



Chesapeake Task Force on Aging

"Focusing on Quality of Life"

SEPTEMBER 2016 MEETING MINUTES

The Chesapeake Task Force on Aging meeting was held on Friday, September 2, 2016 at Parsons Residential Care Center. We would like to thank Star Holder for hosting our meeting and providing us a wonderful breakfast.

8:30 – 9:00 – Networking/Breakfast

9:00 – 9:05 – Welcome and Introduction of Chapter leadership team by Chair, Tony Valencia

Chair: Dr. Tony Valencia, East-West Advocates

Vice Chair: Marlene Ryan, Gentiva Hospice

Treasurer: Pam Creef, SJS Executives

Secretary: Mindy Hackler, ECPI University

Public Relations: Iris James, SSSEVA

9:05 – 9:20 Chapter business

Vice-Chair report: Upcoming meeting schedule for October 7, 2016 at Georgian Manor ALF and Memory Care

Treasurer's report: \$1239.41

Secretary's report: Reminder of Website directory

Public Relations report: Facebook page and other social media updates

Social Media:

- **Website (www.ctfoa.org)** – The member directory is open for registration. Paid members may go to the website and upload your information, company logo and website address. (<http://ctfoa.org/members-directory/>)
- **Facebook (www.facebook.com/CTFOA)** – The new Facebook page is now live. Use the link and “Like” the page to get the latest updates and events. Please send all announcements, upcoming events, and suggestions to our newly elected PR, Iris James (ijames@ssseva.org) and our Secretary, Mindy Hackler (mhackler@ecpi.edu), so they can make sure it is added to our Facebook page. This is open to the public, so feel free to share with others who would like to know more about CTFOA. There is a “Sign Up” button on the page that will take them directly to registration on the website, if they are interested in joining.

9:20 – 9:35 Introductions of visitors followed by introduction of Members

Visitors: April Theis – Harbors Edge

9:35– 9:50

Guest Speaker: Kim Smith, President of Virginia Association of Home Care

Kim discussed legislative healthcare issues in Virginia and new updates.

- She introduced the site “No Wrong Door” (<http://www.vda.virginia.gov/nowrongdoor.asp>). You can also access 211 information from this site.
- They are also looking for volunteers for absentee voting for seniors.
- July 1, 2016 - Previously facility were not maintaining checks on employees that may have been convicted of barrier crimes; only done at initial hiring process. Going forward they will have to do an annual check for ALF employees. This has not been official updated.
- A facility now has to have a disclosure statement if they do not offer or allow hospice.
- August 1, 2016 – An Alzheimer’s waiver for those who qualify for Medicare to be able to go into assisted living facilities and paid for by the State.
- Discussion of bundled services offered in the affordable care act and how we can get Medicare benefits extended.
- New phases with different models being rolled out, with Phase 1 being rolled out by the end of the year.
- Sites are being asked to look at resources to see where they can save money; if they are finding ways to save money they can received discounts or if they do not they may incur penalties if they don’t meet the plan requirements.
- Facilities must start coming together to pool resources and share information; must have 3 starts to qualify; and strong patient satisfaction.
- Medicare decided to go into managed care to deal with fewer insurance companies; A LOT of companies are applying to be a part of the program.
- Penalty money will now stay within CNS; care transitions services to be put in place to help avoid readmission and transition from hospital to home. \$90K in grants to help with the resources.
- Suggested to start a mass letter on our website to bring attention to our representative; also suggested to request a meeting with our representative.

9:50 – 10:00

Announcements from general membership

Senior Living Resource Rally – Nov 10, 2016 VB Conference Center

Iris needs volunteers for upcoming events.

Oct 15 – Dec 7 open enrollment for Medicare

Upcoming Meetings: **Friday, October 7, 2016** to be held at Georgian Manor ALF and Memory Care, 651 River Walk Pkwy, Chesapeake, VA 23320 **OPEN FORUM**