

Newton Council on Aging & Advisory Board Meeting

April 25th, 2017

Present: N. Brown, H. Haywood, J Heffron, A. Hoffman, M. Knapp, N Krasner, D. Murphy, S. Paley, E Picard, J. Picard, CA. Shea, T. Shoemaker, E. Watkins,

Notified: A, Cooper, B.Dugan , C. Gibson, E. Lorant, j. Nordstrand,

Staff: J. Colino, E. Rosenbaum,

Guests: Joan Bell Isle, Sue Rasala, Larry Steinhauser, Philip Kroskin, Steve Buchbinder, Marley Craine, Hannah Knapp

1. Welcome, introductions, approval of March minutes.

2. Presentation: Sunrise Assisted Living Proposal

- Sunrise staff presented their history along with their core values, mission and vision.
- An overview of the project was presented.
- Demographics of Sunrise residency is shared.
- Data about the current number of available AL units was shared along with data about penetration rates for this area.
- Some projections based on Sunrise data and our data from the UMASS survey were discussed in relation to current and future need projections for ALF.
- Question was asked about average monthly cost. \$6-9K/mos depending on level of care needed.
- After the presenters left there was discussion amongst the COA and Advisory Board members
- Carol Ann Shea made a motion to support the project, Donna Murphy seconded the motion.
- Marian will draft a letter for input and circulate. (see final letter attached)

3. Chair/Director's report: M. Knapp & J. Colino

- A retreat with Executive Committee members has been scheduled for May 9th to begin the work of developing an age-friendly platform. Mary O'Neil, the consultant from SOAR who lead our strategic planning process will be facilitating the retreat.
- Next steps will include Advisory Board members and staff at the May 23rd COA meeting to take the priority goals determined by Executive committee and develop a short term mayoral race platform and long term goals the COA will address over the next 3-5 years.

4. Membership: No report

5. Springwell Report: No report

6. Senior Fund Report: Nancy Brown

- No new information

7. Housing Group Report: Donna Murphy

- Proofreading of housing guide is completed and the guide has been given to Jayne for final review.

8. Legislative Report:

9. Old/New Business:

- Beth Dugan's appointment to the new Governor's Council on the Matters of Aging was announced.
- Ilana is back in full swing

Meeting Adjourned: 9:33 p.m.

