

**REGIONAL AGING ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RAAC)
Senior Tar Heel Legislature (STHL)**

Monday, July 13, 2015
2nd Floor Conference Room, O'Marks Building
10:00 a.m.

Attendees

Carteret

Louise Yurko (RAAC)
Victor Heinrich (STHL-A)

Craven

Thomas Pittman (RAAC)

Duplin

Darrell Grubbs (RAAC)
Donna Grubbs (RAAC)

Lenoir

Walter LaRoque (RAAC)
Audrey Tyson (STHL-D)

Onslow

Joyce DePavevich (STHL-A)
Steve DeLa Vega (RAAC)

Wayne

Linda Harper (RAAC)
Yvonne McLamb (RAAC)

ECC Staff

Angelia Pridgen
Leighann Morgan

1. Call to Order – Louise Yurko call the RAAC meeting to order. Each person introduced themselves and their position.
2. Welcome – Louise Yurko welcomed everyone.
3. Approval of Minutes April 13, 2015 – Thomas Pittman questioned the funding of a closed down facility in Craven County. Angelia responded that the facility is one that the ombudsman program advocates and visits but was no money

in the budget that was sent. And Craven Co is hoping to improve and reopen some facilities which is their long term goal.

Walter LaRoque motioned to approve minutes as presented, seconded by Yvonne McLamb. Motioned approved unanimously.

4. Directors Report – Angelia Pridgen gave the directors report in place of Tonya Cedars absent, stating we will be starting our 4 year plan process, do not have a final word on the state budget, it is believed that the reduction of the block grant was approved by the Senate but not the House, that will be going to the conference committee.
5. Staff Reports – Angelia Pridgen stated that the staff is looking to do something different in the 3D funding formula because of all the excess budget revisions. Would like to try to reduce the revisions by making the allocation based on what was spent last year. Louise Yurko requested the motion to be in wording and presented in the agenda before next meeting. Yvonne McLamb does not believe that there is enough representation from the smaller counties to vote. Linda Harper agreed that the smaller counties need representation before voting.
Yvonne McLamb motioned to table the topic till next meeting. Carolyn Bland seconded motion and unanimously agreed.

Angelia continued the staff report by discussing the walks that have been presented and completed in Craven, Lenoir and Onslow Counties. Craven County had an Elder Abuse Walk on June 19th in recognition of World Elder Abuse Awareness Day and workshop to present information to our local community and a second workshop for professionals. She stated that the speaker from the Police Department was very knowledgeable of Elder Abuse. They also had their 3rd Elder Abuse Walk in Lenoir County with highest number of attendees of 100 held at the NC Veterans Home. In Onslow County a record number of 50 attendees at the water front park walk. They are looking forward to expanding in the counties next year.

Angelia invited everyone to the Virtual Dementia Tour on August 21st from 10-11 located on the 2nd floor conference room of the O'Marks building. Contact January Brown to set up a 15 minute appointment.

6. County Comments
 - a. Carteret County – Louise Yurko commented that the CCATS is working very well and expanding their tours. Victor Heinrich stated that the Senior Center received NC Senior Center of Excellence award from the AAA for 5 years, which was a great honor and good for their future. They cap at 1600 people that participate in the center. Louise Yurko stated that Janet Grainge deserves a lot of praise for her organization of the Senior Center

- b. Craven County – Carolyn Bland stated that the Senior Day was very successful with a lot of participation. The Sunshine Center is expanding and improving their walking trails. Louise Yurko asked if Craven County is still looking into starting a Hospice House. Ms. Bland stated that has been a concern for several years and there is a facility that will have a formal opening soon over by in the James City area.
 - c. Duplin County – Darrell Grubbs stated there was 2 events, a Senior Health Fair and Senior Fun Day, both of which were well attended. In June there was a booth representing SHIP at the Duplin Showcase. Participation in Operation Fan Relief. And the county Commissioners approved the Block Grant.
 - d. Lenoir County – Walter LaRoque stated that the Senior Center satellite sites have expanded in LaGrange & Pink Hill. The Veteran’s Home had an Alzheimer’s walk and had good participation. Operation Fan Relief has delivered 2 window units and over 10 box fans. A Picnic Shelter has been completed at the main site and a picnic was executed in May with over 100 seniors combined with an information fair. Lenoir County was 2nd largest participating county in the Neuse Regional Senior Games based on registered participants.
 - e. Onslow County – Joyce DePavevich stated that the county had a few events going on. Recently had a Scam presentation with a presenter from the Federal Credit Union, spoke about bank scams. IN August will be having an inside yard sale at the Senior Center. There will be an Alzheimer’s walk on October 31st, Waling for Hope. The site in Sneads Ferry will be relocating to the old library
 - f. Wayne County – Yvonne McLamb stated that their interim director Paula Edwards is doing a great job standing in for the director. In May they hosted the Senior Games opening ceremony. The Senior Center Choir got gold at the Silver Arts Follies. The Mount Olive senior day in the park, a memorial program was held for seniors that have passed away the past year. In June Senior Day in the Park in Goldsboro, hosted the AARP Safe Driving Program along with a Senior Dance with a rainbow theme. Applied for a \$1200 grant to help with transportation for seniors. Lisa Barwick is doing an excellent job of information assistance and also with SHIP coordinator.
7. Other Business – Victor Heinrich stated that Carolyn Farmer from the Department of Justice is a good contact to ask about freezing your credit for 90 days. Louise Yurko stated that if you want to freeze your credit longer you will need a police report to freeze for 7 years.
 8. Adjourn – RAAC - *Walter LaRoque motioned to adjourn the meeting.*
 9. 2015 RAAC Calendar Dates
 - a. October 5, 2015 at 10:00 am