

Minutes of North Carolina Coalition on Aging’s 2020 Annual Meeting
Friday, September 25, 2020 (10:00 a.m.)
(Zoom Conference Call due to cancellation of in-person meetings because of COVID-19)

Records indicated at least 155 people were in attendance. Zoom records of those on the call are on file with the Coalition on Aging.

Welcome - Heather Burkhardt, Executive Director

- Everyone was thanked for their flexibility in participating in the first virtual annual meeting.
- Materials for the meeting that were sent to everyone prior to the meeting were noted.
- It was shared that American Sign Language (ASL) Interpreters and Communication Access Realtime Translation (CART) captioning was being provided throughout the meeting by the NC Division of Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing.

Recognition of Partners

- Heather recognized the five Coalition partners for 2020 and thanked them for their support:
 - **Premium Partner** – UnitedHealthcare (remarks were offered by Michael Gonzales, Sales Director, North Carolina/East with UnitedHealthcare)
 - **Champion Partners** – NC Assisted Living Association/Poyner Spruill
– NC Association for Home and Hospice Care/Transitions LifeCare

Chair’s Report - Tracy Colvard, Board Chair

- Tracy reviewed the State of the Coalition report. He discussed:
 - the statues of the Coalition’s membership (75 agency/organization members) and the Coalition’s finances,
 - the efforts to strengthen the operations of the Coalition (including hiring a full time Executive Director),
 - the efforts to support members,
 - the Coalition’s impact on policy and legislation, and
 - the top priorities for the Coalition moving forward.
- A copy of the State of the Coalition report was sent to everyone on the morning of the meeting.

Recognition of Sponsors

- Heather noted that there were 20 sponsors for the annual meeting this year in addition to the partners. She thanked each of them for their sponsorship and for what their support means to the Coalition.
- Materials from many of the sponsors were shared prior to the meeting.
- The sponsors are as follows:

Event Donors

- ✚ Access Dental Care
- ✚ NC Partnership to Address Adult Abuse
- ✚ Resources for Seniors, Inc. (Wake County)

Silver Sponsors

- ✦ National Association of Social Workers – NC Chapter
- ✦ NC Association of Area Agencies on Aging
- ✦ NC Justice Center
- ✦ NC Senior Games

Bronze Sponsors

- ✦ Institute for Family Caregiving, Inc.
- ✦ NC Baptist Aging Ministry
- ✦ Southern Gerontological Society

Gold Sponsors

- ✦ NC Health Care Facilities Association
- ✦ NC Retired Governmental Employees Association
- ✦ NC Senior Living Association
- ✦ Randolph Cloud and Associates
- ✦ We Work for Health

Platinum Sponsors

- ✦ AARP North Carolina (remarks were offered by Michael Olender, State Director for AARP NC)
- ✦ LeadingAge NC (remarks were offered by Tom Akins, President and CEO of LeadingAge NC)
- ✦ Meals on Wheels North Carolina (remarks were offered by Alan Winstead, Director of Meals on Wheels of Wake County and Treasurer of Meals on Wheels North Carolina)

Presenting Sponsors

- ✦ NC SHIP of the NC Department of Insurance (remarks were offered by Melinda Munden, Director of SHIP)
- ✦ State Employees Association of North Carolina (SEANC) (remarks were offered by Ardis Watkins, Executive Director of SEANC)

Recognition of Officers - Charmaine Fuller Cooper, Chair- Elect

- Charmaine introduced the current officer and members of the Board for the Coalition. They are as follows:
 - Tracy Colvard, Chair
 - Charmaine Fuller Cooper, Chair Elect
 - Chad Walker, Treasurer
 - Mary Bethel, Secretary
 - Harold Burnette, Board Member
 - Martha Fowler, Board Member
 - Ray Riordan, Board Member
 - Janice Tyler, Board Member

Report from the Nominating Committee – Mary Bethel, Nominating Committee Chair

- Mary thanked all the Board members for their service.

- She reported that the terms of four current members of the Board (Tracy Colvard, Charmaine Fuller Cooper, Chad Walker, and Janice Tyler) expire with this meeting and that at the August 28 meeting of the Coalition the floor was open for nominations for the seats on the Board. At that meeting, the only nominations received were the four individuals who are currently serving in these seats.
- She noted that based on the action at the August meeting, the Nominating Committee which is composed of herself, Charmaine Fuller Cooper, and Ray Riordan, recommends that the slate of four candidates be re-elected to a second two year term on the Board.
- Since the recommendation came from the Committee, no second was needed.

Election of Board Members

- Mary reminded members that each of the 75 agency/organization members of the Coalition is allowed one vote.
- The vote was held and all those voting cast a vote in favor of the slate of four nominees.
- Mary congratulated Tracy, Charmaine, Chad, and Janice on being elected to a second two year term on the Board.

Introduction of Keynote Speaker – Chad Walker, Treasurer

- Chad introduced Dr. Don Taylor, Professor in the Sanford School of Public Policy at Duke University and Director of the Social Science Research Institute there. He is also a founding faculty member of the Duke-Margolis Center for Health Policy.

Keynote Presentation – Dr. Don Taylor

- Dr. Taylor provided a very informative presentation entitled “COVID-19 and Its Impact on Aging Public Policy and Mom and Dad's Golden Years.”
- A copy of the PowerPoint from Dr. Taylor’s presentation has been shared with Coalition members.

Presentation of Pioneer Awards – Mary Bethel, Nominating Committee Chair

- The Pioneer Award was presented to two individuals by Mary. Both of these individuals have made longtime outstanding contributions to the field of aging in North Carolina. Information about the Award recipients was sent to Coalition members prior to the meeting. Recognized with an Award were:
 - ❖ Dr. Sandy Gregory, Director of NC Baptist Aging Ministry (NCBAM).
 - ❖ Steve Freedman, Chief of the Services Operations Section at the NC Division of Aging and Adult Services and a 46 year veteran of the Division.
- Both Dr. Gregory and Steve made brief comments after the receipt of their Awards.
- Mary shared that both Award recipients will receive a paper weight and a small monetary gift.

Announcements

- Heather that announced that as a part of the October 23 Coalition meeting, there will be an Olmstead listening session. More information on this will be sent in early October.

Adjourn

- There being no additional business, the annual meeting was adjourned a few minutes after 12:00 noon.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Bethel, Secretary

Additional Coalition Meeting Dates for 2020 are as follows and will remain virtual until further notice: October 23 and December 4.