**Age Friendly Louisville**

**Social Participation, Respect & Inclusion Working Group/Domain**

**Meeting Notes**

**May 14, 2019 (Thrive Center, 204 East Market Street)**

**Attendees:**

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**Greeting and Introduction led by Rita Morrow and opportunity for everyone else to introduce themselves.**

**Recap and Reflection on Past Meeting/Gathering: Chris Clements provided a review of what took place at the past three meetings and what the proposed goals and objectives of the group. Special emphasis was put on Paul Troy’s presentation concerning Elder Abuse and what ElderServe does in the community. Paul is the Senior Crime Victim Advocate for ElderServe. He had a wide range of information for all. As in the past, more information and other updates with Age Friendly Louisville can be found at** [**https://www.agefriendlylou.com/**](https://www.agefriendlylou.com/)

**Rita added that she had recently attended the Quarterly Statewide meeting that takes place at Olmsted. She share some of what she heard and learned from it and stated it be good for one of us to continue to be present at it to be in the loop with things. Both the Louisville Metro Police Department and KY Attorney General Office has someone at these meeting among other key partners.**

**Nick stated that there are obviously a lot of Elder Abuse Trainings in the community and that the next steps is to list all of them and gather an informational brochure or handout highlighting these for others. Such listing of trainings could be categorized into legal, health, educational, financial/banking, etc. Thus, at the next domain meeting, this listing would be created so there be a balance of them, and which ones would be the best. Then later this summer it be listed on a bookmark to hand out to others whom could benefit from it. Other resource mechanisms such as newsletters and directory guide could be used too.**

**Lettie Heer stated as a Meals on Wheels volunteer, that they are given orientations and trainings about how to identify elder abuse and what to look for. It’s a proactive and attentive approach to things.**

**Nick then passed around Elder Abuse reflection handout which included good information from past meetings including what it is, key terms and aspects surrounding it and awareness techniques. A lot of this information came from Sarah McIntee and Terri Thomas of Harbor House as well as Reverend Ron Loughry, former Executive Director of Fern Creek Highview Community Ministries. The handouts showed the progress that had been made so far and how the first goal for this domain was being addressed.**

**The plan was for a Financial/Banking person to be present and share how elder abuse takes place in this area, but no one came so this will be added for the June 2019 meeting. Rita and Chris have contacts, but others will be reached out to like those listed in Business First (newspaper).**

**The group discussed the idea of recognizing June 15th which is National Elder Abuse Day. At the time a 3-paragraph piece would be produced to show that this Age Friendly Domain was aware of it and doing something about it. The write up would be done by Natalie Pope and would include introduction, body and conclusion. Chris Clements will follow up with Paul Troy at ElderServe on any specific events or activities in correlation with this day.**

**The group decided starting in June/July they would start looking at the other Action Plan goals and objectives. While three of them are planned for 2020, it would be a good idea to start discussion on them and make plans to do something as 2019 was already half over with. The first goal or objective that would be explored is the one about intergenerational communities working together and eliminating isolation while also providing more civic engagement and socialization. Suggested ideas of discussion on this goal included looking into transportation, offer dancing (ex. Line Dancing), more luncheons that included prizes, etc. Chris Clements added that at a recent Humana Guidance Center community partnership meeting there was a good program showing how youth and seniors can come together with technology helping each other and learning from each other. This may be a good idea to do.**

**In conclusion, it was also discussed to have New Directions Housing Corporation Repair Affair program representative, Louisville Metro Meals on Wheels representative, First Responder (Police, Fire, EMS, etc) at the next meeting so more insight could be provided to the Domain group. Efforts will be made to do this in June.**

**Chris Clements added that he will extend an invitation to Keith Knapp with Bellarmine’s VERITAS programs to come to either June or July session to share how this program has appealed to senior and gives them the education and socialization opportunity in their golden years. But the major focus would be on the listing of elder abuse trainings and awareness. Remaining time would focus on the other objectives and goals association with the action plans so that they are not ignored or forgotten.**

**The next Social Participation, Respect, and Inclusion Working Group will be June 11th (Tuesday). It will take place at the University of Louisville Trager Institute at 300 E. Market Street Suite 200, Louisville, KY 40202 from 2 to 4 PM. This is due to a conflict at the Thrive Center. However, the group wants to stay with the second Tuesday of each month as well as the 2 to 4 time period in the afternoon. Most sessions will be continued at Thrive Center too.**

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