



## CALVERT COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING

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Minutes  
January 19, 2023

Charles Harrell called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. The meeting began with a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. This meeting was held at the Calvert Pines Senior Center.

Attendees: Charles Harrell, Harriet Yaffe, Anne Weems, Elizabeth Foster, Margaret Phipps, Sudha Haley, Yolanda Hipski, Beverly Butler, Terry Long, Kris Strauss, Ed Sullivan, Liz Youngblood

Non-Attendees: Linda Poudrier, Noelle Flaherty

Guests: Susan Hurd, Deb Mikell

Agenda/Minutes: The agenda/minutes were distributed. The agenda was approved. Motion to approve December minutes: Elizabeth; Second: Kris. Minutes were approved.

Chair and Vice Chair Remarks/Reports: Charles Harrell/Harriet Yaffe

- Charles discussed the memorial service to be held for Kathy Baron at St. Anthony's in North Beach, Tues., Jan. 24, noon.
- Members introduced themselves to the guests, Susan Hurd and Deb Mikell.
- Request to add December's "Holiday Parties at the Senior Apartments" to the Feb. agenda as apartment managers need to be identified, contacted and dates need to be locked in. Noelle and the hospital case workers did a great job putting together the party at the Southern Pines apartments last year.
- Harriet mentioned conversations with previous Sec. Kramer's deputy regarding CFL. Not a positive feedback from Sec. Kramer at previous meeting. Not sure who will be the contact with the new members. Discussed applying for the CFL grant and getting the surveys to the community. So far, 75 responses have been received. Over 100 people began the survey but did not complete it.
- Charles discussed the last tri-county meeting in Dec. Charles/St. Mary's Commissions expressed the same concerns on the state feedback.
- The new administration under Governor Wes Moore is a great group.

OOA Report:

- OOA Report was distributed and discussed.
- CFL survey is on the OOA webpage
- Discussed issues with internet at all senior centers. TS is installing access point at CP. Internet issues should be resolved by March. TS is improving issues with internet at SP. Discussed problems with presenters at SP not being able to use presentations. Issues all through the County.
- SP is expanding fitness room and will have an additional classroom.
- Architect has the plans for expansion of CP. Construction will possibly start in 2024 with expanded office space where the atrium is now.
- "Apricot" project is going live in April. The training is extensive. This program is more efficient and access is controlled to confidential information.
- The new Registered Dietician position will oversee Congregate Meals program and Meals on Wheels and will provide education.
- Guardianship case-load is now at 6. Most clients are in facilities. CFL may be able to help OOA with cases in the future.

## **Delegate and Committee Reports:**

### Community Awareness and Outreach: Vacant

- New Chair needed

### Housing: Terry

- In the last 2 years, lost 16% of workforce. Building back slowly.

### Transportation: Yolanda

- Roundtable report is complete. Now able to focus on AFC.
- Two types of legislation – State level transportation – want to get back onboard; Create transportation for rural areas.
- Wheels to Wellness was awarded funding for more rides. Must use funding by March 3.
- Driver job fair is Feb. 22.

### Wellness: Kris

- Report distributed regarding Stroke Wellness Workshop.
- Discussed Geriatric Nursing Assistant issues – multiple evaluators have quit. All of MD effected. Out-of-state company called Credentia based out of Philadelphia. Getting licenses is difficult. Will bring more information to the Feb. meeting. Possible support from COA.

### Alzheimer's Support Group: Charles

- Charles mentioned the Alzheimer's Support Group in Solomons is going well.

### AARP/NARFE/United Seniors of Maryland: Sudha

- Report was distributed.
- Try to get Secretaries of Aging and Health to work together.
- Gov. Moore is onboard with AFC.

### Age Friendly Community (AFC): Ed

- AFC kick-off was held Sept., 2022.
- Need public engagement and input for survey (whether to use the same information or edit for COA use). COA can do the survey and get immediate results via "Constant Contact." Online may not get as many responses due to seniors' limited/no use of computers.
- Focus groups can plan to go to senior facilities. Ed to send out dates for mid-late March.

### Nominating Committee:

- Will discuss nominations at Mar/Apr meeting.

### Unfinished Business:

### New Business:

- Members to make updates/changes to the Annual Report and send to Liz. Will discuss at Feb. meeting.

### Members' Concerns:

### Announcements:

- ARC is getting their canopy installed next month.
- Motion to adjourn: Yolanda; Second: Terry. The next COA meeting will be held Thursday, February 16, 9 a.m. at Calvert Pines Senior Center.
- The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:37 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Liz Youngblood, Office Specialist II