

SENIOR ROUNDTABLE

AGENDA

September 18, 2008

8:30 a.m.

Assembly Rooms 1 & 2 (Downstairs)

McBride Senior Center

1. AN UPDATE ON CURRENT SENIOR SERVICES

It has been several years since agencies providing services to seniors have provided an update so over the next several months, as time permits, we will be scheduling updates. This month:

- **MEALS ON WHEELS**

2. SCAM ALERT – Update on the latest senior scams – Vacaville Police Department Family Investigative and Response Services Team

3. UPDATE ON STATE BUDGET PROCESS – Area Agency on Aging

4. CITY TRANSIT UPDATE – Brian McLean

5. OTHER SENIOR RELATED ITEMS

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City Manager David Van Kirk chaired the meeting which began at 8:35 am. The group of 46 members introduced themselves.

I UPDATE ON SENIOR SCAMS

Vacaville Police Department FIRST Officer Shawn Windham presented information on scams as they target seniors. Elder abuse, by statute, is against anyone 65+ and the most prevalent forms are initiated by family members or caregivers via ATM cards or checks. Shawn also talked about the mostly offshore scams that get victims to send money for fake lottery winnings. Relatives and caregivers of seniors need to watch these susceptible seniors because of possible gambling addictions or the need for personal contact. Scams can occur over the phone, by letter or by e-mail. The need exists to remind potential victims that anytime someone calls, it should be questioned. Trace back area codes, research businesses and be cognizant whenever asked to give out personal information. Placing a credit card fraud report request with the credit reporting agencies can keep people informed on those potentially running your credit reports. Go to annualcreditreport.com for more information.

II SOLANO COUNTY SENIOR COALITION STATUS REPORT

Tracee Scott Stacy introduced the Coalitions' report as it was compiled from census data, AAA surveys and agency input to determine where we stand in Solano County with senior services. The Coalition was formed based on the need to have a direct line to the Board of Supervisors to advocate for seniors with the Board allocating funds to support this community driven coalition. Solano County will experience a growth in seniors 65+, there will be a change in the ethnic percentages, and paramount issues will include: economic well being via income and housing, health and wellness, transportation, and safety. All these issues are being addressed by the Senior Coalition. Tracee's report covered comparisons of Solano County and national figures for economic and health indicators as well as transportation gap in services surveys and viable community priorities in the coming years as it relates to socializing, activity and quality of life for an aging population.

Tracee announced that the entire 75 page report is available on the internet via solanocounty.com. Tracee invited the SRT members to drop by the next Solano Senior Coalition meeting at the Board of Supervisors office the first Friday of each month at 12 Noon.

III UPDATE ON STATE BUDGET PROCESS

Leanne Martinsen, Executive Director of the Napa Solano Area Agency on Aging, reported on the latest budget update from Sacramento. The Legislature and the Governor's Office are negotiating areas of the proposed 10% budget cuts presented in the Governor's new budget. The Legislature has adjourned however, with no approved budget which means no funneling of money to the counties. While agencies may be okay thru August, things could get interesting in September if no decisions are reached. Leanne urged donating to senior programs and lobbying the legislature.

Dr. Richard Lundin was introduced as the local Senior Legislature. 40 senators and 80 assembly members mirror the regular legislature. The Senator passed out a Quarterly Update and information related to senior focuses.

David Van Kirk asked that this item on the State budge process by presented for discussion on the September agenda.