

Aging with Connection and Purpose Workgroup

Date: Wednesday, March 13th, 2019
Time: 9:00-11:00am
Meeting Leader(s): Caleb Gilbert
Location: Sununu Room at TriCounty Community Action Program Community Resource Center, 448B White Mountain Highway/Rt. 16, Tamworth (*adjacent to Eastern Propane*)
Participants: Jane Galloway, Genesis; Dan Hobbs, NHLA; Sue Ruka, Memorial Hospital; Sandy Ruka, VNHCH; Cheryl Kimball, Huggins hospital; Dawn Barnett, Service Link; Dorothy Solomon

Notes

Carroll County program/initiative updates

- Community Engagement/Activities:

- AARP Age-Friendly Communities (AFC) program with Gibson Center

The Work Plan for the MWV Age-Friendly Community is posted on the Gibson Center's website: <https://www.gibsoncenter.org/mwv-age-friendly-community/>. In part due to this initiative, Freedom has included a part-time Senior Service Coordinator in the town budget, which passed. Wolfeboro is still interested in exploring the establishment of their own age-friendly community initiative, perhaps in relation to the Huggins Rural Health Network.

- National Healthcare Decisions Day

National Healthcare Decisions Day is 4/16/19. There will be informational displays on Advanced Care Planning setup for the entire week (4/15 through 4/19) at various locations throughout the MWV. Be on the lookout for more information.

- Fall Prevention Programs

Sue Ruka talked about "Sandy's Story" related to Tai Ji Quan. Here is a link to the video: <https://youtu.be/A-Rji1bYPlw>

- Advanced Care Planning Programs

A community event is being planned for late May/early June. This event is intended to engage the community about advanced directives and planning. More information forth coming. Community Collaborative is exploring funding sources for a virtual program to assist people in completing advanced directives.

- Eldercare Workforce Issues

SB 308 seeks to address issues related to streamlining background checks, loan forgiveness, & licensing. Text here:

http://gencourt.state.nh.us/bill_status/billText.aspx?sy=2019&id=897&txtFormat=html

Amendment here:

http://gencourt.state.nh.us/bill_status/billtext.aspx?sy=2019&txtFormat=amend&id=2019-0870S

- Housing

State Committee on Aging inquired about home share efforts in the state and Sue Ruka shared the work that Marianne Jackson has been engaged in. Marianne presented on her efforts to establish home share options in Carroll County. Here is a link to Vermont's Home Share program: <https://www.homesharevermont.org/>

- Other
 - Grandparent Support Groups
 - Expanding to southern Carroll County: Wolfeboro, etc.

State and Regional program/initiative updates:

- State Plan on Aging:

Public comment session to take place at Gibson Center on Tuesday, April 16th, from 12:30 - 2:30pm.

- NHLA/AHA Advocacy:

There will be an AHA Legislative Breakfast on 4/2/19, from 7:30 to 9am, in the State House Cafeteria.

There is interest to bring legislative events to Carroll County, perhaps regionally located within the county (North, Center, and South of County). These would be less formal sessions, where public and professionals could converse with legislators about issues. AHA can assist in organizing these events. The group expressed interest in this. Be on the lookout for more information.

Other AHA bills of interest:

HB 621 Establishing a Commission on Aging: Bill

Text: http://gencourt.state.nh.us/bill_status/billText.aspx?sy=2019&id=673&txtFormat=html.

Amendment:

http://gencourt.state.nh.us/bill_status/billtext.aspx?sy=2019&txtFormat=amend&id=2019-0714H

HB 696 Establishing Protective Orders for Vulnerable Adults: Bill Text:

http://gencourt.state.nh.us/bill_status/billText.aspx?sy=2019&txtFormat=html&v=HA&id=14

- Other

NH Healthy Aging Data will be publicly released on 4/2/2019.

SFY 2019 Meeting Schedule: 3rd Wednesdays of each quarter from 9-11am at TCCAP in Tamworth. Next Meeting: June 19th.

Upcoming Events: visit our website under "Events" for all upcoming events:

<http://www.c3ph.org/newsevents/events>