

Elder Ambassador Committee of the Orange County Commission on Aging

MARCH 15, 2017 – 1:30 P.M.

Holden Heights Community Center, 1201 20th Street, Orlando FL 32805

Meeting Minutes

Present

Edith Gendron, Alzheimer's and Dementia Resource Center

Bridget Monroe, Cornerstone Hospice

Nancy Nix, Elder Ambassador

Mimi Reggentin, Office on Aging

Wendy Roman, Humana

Ona Taylor, Office on Aging

Minutes

- Ms. Taylor opened the meeting and provided an update on the Elder Ambassador program.
- Status Update
 - Ms. Taylor stated there are three primary goals – to increase awareness of this program, to redeploy existing volunteers and to host a training class for new volunteers. Staff has already visited 19 centers to raise awareness.
 - Staff has contacted all existing volunteers and 70 percent have elected to continue volunteering for this program. As of March 1, this program was officially reestablished in the community and there are already 22 planned events through June with 12 events scheduled in March.
- Elder Ambassador Class 2017
 - Ms. Taylor stated three open houses are planned for March 20, 22 and 30 so that individuals who are interested in becoming Elder Ambassadors can learn more about the program prior to submitting an application. The application process will be open from March 20 through April 12. A refresher class will also be scheduled for existing volunteers.
 - The Committee discussed community outreach for this program and each person agreed to contact faith communities and civic organizations in their own neighborhoods to help raise awareness of this volunteer opportunity.
 - Ms. Taylor stated the application process opens on March 20 and closes on April 12. Core training is confirmed for May 3, 4, 9, 11.
 - Staff is in the process of securing locations for these training dates. The Committee reviewed the list of possible location and stated they would also try to identify other training locations.
 - Staff is in the final stages of developing a budget for the core training as well as the refresher training. This information will be distributed to the Committee next week.
- The meeting concluded at 3:05 p.m.

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