



Senior Services

Aging Advisory Committee Meeting

January 17, 2024- 9:00 a.m.

The quarterly meeting of the Aging Advisory Committee was held on January 17, 2024, at the senior center.

Members-Community Representatives- Present:

Liz Batts, (Beulaville)
Florence Becton, (Warsaw)
Hazel Davis, (Kenansville/Rose Hill)
Laura Drakeford, Duplin County – Veterans Office
Rachel Ezzell, Duplin County- Cooperative Extension
Donna Grubbs, Regional Aging Advisory Delegate
Tony Horne, (Wallace)
Laura C. Jones, Duplin County – Library
Sandra Krantz, (Faison)
Samantha Kennedy, Duplin County – Health Department
Shirley Moore, (Warsaw)
Loretta Sloan, (Kenansville)
Eve Stroud, ECU Health Duplin Hospital

Members (Voting) Absent

Connie Brinson, Senior Tar Heel Legislature - Alternate
Woody Brinson, Senior Tar Heel Legislature – Delegate
Darrell Grubbs, Regional Aging Advisory Delegate
Annie Murrell, Duplin County – Social Services
Anita Savage, Duplin County Register of Deeds
Dawn Strickland, Duplin County – Transportation

Staff Present

Melisa S. Brown, Director
Brittney Turner, Recording Secretary
Elizabeth Taylor, Kenansville Congregate Nutrition Site Manager

Eastern Carolina Council – Area Agency on Aging

N/A

Guest(s)

- Bryan Miller, County Manager
- Carrie Shields, Assistant County Manager

Mrs. Melisa S. Brown, Director, welcomed everyone to the meeting. Ms. Hazel Davis provided the invocation. Ms. Elizabeth Taylor, President, asked members to review the minutes from the October 18th, 2023, meeting. A motion was made by Ms. Hazel Davis to approve the minutes as written. Mrs. Laura Jones seconded the motion.

Mrs. Brown directed members to the agenda packet of information provided at the meeting and began a review of agency programs. She noted the vacant In Home Aide positions (full time/part time). The ensure program continues to encounter monthly supply/demand issues from the manufacture. Staff continue to place multiple ensure backorders that often result with the department unable to fulfill all order requests.

Mrs. Brown gave an update on the congregate nutrition site attendance and the current challenges at each location.

An update was provided on the senior center/veteran construction, with Daniels and Daniels currently ahead of schedule. The excitement continues to build with each update from contractors.

The tax-aide assistance program will begin the first Monday in February 2024. Anyone that participated previously will receive an information packet in the mail. For more information on the program, contact Mrs. Brittney Turner at the senior center.

Meeting was adjourned.

Recording Secretary,

Brittney Turner