



Atlanta Regional Commission MEETING SUMMARY

The Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) met on Thursday, **June 9, 2016**, at 12:00 p.m. in the Harry West-B Conference Room on Level-C of the Atlanta Regional Commission, Atlanta, Georgia.

Members Present

Mayor Clark Boddie
Mayor Nancy Harris
Chairman Tom Worthan
Chairman Charlotte Nash
Mayor Willie Oswalt

Ms. Edith Greene
Ms. Liane Levetan
Mr. Herman Weil
Mr. Bob Reeves

Members Absent

Mr. Kevin Isakson
Mr. Amol Naik
Ms. Lois Ricci
Mayor Rick Roberts

ARC Staff

Kathryn Lawler
Cynthia Burke
Sue Burgess
Emerson Bryan
Paul Donsky
Whitney Fuller

Guest(s): Kerry Armstrong, Lorraine Carribean, Carolyn Roper

The Committee Chairman and Honorable Mayor Clark Boddie welcomed Committee members and guests. There were no petitioners for public comment.

Jessica Gill, Executive Director of Cobb County Senior Services introduced Joe Gavalis, Law Enforcement Coordinator, and Christine Rozman, Community Outreach Coordinator of the North Georgia Elder Abuse Task Force. Vic Reynolds, who could not be present, is District Attorney of Cobb County and Chair of the Task Force. The Cobb Elder Abuse Task Force (CEATF), is a multi-jurisdictional organization addressing financial, physical/emotional and institutional abuse of seniors. CEATF provides education and awareness training to both Private and Public Sectors. Joe and Christine shared with the committee and guests how and why the Task Force was created, recent initiatives and regional collaborations.

The Community Care Services Program (CCSP) was the next topic of discussion. CCSP is the Medicaid waiver program operated by the various Area Agencies on Aging in the state of Georgia serving older and disabled adults. Kathryn Lawler presented an update on the program. In January 2016 the laws were changed that housed CCSP in the Department of Human Services (DHS) and the program moved to the Department of Community Health (DCH). As of July 1, 2016 the CCSP enrollment freeze issued in February of 2015 will end and enrollment will begin. However, enrollment numbers from the freeze period will still carry into the numbers for the new contract with DCH. Historically, CCSP enrollment in the Atlanta region is much higher than enrollment during the freeze. To demonstrate the change in freeze enrollment and historic enrollment numbers, Kathryn presented a power point presentation detailing alternate scenarios for month to month CCSP client enrollment and attrition.

The Advisory Committee on Aging met on Tuesday, June 7th. At that time a slate of six new Officers were presented to the ACA Chairman, Steve Foster on the. Three of those Officers attend the Committee meeting and made introductions: John Winter, ACA Chairman, Lorraine Carribean, Secretary and Carolyn Roper, Member at Large. As Chairman of the ACA, John Winter will sit on the Aging and Health Resources Committee. Edith Greene, who was appointed by former ACA Chairman Steve Foster to fill his seat on the Committee, still holds her position as a member of the ACA.

Last on the agenda was a reminder about the Coalition of Advocates for Georgia's Elderly or CO-AGE as they will meet in the second week of July to vote on issues to bring before the legislature in their next General Assembly.

The announcement was made that on the September 15th committee meeting Abby Cox, Director of the Georgia Division of Aging Services, will be present.

There were no action items.

Chairman Boddie called to adjourn the meeting.

*Next Aging and Health Resources Committee Meeting is **Thursday, July 14, 2016** at 12:00 p.m. in Harry West-B*

The meeting agenda and all presentations can be found on the Aging and Health Resources Committee Webpage.

