

PPEAC November Meeting Minutes

INTRODUCTIONS

Those in attendance for the November meeting:

Amanda Bandfield

Julie Bovey

Dr. Sheri Gibson

Gloria Horne

Josh Howard

Kristina Iodice

Mag. Frances Johnson

Rachael Maxwell

Ann McKenzie

Carolene McKey

Vanessa Obetz

Susan Pavlica

Dayton Romero

Carrie Schillinger

Amber Truelson

Jill Whitley

Dayton opened the floor for any organization updates that may be of interest to PPEAC members.

- 1) Gloria is expecting her organization to finalize the 501(c)3 process in the near future.
- 2) Jill spoke about the Access to Justice pilot program. The project will focus on vulnerable adults. An online triage process will direct individuals to resources.
- 3) Rachael stated that Innovations in Aging is working to develop a similar system.
- 4) Dayton spoke of the grant received by Silver Key from the VA, allowing for the expansion of the veterans' program which will be partnering with other agencies. Another grant will fund a new position for a Senior Housing Navigator who will help with the housing displacement issues among seniors in the community.

EDUCATION & OUTREACH

No updates were provided by Chuck or Amanda regarding education and outreach. The BBB reached out to Silver Key regarding information on education— Dayton provided educational opportunities offered through PPEAC and CCERAP. Kristina will look into how to incorporate Education & Outreach into the El Paso County social media platforms. A discussion followed about setting up an "If interested..." section in the Options area of the El Paso County website.

EMERGENCY HOUSING

Dr. Gibson gave a status update on her work regarding emergency housing. She has been working to gather data of who has received assistance – currently 64 elders served. She was invited to join the National APS Committee where she may have an opportunity to discuss some of the issues the Pikes Peak region is facing, as well as solutions. She spoke about potential funding opportunities to set up a coordinator position. Facilities are stating that HIPAA limits what information they are permitted to provide. She has spoken with grad students at UCCS about the data gathering and research. She will be working with Chrissy and APS regarding the data to determine the scope of work and what variables need to be considered. She plans to bring this information back to PPEAC for input.

VOLUNTEER GUARDIANSHIP PROGRAM (VGAP)

This program has been a year in the making. The flyers are finalized and ready to be posted. Copies were given to those present to be posted around the city. The mission of the program is to expand the capacity of professional guardians to better serve the growing number of incapacitated persons who need a decision-maker in their lives, and to increase the number of individuals who can be served, thereby improving the quality of their lives.

Training is scheduled for February. The recruitment stage has commenced. Volunteers are requested to commit a minimum of six months to the program.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business was brought forward at this time.

BYLAWS

The bylaws are ready to be reviewed by PPEAC, but Dayton wanted to wait for Tammra Hasling to be present for the discussion of the bylaws. The review was postponed to the January meeting.

TRANSPORTATION

Silver Key is looking at the viability of a volunteer rideshare program and is currently researching interest among seniors. Volunteers would go through a background check and use their own vehicle. One issue with transportation is that current options are scheduling out two weeks or more. Another issue is the inaccessibility of options on weekends. Dayton to provide a survey for Josh to send out.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Because of the holiday season, the December PPEAC meeting has been cancelled. The next meeting will be on 01/18/2019.