

HAMPTON SENIOR CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

S.A.V.E. Seniors! Support-Acknowledge-Value-Empower

Speakers Bureau Subcommittee

July 11, 2022 - 9:00 a.m.

Hampton Senior Center

3501 Kecoughtan Road

Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME

Chair C'Faison Harris called the meeting to order at 9:15am and served as the recorder.

ROLL CALL

Present: C'Faison Harris, Martha Clark, and Lewis Dawley; a quorum was present.

Absent: Susan Elswick (attending another subcommittee meeting)

Also Present: Tonya Grant

SUBCOMMITTEE BUSINESS

Meeting Schedule Discussion: It was suggested at the June 6 meeting that the committee only meet on a quarterly basis, beginning in July. Meetings would occur at 9am, prior to regularly scheduled SCAC meetings on the following days: July 11, October 3, January 2, and April 3. A vote taken on this meeting schedule, but will be voted upon at the August subcommittee meeting.

Lewis expressed concern about a June 2022 Washington Post article citing the growing crisis of food insecurities for many senior communities. In addition to food insecurities are food desserts and hunger in general. He asked if speakers could be scheduled that could address this problem. The Virginia Department of Health's nutrition division, in addition to the Peninsula Agency on Aging, the Peninsula Food Bank, and the Hampton Ecumenical Lodgings and Provisions, Inc. Martha noted that these agencies would be resources for addressing the issue and could connect us to more such agencies. Lewis said there's a need to have a centralized mode of getting this information out to the community.

Other suggestions included researching what surrounding cities are doing to address the need, contacting area farmers for partnership opportunities, and asking for agency sponsorships. Lewis also brought the matter to the attention of Chair Linda Kindred, who thought it important enough to have Lewis speak about it during today's board meeting.

Tentative Schedule of Speakers:

August – William Massey, PAA (or representative)

September – Matthew Stern, Hampton Ecumenical LP, Inc.

October – NARFE Chapter 682 will join us; lead agencies to provide them with senior community resource information

November – Belinda Trost, JenCare Senior Medical Center

December – Guest speaker needed for Annual Senior Awards Event

Will discuss with Dave and Linda this tentative line-up so PRLS can send invite letters.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9:59 a.m.

