



## Monthly Committee Report – April 13, 2021

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**Committee:** Community Services & Outreach

**Officer/Chair:** Patricia Jackson

**Committee Members:** Anna Marie Baity, Amelia Dent, Barbara Jamison, Barbara Johnson, Brenda Johnson, Patrina Johnson, Mae Redden, Sherry Slater, Merrill White, and Dorothy Wright

### 1. Activities Completed for the Previous Month:

- Attended monthly COE meeting.
- Let's Stay Connected Senior Technology Program. Tech Assistants are sending in reports of contact and assistance with seniors. Merrill White and Thomas Powe will be compiling information from these reports as well as gathering information from seniors as to how they feel about this program.
- Zoom 101 Workshop. Was held on Monday April 12 at 11:00 am. Additional Zoom 101 workshops for zoom participants, as well as advanced Zoom workshops are being planned at later dates to help seniors feel more comfortable using this video platform. Suggested dates will be given staff for approval.
- Voting Initiative. Mae Redden, Barbara Johnson and Amelia Dent are compiling information about voting tips, important legislation, how to determine who your local and federal legislators are, etc. for periodic articles that will be submitted to staff to determine if appropriate for LWSC Newsletter. Voting information articles will be called "COE Corner".

- Caregiver Support Group. Dorothy Wright has written proposal for Bingo in The Park Event for caregivers scheduled for Sept. 8th. Pat will be sending over a proposal for possible funding to DeKalb for Seniors.
- Intergeneration Week. Sherry and Patrina are working to finalize this exciting initiative. They had a youth focus group on Thursday, April 1<sup>st</sup> and received valuable feedback. They have chosen a book for Book Discussion set for Tuesday, June 1<sup>st</sup>. Received great ideas for open discussion for Wednesday June 2<sup>nd</sup> and menu ideas for cooking class along with cultural tea for Thursday June 3<sup>rd</sup>. All activities will be on zoom at 12noon. We hope to have contact with DeKalb Human Services Youth Services to attend our next meeting on April 15 at 3:00 pm to assist in this initiative and would like staff to assist.
- Senior Reach Out Initiative. Merrill White and Anna Marie Baity are working diligently on a program where volunteers would contact and offer support to seniors in the community who might be isolated and secluded in their homes. They are fine tuning this program, trying to come up with a suitable name and working on draft proposal for staff to give input and assess feasibility of this program.
- Vaccine Initiative. Barbara Jamison and Merrill White are keeping members abreast of locations for vaccine appointments. They are asking staff to continue to disseminate when appropriate.

**2. Activities Planned for the Future: None**

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**3. Motion/Stated for COE Executive Committee Consideration, Resolution and/or Recommendations:**

- I move that approval be granted by the COE Executive Committee for the Community Services & Outreach Committee to host Intergeneration Week, June 1- 3, 2021.
- I move that approval be granted by the COE Executive Committee for the Community Services & Outreach Committee to host Caregivers Bingo in The Park Respite Event, September 8, 2021.
- I move that approval be granted by the COE Executive Committee for the Community Services & Outreach Committee to host Senior Reach Out Initiative. Date TBD by the Staff.
- I move that approval be granted by the COE Executive Committee for the Community Services & Outreach Committee to host COE Corner Article in the LWSC Newsletter on a monthly basis.
- I move that approval be granted by the COE Executive Committee for the Community Services & Outreach Committee to host Zoom Workshops (101 and Advance) for Tech Assistants and Seniors for the Let's Stay Connected Program. Dates TBD.

**4. Action/Approval Required by the COE Executive Committee:  
Yes.**

- Request approval from the COE Executive Committee for all of the Motions cited in paragraph 3.

**5. Action/Approval Required by the LWSC Staff: Yes.**

- Request approval for the LWSC Staff to assistance with the planning of the Intergeneration Week, June 1- 3, 2021.
- Request approval for the LWSC Staff to assist in the planning of the Caregivers Bingo in The Park Respite Event, September 8, 2021.

- Request approval for the LWSC Staff to assist in the planning to host Senior Reach Out Initiative. Date TBD by the Staff.
- Request approval for the LWSC Staff to assist in the planning of the COE Corner Article in the LWSC Newsletter on a monthly basis.
- Request approval for the LWSC Staff to assist in the planning of the Zoom Workshops (101 and Advance) for Seniors for the Let's Stay Connected Program. Dates TBD.

**6. Opportunities for Celebration:**

- Special thanks to the youths who participated in Youth Focus Group for Intergeneration Week.
- Thanks to staff for their continued support of our initiatives!!