



Chesapeake Task Force on Aging

"Focusing on Quality of Life"

JANUARY 2016 MEETING MINUTES

The Greater Hampton Roads Coalition on Aging (GHRCOA) comprising of the cities Portsmouth, Chesapeake, Norfolk, Peninsula, Virginia Beach and Western Tidewater held our annual Kick Off Meeting for 2016 on Thursday, January 14, 2016 at Altmeyer Funeral Home off Greenwich Road in Virginia Beach.

This event started at 8:30 – 9:10 with breakfast, networking and membership sign up and renewal with the treasurer from each cities task force on hand.

9:15 - Opening Remarks from David Murray, Chairman of the Peninsula Task Force on Aging and introduction of Officers /Task Force Members represented

Guest Speaker: John Skirven, CEO – Senior Services of Southeastern Virginia

John spoke about Federal and state legislatives and programs such as The Older Americans Act (OAA) a Federal Legislation introduced in 1967 driving community based programs/policies like Meals on Wheels and federally funded personal care to help keep our seniors independent at home. AARP has proposed HR3099 “Family Caregivers Act” it has passed the Senate and if it passes the house could have a huge impact for all TFOA – this bill is looking at community based services such as transportation/meals/respite care/day programs/safety equipment (such as ramps). He also gave a summary of our elected officials what committees they are involved with and our 11 district/ redistricting and possible impacts to our elected officials and what committees they are involved with. He spoke about Senator Kaine who heads up a Special Committee on Aging focusing on work, health and retirement and chaired by Susan Collins.

Guest Speaker: Bill Massey, CEO – Peninsula Area Agency on Aging

Gave an overview of our Governor’s Address on January 13, 2016 and stated not one word was mentioned on seniors, long term care, health care and Medicaid. He will be attending the General Assembly to be held in June 2016 and is looking at Bill 999 “Family Medical Leave” to be passed. He urged that our members stay engaged all year and to contact our elected officials. Power is in numbers and with the strength of each cities task force on aging working together such as, The Greater Hampton Roads Coalition on Aging, focusing on one or two issues affecting our seniors in our communities and starting a grass roots movement to get these issues heard and in front of our elected officials.

Announcements/Upcoming Events: Pam Creef, Vice Chair let our members know that they can go to our website at www.ctfoa.org and you can go to the member's directory and upload either your photo or company logo and information.

Upcoming Meeting: Friday, February 5, 2016 at Allzwell Assisted Living in Chesapeake - 8:30 am to 9:00 am breakfast/networking. Meeting starts promptly at 9:00 am. Guest Speaker Dr. Tony Valencia.

Thank you to Nanette Birchbichler for helping to organize the GHRCOA meeting and Altmeyer Funeral Home for Hosting this event and providing us a wonderful breakfast. Thank you to our treasurer, Annie Alexander, for getting to the meeting early and to accept new memberships and renewals.

We, as your board members are excited about getting our task force and our mission aligned for 2016 and working with the GHRCOA and planning for 2016! We are still updating and tweaking our website and would appreciate any input from our members on how to make it better.

CTFA BOARD MEMBERS: Buck Hefferan – Chairman; Pam Creef – Vice Chair; Annie Alexander-Treasurer; Marlene M. Ryan – Secretary

On behalf of the CTFOA Board

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