

DRAFT MINUTES NANTUCKET COUNCIL ON AGING – March 2, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Tom McGlinn at 1:27 PM. at the Saltmarsh Senior Center. Members Present: Tom McGlinn, Ella Finn, Joe Aguiar, Colleen McLaughlin, Chuck Gifford and Glenora Kelly Smith.

Members Absent: Daryl Westbrook, Randy Wight and Charles Manghis

Guests: Laura Stewart, Saltmarsh Center Program Director and Rachel Chretien, Nantucket Director of Human Services. **Mr. McGlinn ascertained that a quorum was present. Mr. Aguiar moved with Ms. McLaughlin seconding to accept the agenda for the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.**

Draft minutes from the February meeting were provided before the start of the meeting. **Mr. Gifford moved with Mr. Aguiar seconding to approve the amended draft minutes by changing the wording in Mrs. Smith's comment to read "a covering for the outside ramp." The motion passed unanimously.**

Members discussed potential proposals for Title III and other grant opportunities. It was determined that grant requests would need to come through the Council on Aging and be evidence- based. The Nantucket Center for Elder Affairs would be the applying agency. Most suggestions involved the expansion of transportation. Mr. Aguiar suggested that the original proposal could be rewritten with the addition of off-island transportation. .Mr. Gifford suggested that transportation could be to TWN productions including the Sunday free matinees which occur during the first week of a production.

Ms. Finn indicated that the most recent Elder Services for Cape Cod and the Islands meeting centered on the ESCCI budget.

Rachel Chretien reported the progress toward the licensing for Erin Kopecki to become the Assistant Director for Human Services. Erin began her training this week and is expected to return in August.

Rachel also indicated that she would attend a forum scheduled for March 6 at 1:30 PM, organized by Fran Kartunen to get more information for the SK Advisory organization to consider. Rachel is the only Town employee planning to attend. She informed Ms. Kartunen that she would leave if the attendees were abusive toward her. Every member of the Council on Aging recommended that she not attend with the following comments:

- She will be considered as representing the Town as the only employee of the Town attending
- It is better not to attend than to leave the meeting

- The SK Advisory organization is already scheduled to present their findings to the Nantucket Board of Selectmen at the meeting of March 23, with a public forum to follow on March 24, at 10 AM.

Mrs. Chretien further reported that there is misinformation floating around and will try to correct as much as possible by attending,

Laura Stewart reported that DVD Zumba classes will be offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning in April. She showed Council members a copy of a NARAB sponsored magazine which featured an article about “why people retire to Nantucket,” which includes seniors who are active at the Saltmarsh Center.

Laura also provided a Massachusetts Town and City State Map which showed the population by age, fewer than 18 versus 60+.

Mr. Aguiar requested and received two graphs, one indicating detailed senior counts at the Saltmarsh Center for 2015, and a count of by specific event categories for the same period of time.

Council on Aging members agreed, by unanimous consent, to begin discussions at the April meeting about selecting a senior man and woman of the year.

Mr. McGlinn suggested that the COA members put together a survey for seniors to identify what they see as their needs. Mr. Gifford suggested a grant would be required.

Mrs. Stewart suggested that she is working with the NCEA to have surveys sent to all Island residents 50 years old and older.

Ms. Finn suggested that cell phones be turned off during meetings. The beeps, rings, etc., are disruptive.

Mr. Gifford moved with Mrs. Glenora Kelly-Smith seconding that the meeting be adjourned at 2:30 PM. The motion passed unanimously.