

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

Monday, October 19, 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)

Greene

Faye Taylor (RAAC)
Jean Garner (RAAC)
David Jones

Jones

Della Ancrum

Lenoir

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

Onslow

Marge Zima (STHL)

Wayne

Yvonne McLamb (RAAC)
Jimmy Ford (RAAC)

ECC Staff

Tonya Cedars

Guests

Mary Kurek – Carteret Senior Services
Mineko Holloway – Lenoir County Council on Aging
Sheila Ward – Jones County Department of Social Services

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. Tonya Cedars welcomed Andi Reese. Andi has filled the position vacated by Jillian Hardin.
3. Approval of Minutes July 13, 2015 –
Walter LaRoque motioned to approve minutes as amended, seconded by Yvonne McLamb. Motioned approved unanimously.
4. 2013-2016 Annual 4-Year Plan Update – Tonya Cedars reviewed the accomplishments made by the AAA during the 2014-2015 fiscal year. Reference material was handed out detailing information. *Yvonne McLamb motioned to approve the Annual 4-Year Plan Update, seconded by Walter LaRoque. Motioned approved.*
5. Family Caregiver & Health Promotion/Disease Prevention Allocations – Tonya Cedars presented the allocation for the Health Promotion/Disease Prevention first. Allocations were distributed based on the state funding formula. This is how the funding has been distributed in the past. *Yvonne McLamb motioned to approve the Health Promotion/Disease Prevention allocation method, seconded by Jean Garner. Motion passed.*

Tonya Cedars presented the Family Caregiver Respite program allocations. The funding presented at this meeting was based on the state funding formula. Discussion pursued regarding the allocation method presented at the July RAAC meeting. Tonya Cedars clarified that the original allocation proposal was based on actual spending by providers. For FY 15-16, ECCAAA wanted to give providers the funding that they ended with in FY 2014-2015. The rationale behind this method was to reduce the number of budget revisions throughout the year. RAAC agreed to consider this alternate proposal for next fiscal year (FY16-17). The AAA will provide information to RAAC regarding spending patterns and trend data by the April meeting for consideration. *However, for FY15-16 RAAC agreed that the FCSP allocation would be distributed based on the state funding formula. Marge Zima made a motion, seconded by Jean Garner and the motion passed.*

6. Director's Report – Tonya Cedars reported that the NC General Assembly passed the budget. Fortunately, it restored the \$969,549 to the Home & Community Care Block grant. Unfortunately, this is non-recurring funding. Tonya Cedars also reported that the AAA would begin working on the 2016-2020 Four Year plan. She mentioned that there would be a survey that will be sent out and urged RAAC to participate. Tonya also reported that Jillian Hardin is now the AAA Administrator for the Kerr-Tar COG.

7. There were no staff reports.

8. County Comments

- a. Carteret County – Mary Kurek reported that the county is still in the process of hiring a Director for the senior center. She also reported that the nutrition programs are seeing an increase in participation. In the congregate nutrition program there are 4-10 new clients per day. Carteret Senior Services is also working closely with Carteret DSS to provide services to those most vulnerable.
- b. Duplin County – Darryl Grubbs reported that Steven Moore has retired. Mr. Moore was the Director for both Services for the Aged and the transportation program. The County Commissioners has selected Melisa Brown as the Director of the Duplin Services for the Aged. Rose Oates has been selected as Director for the transportation program. Duplin County is having their Alzheimer's Walk this Saturday. Legal Aid of NC has provided services to seniors in Duplin County. Open Enrollment is going strong.
- c. Greene County – Faye Taylor summarized the activities at the senior center for Healthy Aging month. She also reported that the senior center took a trip to the NC State Fair. A great time was had by all. The senior center will be undergoing renovations during the next few months.
- d. Jones County – Sheila Ward informed RAAC that the senior center is now under the Department of Social Services effective July 1. Senior center operations and programming continues as normal. Jones County is strengthening their Aging Planning Board.
- e. Lenoir County – Mineko Holloway reported that there is increased programming in the LaGrange area. The exercise classes are very successful. Mineko also reported that LCCOA is hosting a Virtual Dementia Tour, Friday, Oct. 23rd. LCCOA is partnering with Parks and Rec for out of county recreation trips. The Lenoir Community College is providing LGBT competency training for In-Home aides to ensure quality of care.
- f. Onslow County – Marge Zima reported that Onslow County held a very successful Senior Expo in September. Flu shots have been offered at all satellite sites throughout Onslow County.
- g. Wayne County – Yvonne McLamb reported that Paula Edwards has been selected as the Director for Wayne Services on Aging and the Peggy Seegars Senior Center. She also gave an update on the activities at the senior center. Some activities included a Senior Appreciation Day, a dance, drama club skits, an evening Alzheimer's group and iPhone and iPad classes. The center has enrollment events every Mon, Tues and Wed. Counselors are also available Thurs & Fri for appointments.

9. 2016 RAAC meeting dates were reviewed. Due to the date of New Year's Eve the RAAC meeting was moved to January 11, 2016. *Yvonne McLamb made the motion, seconded by Walter LaRoque and motion passed.*
10. Adjourn – RAAC - *Walter LaRoque motioned to adjourn the meeting.*
11. STHL – Marge Zima (STHL Delegate – Onslow) shared information from the State STHL meeting that was held in Oct. The delegates selected two new priorities. One priority was Project CARE a respite program that serves individuals with Alzheimer's disease. The second priority is for uniform laws across state lines for guardianship. David Jones (STHL Delegate – Greene) stated that he was disappointed that support for senior centers and the Home & Community Care Block grant were no longer priorities.

2015 RAAC Calendar Dates

- January 11, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.
- April 4, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.
- July 11, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.
- October 3, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.