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Senior Services of Oak Park and River Forest Townships
Committee Meeting
Notice and Agenda

Wednesday, March 16, 2016 @ 7:00 p.m.
Oak Park Township Senior Services
130 S. Oak Park Avenue, Oak Park

- ❖ Call to Order
- ❖ Approval of Minutes
- ❖ Public Comments
- ❖ Liaison's Report
- ❖ Director's Report
- ❖ Celebrating Seniors Coalition Report
- ❖ Other Business and Announcements
- ❖ Adjournment



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CALL TO ORDER

The quarterly meeting of the Senior Services Committee of Oak Park and River Forest Townships was held on Wednesday, November 18, 2015 and called to order at 7:08 p.m.

Present Oak Park Committee: Mary Cozzens, Trustee Liaison; Barbara Bodner, Patricia Koko; Dr. Kenneth Blair; Mary Marling; Sandra Rowe; Phyllis Russell.

Absent Oak Park Committee: Lydia Manning.

Present River Forest Committee: Carol Cox; Jean Buckley; Sally Gibbs; Linda Ryan; Carla Sloan, River Forest Township Supervisor.

Absent River Forest: James Flanagan; Dr. Katherine Walsh; Chris Hauri; Cathaleen Roach, River Forest Township Senior Outreach Coordinator.

Also Present: Desiree Scully-Simpkins, Director for Senior Services of Oak Park & River Forest Townships; Pamela Mahn, Assistant to the Director for Senior Services of Oak Park & River Forest Townships.

INTRODUCTIONS

None.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The Committee reviewed the minutes from the September 16, 2015 meeting. Jean Buckley moved to approve the minutes. Sandra Rowe seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

RFT LIAISON'S REPORT

Township Supervisor Carla Sloan reported the following:

- A special thank you to all of the senior committee members for their service and all of the hard work that they do to enrich our towns.
- The budget process for next fiscal year is underway.
- The Youth Services Committee is working on a community wide effort for a five year plan to address alcohol use among teens in Oak Park and River Forest. Other entities involved in the effort include the Mental Health Board (OP) and Committee (RF), the local colleges, as well as the townships, police departments and school districts in both communities.

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- Cathaleen Roach is the new Senior Outreach Coordinator at River Forest Township. She has hit the ground running in her responsibilities and is currently working on continued collaboration with the library. Coffee Mondays will continue at the library:
 - December – Jan Dressel on OPRF history
 - January – Cathaleen Roach on writing your own life story: getting started
- “Let’s Celebrate Seniors All Year Long” series continues.
 - Sixty people attended the Charles Troy presentation of Fiddler on the Roof at the River Forest Community Center.
 - There is a great lineup for programming through April including:
 - January – History of Iran
 - February – Art Historian
 - March – Marie Antoinette re-enactment
 - April – Photography tour of the gardens of Holland
- Impact Coalition named new director and board of directors.
- Fall Sibshops were successful including eighteen participants with an equal split between Oak Park and River Forest residents. Sibshops will return for a winter/spring session.

OPT LIAISON’S REPORT

Trustee Cozzens was absent from the meeting.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT

The Director’s reports were included in the committee packets e-mailed to members. The committee discussed the reports. Director Scully-Simpkins reported the following:

- Dr. Elizabeth Peterson from the OT/PT department at UIC (and former senior committee member), who worked with the Township on “A Matter of Balance” contacted us regarding a fellow professor who wants to work with seniors regarding how they adapt to technology.
- AgeOptions sent an email stating that the governor has obligated funding for the Home Delivered Meals program.
- AgeOptions awarded funding to Senior Services for the purchase of a new truck to be used for delivery of Home Delivered Meals.
- Senator Don Harmon received an award at the Township Officials of Illinois Conference for his outstanding support of Townships.

SUB-COMMITTEE UPDATES

Celebrating Seniors Sub-Committee

- A printed report from Chairperson Flanagan was distributed to the committee.
- A flyer for the Bourbon, Bacon & Boomers event on December 1, 2015 was also distributed. The event was held to raise awareness of Celebrating Seniors™.

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NEW BUSINESS

None.

