



Monthly Committee Report – May 11, 2021

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Committee: Program

Officer/Chair: Rochelle W. Evans

Committee Members: Patricia Arnold, Wilma Byrd, Maureen Craig, Charlene Daise, Glenda Erskine, Carolyn Keita, Wendolyn Llanos, Sharon Maynor, Ruth Mayo, Johnnie Presbury, and ad hoc member George Wadley

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

- Created an all-male ad hoc group of the “Program Committee Men-only focus group project. The members are Tyrone Bailey LWSC Staff Facilitator, George Wadley, COE Program Committee Facilitator, Earlie Clark, Johnnie Hughes, Fitzroy James, Ted Nelson, Leroy Reid, Major Sadler, and Lawrence Taylor.
- Held a meeting led by Tyrone Bailey and George Wadley to discuss preparation for the male focus groups.

2. **Activities Planned for the Future:**

- The Center will conduct a focus group(s) with the Lou Walker Senior Center’s male members to explore reasons for their low participation and attendance, and to understand why there is a seemingly lack of interest and desire to get involved.

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

- None

4. **Action Required by the COE Executive Committee: None.**

5. **Action Required by the LWSC Staff:**

- Yes. Publish and distribute the Instructor's Guide to every instructor.
- Yes, Under the leadership of Tyrone Bailey, Wellness and Fitness Director, conduct the focus group(s) for the Center's male members.
- Based on the focus group(s)'s results, the staff will have data to explore, determine, and implement programs and activities that interest and attract male members to be more involved.

6. **Opportunities for Celebration:**

- We are excited about the focus group(s) for men. We hope that attention on the Center's male members will lead to greater attendance, more active participation, enjoyment, as well as improved health, mentally and physically for the Center's male members.
- We thank George Wadley for volunteering, as a member of the Center, to assist Tyrone Bailey with the focus group(s).
- We appreciate the LWSC staff for taking on this initiative and the steps that they have already begun.

7. **Announcement:**

- I am stepping down as the COE Committee's Chairperson at the end of June 2021. I have enjoyed the privilege of being a part of the COE Executive Board since its inception and honored to have had the opportunity to serve in the Center's efforts to be accredited as a premiere leader of senior centers in the country.
- I will continue to participate in the COE meetings, and help the Program Committee, when possible, in its efforts to enhance programs and activities for all of seniors who retire.