



Chesapeake Task Force on Aging

"Focusing on Quality of Life"

APRIL 7, 2017 MEETING MINUTES

The Chesapeake Task Force on Aging meeting was held on Friday, April 7, 2017 at Greenfield Senior Living located at 130 Great Bridge Road Chesapeake, VA. We would like to thank Paula Taylor, Administrator at Greenfield, for hosting our meeting and providing us a wonderful breakfast.

8:30 – 9:00 – Networking/Breakfast

9:00 – Introductions by Chair, Marlene Ryan

Guest Speaker: Kathy Dial, PhD, MSW CEO Kin and Kids Consulting. Kathy was able to share with our members the different educational programs that she presents in sponsorship by Chesapeake Department of Human Services such as Healthy Grandfamilies for families living in Chesapeake who are raising a grandchild or grandchildren. These seminars are geared toward grandparent self-care and stress management, parenting issues and child development, legal and school issues, and community resources. Currently in the state of Virginia over 70,000 grandparents are raising their grandchildren with many of them coming to this living situation under extreme circumstances: court order - neglect and abuse. These families are left with very little resources to help them cope or navigate any funding that maybe available to them. These grandparents are trying to keep their grandchildren together and in a family unit and not let them go into Foster Care. If these children were to go to the state under Foster Care, the resources available for example, Foster parents receive about \$300 to \$500 per child they are caring for based on needs (physical/emotional). With little resources available to grandparents raising their grandchildren help both emotionally and financially organizations such as Kin and Kids along with the City of Chesapeake Department of Human Services are organizing a bus trip to go to Washington DC for the 5th National GrandRally on May 10, 2017. They are planning to speak with our elected officials on the importance of keeping these families units together and requesting resources and funding be made available to help them do so. The cost for registration is \$15.00 to attend the rally and the cost of transportation for a chartered bus is \$50.00.

Board Position: Unfortunately we have to say goodbye to Mindy Hackler who has served as our Secretary. Mindy and her family are moving to North Carolina where her husband has taken a new position. Mindy on behalf of all our members we want to say "Thank You" for all that you have done for our task force and you will be missed but we are wishing you and your family the Best as you embark on this new journey in North Carolina.

So if anyone is interested in the position of secretary please get in touch with any the board members and we will be able to discuss with you what the position entails.

Website: Paid members may go to the website and upload your information, company logo and website address. Please send all announcements and upcoming events to our newly elected PR, Iris James. Her email ijames@ssseva.org . Also join our Facebook page as well!

Announcements/Upcoming Events: _ ***** [Please see website www.CTFOA.org](http://www.CTFOA.org) *****

2017 Healthy Chesapeake 757 Campaign – Jenny Fertig thanked our members for contributing last year to this campaign which is geared to providing seniors community gardens and food pantry filled with healthy foods. The day of giving this year is on May 9, 2017 and you can go to their website to donate at www.givelocal757.org and scroll down to find Healthy Chesapeake. You may also find out more about this organization at www.healthychesapeake.org or call 757-615-4609

Treasurer report: Pam Creef reported as of 4/7/17 we had \$1,475.41 in our account. We as a group voted to give \$520.00 to Kathy Dials organization to help sponsor families who will be making the trip to Washington DC on May 10, 2017 for the Grand Rally. This now leaves our balance at \$955.21.

Upcoming Meetings: **Friday, May 5, 2017** to be held at Autumn Care Chesapeake 715 Argyll Street Chesapeake, VA 23320.

Board Members: **Chair: Marlene M. Ryan**

 Vice Chair: Micah Hunt

 Treasurer: Pam Creef

 Media/PR: Iris James

 Secretary: Open Position

On behalf of the CTFOA Board

Marlene Ryan

