

Northwest Georgia Area Agency on Aging
Elder Rights Meeting – Branch #1
December 11, 2007
Minutes

Attending:

Kerry DeFoe
Laurie Parker
Susan Greene
Dick Sumner
Laura Rogne

Lisa Burnett
Jeff Taylor
T. Reamsnyder
Carla Jones

Electronic communication is working well for everyone.

Kerry Updated on State Triad and Pickens and Bartow Triads. The State Triad corporation name has been reserved and articles of incorporation will be submitted before the end of the year. Bartow's Triad is going strong, although Pickens County's Triad has come to a standstill. Dick Sumner will try to work with the Sheriff's Department to get things back on track.

Brainstorming on ways to increase council participation:

Interagency councils

Family Connections (each county has a website with e-mail contact info)

Regency Hospice based in Hiawassee

MATS and home-delivered meals drivers (and they need training, too)

Good Samaritan Clinic in Jasper (they give out several grants annually, too)

Hope, Faith and Charity Recycle Store

Churches and their volunteer groups

Hospital Chaplains

Law Enforcement – why did they all drop out?

Hospital auxiliaries

Local pharmacists

School counselors

Housing Authority (Lisa volunteered to get names)

Victim's Assistance

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It was discussed that our early meetings all provided some type of training for members and that made it more attractive to attend. It was suggested that we provide medical, legal, financial and law enforcement training each year and have a speaker with a different focus in each area over the years.

On another note, Pastor T mentioned that people are tired of calling all over to see who can help them only to find out that every referral resource is out of funds. The group discussed this issue and decided that interagency councils are a good way of sharing information on who has resources and who has needs. There are no interagency councils in Pickens or Gilmer Counties.