**ORANGE TEAM – February, 2022 - zoom meeting minutes**

**MISSION OF AGING TOGETHER** – *AGING TOGETHER THROUGH PARTNERSHIPS CONNECTS PEOPLE TO COMMUNITIES AND TO RESOURCES TO IMPROVE QUALITY OF LIFE AS WE AGE.*

**VISION** – AGE FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES THAT ACTIVELY ENGAGE, VALUE AND SUPPORT OLDER ADULTS

**Team role/charter:** Forum for local organizations/individuals to focus on support for older residents and to address needs/solutions that go beyond what any one organization can do on its own

February re-cap (6 attended): Annette Putman (Dogwood); Liesa Dodson (Harbor At Renaissance); Leigh Ann Cubbage, AmericarePlus; Vicky Fleming (LOWlinc); Sarah Gillespie & Ginny (AT)

Member Updates:

* The Harbor at the Renaissance has a semi-private room for $2100, which is rare. Liesa will be hosting a Dementia Friends webinar for Aging Together on April 12 at noon, so mark your calendar. She also mentioned (2) 2022 “Powerful Tools for Caregivers” workshops coming up with Cornerstone Cares. Flyers will be out soon. In addition the Villas at Suffield Meadows will be hosting Caregiver Café’s soon too.
* Dogwood Village is taking tours, but opening slowly. Still have some cases and doing limited activities.
* AmericarePlus is busy doing employee online Caregiver training. They offer services 1 day at a time or for a full year.
* Leigh Ann reported that the Orange Senior Center is open again and that the DSS is hiring people and offering a CAN class.
* LOWlinc (village program at Lake of the Woods) is slowly starting back with activities for their members.
* Vicky reported that the Orange Triad program is working on another Thrive Above 55 conferences at Lake of the Woods Church on May 10 from 9 – 2pm. It’s free & lunch will be provided. Looking for vendors and expect 150 pp. Must register

Aging Together Updates:

* **Sarah Gillespie** – the new “Volunteer Driver Recruitment Coordinator” was introduced. She will work 30 hours with Aging Together and the Regional Transportation Collaborative. She is excited to learn about resources in our areas and speak to folks about volunteering their time to drive seniors to appointments, etc.
* AT is planning a **5 Over 50 ‘Watch Party** in Orange county. Suggested locations include the Town Public Works building and the Gordonsville Fire & Rescue Dept., depending on who the winner is for Orange Co. Please mark your calendar and plan to help with set-up and attend the event, which will still be live on Facebook on May 19th from 4 - 6pm. Family & friends of honorees can gather if they wish; to watch it on a big screen. This will be a free event & AT will offer some refreshments. NPTE: Watch Party Sponsorship is a new opportunity if interested!
* AT will organize 3 small **EXPO** events in Orange, Culpeper & Fauquier Counties (on different days in Sept. / Oct.). Suggested locations include: Town of Orange Public Works (Parking not great); Airport or Booster Park; Lake of the Woods community center. Team volunteer assistance & vendors will be needed.
* Aging Together will be conducting **Community Conversations** (CC) this spring The goal is for teams to identify groups who are stakeholders i.e. LOWlinc; Triad; Young at Heart. More detail to come.
* At website will soon offer a **Team Access Page** for members to look up information on webinars, AT events & activities and also post your flyers to. Everyone will be given a log-in code once its’ up & running.
* Ginny announced she is **retiring** at the end of April! A new County Resource Specialist will be on board and introduced at the March team meeting.

NEXT Orange team zoom meeting is **Wednesday, MARCH 9th @ 9:30am**