARP NC |
| Steve Latus | Hearing Loss Association of America, Wake Chapter |
| Suzanne LaFollette Black | AARP NC, Award Recipient |
| Suzanne Merrill | NC Retired Governmental Employees' Association |
| Tamara Bridges | SEANC |
| Dr. Terrence Lassiter | Senior Health and Education Partners, PLLC |
| Tom Akins | LeadingAge NC |
| Tommy Goldsmith | NC Health News |
| Tony Davis | NC Division of Services for Deaf and Hard of Hearing |
| Tracy Colvard | Coalition Board Member, Maxium Healthcare |
| Trina Thompson-Johnson | LeadingAge NC |
| Valerie Arendt | NASW-NC Chapter |
| Wanda Coley | UnitedHealthcare |
| Wanda Wooten | AARP NC |
| Willetha Barnette | Institute for Family Caregiving Inc. |
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**Opening Remarks and Welcome** – Heather Burkhardt, Executive Director of the Coalition, called the meeting to order and welcomed all those attending in-person and via Zoom. She noted it was good to be able to have the option of having an in-person event for the first time since the spring of 2020.

**Recognition of Partners** – Heather recognized the organizations that have supported the Coalition as Partners this year and called attention to their representatives in attendance at the meeting. They were all thanked for their valuable contributions. UnitedHealthcare was noted as being the Premium Partners, and Jamie Philyaw made remarks on behalf of UnitedHealthcare. The Association for Home and Hospice Care of NC, Transitions Lifecare, the NC Assisted Living Association, and Poyner Spruill were recognized as Champion Partners.

**Chairs Report** – Tracy Colvard, Chair of the Coalition’s Board of Director’s, was recognized to the present the annual *State of the Coalition on Aging* Report. A copy of the report can be found [**here**](https://nccoalitiononaging.org/annual-meeting/).

**Recognition of Sponsors** – Heather recognized all the sponsors for the meeting and spoke to the fact that sponsor support enables the Coalition to not only hold an annual meeting but supports the work of the Coalition throughout the year. She recognized sponsors at the following sponsorship levels: Friends, Donors, Bronze, Silver, Gold, Platinum, and Presenting. Remarks were provided by the following sponsor representatives: Alan Winstead (Gold: Meals on Wheels of NC), Richard Rogers (Gold: NC Retired Governmental Employees Association), Mark Dearmon (Gold: SEANC), Jan Withers (Platinum: NC Division of Services of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing via video), Mike Olender (Presenting: AARP NC) and Melinda Munden (Presenting: NC Department of Insurance/Seniors Health Insurance Information Program)

**Recognition of Board of Directors** – Heather recognized the Board members who have served this year and thanked them for their service. They are Mary Bethel, Harold Burnette, Tracy Colvard, Charmaine Fuller Cooper, Martha Fowler, Ray Riordan, Janice Tyler, and Chad Walker. Harold, Charmaine, and Ray, who are not continuing on the Board, were presented with a token of appreciation for serving.

**Report from the Nominating Committee** – Tracy, who served as Chair of the Nominating Committee, reported the results of the elections by the membership for new Board members. It was noted that in addition to replacing the three departing Board members, the number of slots on the Board has also been increased. At total of six slots are available on the Board and 14 people were nominated for these slots. Voting took place virtually by the membership for the Board members during September and the six people with the highest vote totals were:

* Mary Bethel, Current board member by virtue of being former President/Ex. Director
* Dick Chady, NC Continuing Care Resident Association and Individual Member
* Kay Costello, NASW-NC
* Martha Fowler, Current board member, SEANC
* Les Geller, SAGE of Central Carolina
* Adam Sholar, NC Health Care Facilities Association

A motion was made by Chad Walker with Alignment Healthcare and seconded by Richard Rogers with the NC Retired Governmental Employees Association to approve the six top vote getters as listed above as Board members. The motion was approved by all voting.

**Keynote Presentation** – Tom Akins with LeadingAge NC (Platinum Sponsor for the meeting) introduced Dr. Robyn Stone, the speaker. Dr. Stone is with LeadingAge (national office) and is Co-Director of the LeadingAge LTSS Center at the University of Massachusetts-Boston. She presented a very informative presentation on *Better Jobs, Better Care: Professionalizing the Long Term Services and Supports Workforce.* A copy of the PowerPoint presentation for Dr. Stone’s remarks can be found [**here**](https://nccoalitiononaging.org/annual-meeting/).

**Presentation of Awards** – Heather recognized four individuals as being selected as Pioneer Award recipients. The Pioneer Award was established in 2016 by the Coalition to recognize individuals who have made long-time outstanding contributions to the field of aging in North Carolina. Those recognized with an Award were: Mary Bethel (offered remarks in person), Suzanne Black (offered remarks via Zoom), Dr. William M. “Billy” Dunlap (absent due to travel), and Dennis Streets (offered remarks in person). She also announced that a Champion of Aging Award, which is given at the discretion of the Coalition’s Board of Directors, was being presented this year and the recipient of the Award is Rep. Donna McDowell White (R-Johnston), a longtime aging advocate and former employee in the aging field. Rep. White was recognized, and she offered very inspirational comments. Information on all the Award winners can be found [**here**](https://nccoalitiononaging.org/annual-meeting/).

**Adjournment** – There was no additional business to come before the members so the annual meeting was adjourned by Heather at 2:22 p.m.