
Meeting Minutes

Call to order

A meeting of The Chesapeake Task Force on Aging was held at The Reserve at Greenbrier on Friday, June 1st, 2018 Attendees included:

Kristi Massey	Stephen Schneider
Sue Stanley	Maryann Toboz
Maria Franklin	April Marshall
Gerry Shier	Micah Hall
Pam Matson	Sheri Arnold
Michelle Mills	Pam Creef
Arsie Williams	Iris James
Sonya Meade-Settles	
Cody Punt	
Susan Bixler	

Approval of minutes

Minutes from May, 2018 approved.

Reports

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Unfinished business

Chesapeake Task Force Committees – If you have a committee that you are passionate about, please take the time to reach out to the chair of the committee to volunteer some time.

- Programs – Iris James, Chair
- Advocacy / Legislative – Marlene Ryan, Chair
- Community Service / Volunteers – Vivian Henderson, Chair

Motion

The motion was made to not hold a meeting in July by Iris James; seconded by Kristi Massey. Motion Passed by vote.

New Business

None.

Announcements

Guest Speaker – Kim Smith, RN President of the Virginia Association for Home Health & Hospice

- Kim and her team are advocates on Capitol Hill for Medicare, Health Services, and Financial services for Seniors.
 - They are looking to add copays to Medicare services at the federal level.
 - The changes to the Medicare payment guidelines will likely narrow the field of providers.
 - One of the considerations that is being made is reducing the recertification time for benefits from 60 days to 30 days which will greatly limit the capabilities of providers to best service their patients.
 - The summer time is the best time to speak with legislators about the concerns that you have regarding seniors in your area.
 - The Omnibus Bill that was recently passed will help with the Opioid Crisis
 - It will allow hospice providers who give patients comfort packets but will make the provider responsible for the proper disposal of unused opioids in the homes.
 - Medicaid was expanded in Virginia on 05/22
 - With the expansion 400,000 people will now be able to get approved for Medicaid.
 - If the ACA goes away, the Commonwealth of Virginia will have to create a plan to keep the expansion otherwise, it will become far too costly to maintain.
 - With this expansion, physicians are now granted the power to discontinue services for a patient when he or she feels that the services are no longer ethically or medically responsible. The physician will now have 14 days to communicate not only with the family, but with the medical review board to plead his or her case. He will be able to discontinue those services at the end of that 14 days. This bill does not specify age.
 - It is concerning that now hospice is now being looked at as a way to reduce cost by our legislators.
 - It is so vital to remember that hospice is not about dying, it is about quality of life in the end of life not only for the patient, but for their family.
 - Communities are not prepared to accommodate people who are home-bound or impoverished in the event of an emergency. There are not enough medical shelters in the area to care for all these people during a disaster. (i.e. Hurricane, Snow Storms, etc.)
 - VHOSS –
 - Medical Reserve Corps is a volunteer organization that offers community support during crisis events. <https://mrc.hhs.gov/volunteerfldr/AboutVolunteering>
- There will be a TRIAD & S.A.L.T council meeting and workshop on Victim Advocacy on Tuesday, July 17th from 10 to 11 am at Southside Baptist Church 1200 Bainbridge Blvd. Chesapeake, VA. 23324
 - TRIAD will host their monthly meeting on Tuesday, June 12th from 2:00 – 3:00 pm at the Chesapeake Police PSOB 2100 South Military Hwy. Chesapeake, VA. 23320 (This meeting is held the 2nd Tuesday of each month; they may not be holding a meeting in July.)
 - Tidewater Arts Outreach will be hosting a Caregiver Training on June 21st from 1:00 – 2:30 pm at at Kempsville Health & Rehab 5520 Indian River Rd. Virginia Beach, VA. 23464

- Always Best Care is in the Market for an RN
- Senior Services of Southeastern Virginia is looking for an analyst / programmer.
- Hook Law Center will be hosting their Quarterly Coffee with Colleagues, presenting information on Veteran Aid & Attendance on Wednesday, June 6th from 8:30 – 10:00 am at Commonwealth Senior Living at Georgian Manor 651 River Walk Pkwy. Chesapeake, VA. 23320
- Upcoming Meetings:
 - August 3 – The Crossings at Oakbrooke
 - September 7 – Sentara at Oak Grove
 - October 5 – Chesapeake Health & Rehab
 - November 5 – Commonwealth Senior Living at Georgian Manor

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 am.

Kristi K. Massey
Secretary

01 June, 2018
Date of approval