

The Midland Advisory Board met on December 5th, 2022, at 10 a.m. Those present were Nancy Hinton, Lina Hubbartt, Stephanie Hawkins, Lisa Kracht, Priscilla Genest-Magee, Lori Cummins, Sylvia Mahle, Phyllis Roate, Lisa Light, John Gillmore, Trisha Ratliff, Stephanie Mellenthin, Christina Hardin-Weiss, Michael Egbert, Judy Kleine, Linda Warner, Donna Person, Beth Beck-Marts (from CIPT) and Shannon Nobsch.

Linda stated that ECCOA needs a full time Ombudsman for Effingham and a part-time Ombudsman in Jefferson/Marion Counties.

Minutes of last meeting – Correction of Senior Center, not Dinner. Approval of minutes motion by Priscilla Magee and 2nd by Sylvia Mahle.

Area Plan – Nancy – 2 County Conversations were held in Jefferson and Marion counties, with Effingham next. Locations were discussed with the library and the Senior Center being discussed. When will probably be in Spring, rather than summer. Linda suggested May as it is Older American's Month.

Dementia Friendly Communities – Salem and Effingham are now on registry. It is an ongoing process.

Thinking about Fayette County next. Farina had been a possible place before Covid, but are thinking Vandalia library may be better place because of the Forget-Me-Not Resource Center and Trisha has support groups there.

State Caregiver Money – Forms are available on request. Funds are for GAP filling and outreach. Trisha Ratliff said GAP funding is for people to stay in homes – can be for plumbing, ramps, railings, medications, etc.

If under 60 years of age and a memory impairment, can use ADRD funds.

Christina suggested make a home safety video or PDF checklist available for possible mail out to caregivers, etc.

Old Business -

a) County Conversation in Salem on November 4. Very informative and more attended than Jefferson County, probably because there was no RSVP.

b) Salem is the 25th community on Dementia Friendly registry.

c) October conference in Effingham – CEU's were a plus. Good information and attendance.

New Business -

a) website under construction in the caregiver portion. Be patient.

b) Phone and internet provider is changing in the office. An email will be sent to let everyone know when they will be connected in case there is a problem.

Hoping there won't be!!

c) next year meetings will be quarterly and separate from Board meeting days. Discussion was held on whether virtual or in-person. Shannon suggested at least one in-person meeting and Linda agreed. It was suggested that winter months be virtual to help with travel times during Med D time. Send thoughts to Nancy on this.

Staff Reports - Caregiver Coalition – Tracy and Lori attended this.

Pioneer Coalition meeting – Judy, Tracy and Nancy presented on Dementia Friendly Communities.

Staff meeting was held on November 29th. They celebrated Judy's birthday and Phyllis Roate's retirement. Phyllis did some training on dementia.

Lori had open enrollment events. Lori wanted to thank Linda and ECCOA staff for Med D event. Thanks to all!

She also wanted to thank the Farmer's Market program coordinators – They gave out almost 900 coupons!

Audit is going on this week and may be in the office.

Nancy is helping with SHIP with Judy and Steph.

Beth with CIPT is partnering with Effingham Health Department and their Arise Grant for funding for a position of medical transportation driver and coordinator. The coordinator will be an advocate for the rider. They will work with medical facility and managed care organizations. The advertisement is out for position and the driver is hired. Sylvia asked if FISH still has medical transport drivers. Trisha said they do but have trouble finding drivers.

She also discussed that there are 5 new Effingham County Board members and they are working with them to educate about the transportation system.

CIPT is working on deviated or fixed routes (fixed times and locations) and intra city routes (from Brownstown to Vandalia to Effingham).

Phyllis wants everyone to keep doing what you are doing!!! You are doing a great job! Enjoy retirement, Phyllis!

Adjournment motion made by Beth Beck-Marts and seconded by Sylvia Mahle.