

Brunswick County Community Advisory Committee
David R. Sandler County Administration Building
Government Center Drive, NE, Bolivia, NC. 28422
Minutes of Quarterly Meeting October 22, 2019

Members present: The presiding officer was Madam Chairman Barbara Voorhees, and a quorum was present including: Holly Brenneman, Eileen Clyne, Colleen Combs, Mary Ann Dugan, Arlene Rushin, Carol Sutter, John Walz, Ashley Wells was present via conference call.

Members absent: Sheila Umbricht was excused

Ombudsmen: Kandace Lego, Holli Blackwelder

Meeting called to order by Madam Chairman Barbara Voorhees at 10:06 AM

Old Business:

The minutes of the July 23rd meeting were unanimously approved after a motion by Eileen Clyne and seconded by John Walz

New Business:

Nominations and Election for the 2019-2020 year

Chair- Barbara Voorhees

Vice-Chair - Arlene Rushin

Both Barbara and Arlene agreed to serve as Chair and Vice-Chair for 2020.

Secretary - Nominated from the floor for Secretary was Mary Ann Dugan.

A motion was made by Holly Brenneman and seconded by Carol Sutter to accept the nomination of Mary Ann Dugan for Secretary. The vote to elect Mary Ann Dugan as Secretary was unanimous.

Quarterly Time Sheets

Members are reminded to submit the sheets to the Ombudsman after their last activity in the quarter.

The 4th Quarter Reports should be in by December 31st

Schedule of visits for the upcoming Quarter

Schedule was established with a "save the date" in the 1st quarter of 2020

Review of Quarterly Visits

Quarterly site visit reports were presented, discussed and updates given as needed.

The July - September visits were presented by each member of the committee that was responsible for completing the report to the Ombudsmen. Team leaders Voorhees and Rushin will remind committee members what they should look for before they go into a facility. Kandace Lego and Holli Blackwelder contributed to the discussion for their most recent visits to the facilities and any violations.

A suggestion was made by Mary Ann Dugan to have the committee members meet before the Exit Interview to share important concerns among team members.

Holli suggested to the teams to ask pertinent questions of the administration during the exit interview. Holli also addressed the point of making sure that residents sign a Consent Form only for complaints. Examples of complaints were discussed by the committee. Anytime a committee member is uncomfortable with a situation after visiting a facility, he or she may contact the ombudsmen via voicemail.

Team Assignment Subcommittee Report

Colleen, Holly & Arlene were thanked for their work on creating the Team Assignment Sheets.

Both Barbara and Arlene will continue to use the team assignments sheets.

Quarterly Education:

Geriatric/Adult Specialty Team (GAST)

Ensuring Caregiver Success Across Eastern North Carolina

Guest Speaker: Julie Foster

In 2002-2003 there was a legislative initiative for community-based services to deal with mental health issues for adults in long-term facilities.

This burden would fall on LTC facilities. Training would be provided by Trillium Health Resources for staff training and development in Brunswick, Columbus, New Hanover, Onslow, and Pender Counties. This is a free training program funded by the state of North Carolina is overseen by the NC Division of MH/DD/SAS, Raleigh and Trillium Health Resources is a local management entity/managed care organization in Southeastern NC. They can provide quarterly training to a LTC who reach out and have this need. It was identified that a LTC could handle the physical care by facilities but not equipped to handle mental health issues. They provide a free service especially for the CNAs who are required to receive 12 hours of continuing education per year (CEU's). This organization interfaces with adults not children. The grant is for individuals 21 years and older who have a mental health diagnosis. There is also a focus for community-based services. A team of 2 RNs, SW, and Clinician. They will provide training for small groups through-out communities in southeastern NC. Reach out to Julie Foster contact # 252-732-0020.

Announcements:

R.E.A.C.H. a look at Alzheimer's Research, Education, Action and Community Health training
October 25th 8:30 - 11:45 AM at Brunswick Senior Center 101 Stone Chimney Road in Supply, NC

Next quarterly meeting January 28th at 10:00 AM David R. Sandifer County Administration Building

Kandace announced that a new Brunswick County Facility is scheduled to be opened on January 29th, 2020

Coastal Pointe Senior Living: Address: 5220 Ocean Highway West Shallotte

Meeting was adjourned at 12:04 after a motion by Mary Ann Dugan and seconded by John Walz
These minutes are subject to corrections and approval at the next or future quarterly meetings.

Respectfully Submitted

Holly F. Brenneman, Acting Secretary