

Notes from 7/24/06  
Dependent Care-Elder

1) Update on Information gathering

a) Denise and Anne attended a Caregivers support meeting. Findings:

-Caregivers reported that their #1 issue is that they need Respite. 3 Kinds of Respite:

1. 24hr emergency
2. scheduled weekly
3. annual week long (to go on vacation)

-Caregivers reported the need for non-Medicaid transportation for the working poor.

-25% of Athens-Clarke Seniors are being served and serving representative of the population

-Caregivers also made suggestions for programs: Housing match (ex: grad students get free housing to live with and assist an elderly person), basic “comfort” services not provided by insurance, “time banking”

-caregivers mentioned the need for volunteers and a volunteer coordinator

b) Time Shares (reported by Paul and Shana)

There is a program “do it yourself” package that comes with a CD and a guide, and an actual training session that can be attended (\$1000 for 3 people) where they teach you to set up and manage a time share. (management is most difficult part of the system)  
Paul is going to send us the links.

2) Care-net meeting (with the Rosalyn Carter institute) is scheduled for Friday Aug 11 from 10-2 at the Oconee Library. We can attend as “flies on the wall” but cannot ask questions, record names...only listen. Shana and Paul are going to try to attend.

3) Draft of most important findings from the ACC community:

- 1- Caregivers need the 3 levels of respite: (24-hr emergency, weekly scheduled, a week a year to go on vacation)
- 2- The Income Threshold limits access to services and needs to be adjusted. (middle class/working poor need services but aren't qualifying)
- 3- “People helping People” service exchange. (ex: exchange of chores, errands, transportation, meals, groceries...)
- 4- There is a need for transportation that is affordable and operates more often than the Transit. (affordable for people not covered by Medicaid)
- 5- We've found that there are people who need services beyond medical, these people have social needs that are not being met. (do not have medical diagnosis but still have needs) (Ex: organization in Stone Mt called “friends of disabled adults”)
- 6- Personal care homes are limited in being created in Athens-Clarke because of zoning ordinances that limit the number of non-related people living together.

The next PPA meeting is Aug 28. It will begin with a volunteer fair at 5:30 in the cafeteria. We are supposed to be getting our “Findings” report at that meeting.