OTHER BUSINESS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Barbara Bodner presented information to the committee on The Villages movement helping seniors age in place.

Lydia Manning sent flyers for the production of “Soul Sisters” to the meeting which were distributed to the Committee.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Senior Committee will be held on Wednesday, March 16, 2016 at 7:00 pm at Senior Services offices, 130 S. Oak Park Avenue, Oak Park.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chairperson Blair adjourned the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

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Case Management:

The Illinois Department on Aging, "under the Rauner Administration has unveiled a new initiative called the Community Reinvestment Program (CRP). In alignment with the Administration's transformation agenda, specifically the goal of rebalancing and supporting individuals in their own homes, the CRP provides the necessary supports to enable older adults to remain independent, enjoy a quality of life, and avoid premature institutionalization. The CRP represents a pro-active, long term strategy to meeting the anticipated growth in the aging population by sustaining the commitment to support older adults in their own homes and communities."

This program is In addition to the Community Care Program. The Community Care Program which provides "eligible" individuals home maker, adult day care and emergency home response services. This program will change the eligibility criteria to those Medicaid only individuals. Currently, the asset limit for the CCP is higher than the Medicaid limits. Those persons that are already on CCP and do not qualify for Medicaid will be transferred to the CRP.

Pending a State budget, this program is scheduled to roll out on July 1, 2016. The Illinois Department on Aging will contract with the Area Agencies to provide Procurement, Monitoring and approval of funds spent per client. The Area Agencies will contract with the Case Coordination Units to provide the direct services of Assessment, Case Work and Monitoring for the CRP. Since Oak Park Township is the Case Coordination Unit contracted with the Illinois Department on Aging, we will be contracting with AgeOptions to provide services for those 60 and over that reside in Oak Park and River Forest townships.

AgeOptions Audit:

On February 23, 24 and 25, AgeOptions conducted an audit on all of the Title III programs to provide ADRN/SHAP, Chore, Congregate Meals, Home Delivered Meals and Caregiver Resource Center services to older adults in Oak Park and River Forest Townships.

The auditor was very impressed with each of the Program managers and the organization of the monitoring manuals.

APS Audit:

On March 16th and 17th, AgeOptions will conduct an audit of Adult Protective Services cases.

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CMHB Audit:

On, May 13, 2016 the Community Mental Health Board of Oak Park Township will conduct an audit of all cases that are billed for mental health services under the Geriatric Case Management grant.

UIC Collaboration:

Dr. Anders Kottorp from the Department of Occupational Therapy at UIC contacted Oak Park Township Seniors Services about the idea of working together on a pilot project. The overall aim of this pilot project is to generate new generic knowledge of the conditions for using and managing everyday technology (ET), e.g. telephones, computers, electronic household equipment, in older adults living and ageing with or without functional limitations in Chicago.

Oak Park Township Senior Services will offer access to older people with and without functional limitations for Dr Kottorp to recruit for this important pilot study. We will also offer spaces to use for data collection (interviews) with individual clients, as well as opportunities to disseminate and discuss the findings with the target population and our staff. Finally, we will also offer the opportunity to plan and discuss a variety of follow-up projects to this pilot study with Dr Kottorp, as the information gained from this project can be used to develop targeted interventions to support more competent ET use among older people. Taken together, this knowledge is crucial for the creation of an accessible and inclusive society and health care for older people living and ageing with functional limitations, which is in line with the core values and visions for Oak Park Township Senior Services.

St. Augustine Project:

Dr. Alton Clark Dubois from St. Augustine University contacted me about assisting him with his BSW students on a research project. He asked that I come up with ideas that were founded in real life services. The students will present their results to a panel of experts in the Field of Aging. Below are the questions that were submitted to the students at St. Augustine:

Question: What is the impact of transitioning waiver services to the MCO (Managed Care Organization) in states other than Illinois?

Question: How does a Congregate Nutrition site benefit older adults? What is the impact on the older adult population?

Question: How do Title III CHORE services benefit older adults? What is the benefit of offering these services in the community?

Question: How does a formal Transportation program benefit older adults? What is the significance of providing this service as it pertains to aging in place in the community?