

River Valley Aging and Disability Resource Connection Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
October 26, 2017

Persons Attending

Wendy Mons, Visually Impaired Foundation of Georgia, Inc.
Elizabeth Young, RVRC/AAA
Kia Barrow, RVRC/AAA
Kaleena Morgan, LTC Ombudsman
Anita Holt, Columbus Housing Authority
LaCarole Lloyd, RVRC/AAA
Chandra Wilson, Georgia Legal Services
Susan Krochmahy, Alzheimer's Association
Linda Bledsoe, LTC Ombudsman

Over the Phone

Teresa Flynt, Pinehill Nursing Home
Latorey Howard, WellCare

The meeting held at the offices of the River Valley Area Agency on Aging in Columbus was opened by Kia Barrow. The minutes of the past meeting were approved unanimously upon a motion made by Elizabeth Young and seconded by LaCarole Lloyd. Kia discussed the No Wrong Door Policy with the group. I explained to them that anyone should be able to contact our agency and receive assistance.

Kia then introduced our speaker, Wendy Mons. She is the Director/Founder of the Visually Impaired Foundation of Georgia, Inc. Ms. Mons was educated as a teacher for those visually impaired. She is based out of Woodstock, Ga. She also has vision clinics throughout rural Georgia.

She spoke about Project Independence which is a joint federal and state grant. They provide low vision clinics, training for the blind, cane travel, independent living skills, etc. The vision clinics have no charge for the services but the client has to purchase their products. The criteria for Project Independence is 55 yrs of age or older with a severe vision loss in the best eye with the best correction and would benefit from Independent Living services. Two payment sources for some of the living aids are Care Able and Blind Citizens grant. Ms. Mons brought lots of assistive technology to demonstrate how it is used.

Kia reviewed the ADRC Report for the months of August and September. She reviewed the age groups, disability types, contacts and numbers added to the waiting list for each month. She reviewed discussed with them how the report was broken down into several different parts. She also encouraged the group to add www.georgiaadrc.com to their websites.

Partner Reports:

- Kia discussed the Upcoming Matter of Balance Coach training on December 13th and 14th; The Care Net meeting will be held on October 31st at the Alzheimer's Association at 12; There is a current CDSMP class that participants can sign up for. It is held at Waverly Terrace and they must start by November 7th; Kia also discussed the CO-Age priority for more ADRC funding and told them how to join CO-Age. She also gave copies of the Co-Age brochure and the new ADRC brochure.
- Chandra discussed the ADRC Facebook page
- Anita stated that the Cottages at Arbor Pointe would be having a health fair on 10/30/17 from 10-2.

Kia informed the group that the meeting now be held 3 times a year instead of 4.

The next meeting will be held on February 22, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. If anyone would like to host this meeting, please contact Kia Barrow at kmorris@rivervalleyrcaaa.org