



## CALVERT COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING

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### Minutes May 18, 2023

Charles Harrell called the meeting to order at 9:00 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, Kris Strauss, Elizabeth Foster, Terry Long, Anne Weems, Noelle Flaherty, Margaret Phipps, Sudha Haley, Christy Jones, Ed Sullivan, Liz Youngblood

Non-Attendees: Beverly Butler

Guest: Deb Mikell

Agenda/Minutes: The agenda/minutes were distributed. Motion to approve Minutes: Margaret; Second: Anne. Minutes approved.

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

- Charles introduced Christy Jones as a new member. Introductions of members were made.
- Beverly is resigning soon due to move out of state.
- Harriet discussed Patient Health meeting. Kiosk issues with late arriving appointments. Remote monitoring of hypertension/blood sugar.

OOA Report:

- Report distributed and discussed.
- Discussed senior home health care – desire from MDoA to reduce wait lists. OOA works with agencies. Care agencies must submit certifications. Workers do “daily living” chores for clients. Possible funding from CFL to be rerouted to Home Health Care.
- Will table CFL initiative for now.

#### **Delegate and Committee Reports:**

Community Awareness and Outreach: Vacant

Housing: Terry

- Water bills rising
- Homelessness is a big issue in the County.
- Vouchers available

Transportation: Noelle

- Noelle has volunteered to lead this committee.
- Any matching funding for Wheels to Wellness

Wellness: Noelle/Kris

- Wellness flyers distributed
- CalvertHealth conducting Needs Assessment Surveys
- Staff shortage at MD Board of Nursing. WBAL exposed problems with certifications before cyber attack. Problems continuing. Evaluator coming in to do certifications.
- Discussed COA support letter to Board of Nursing. Kris, Noelle to draft.
- Students at CTA passed.
- Palliative Care Case Management nurse is at CalvertHealth

Alzheimer's Support Group: Charles

- No report.

AARP/NARFE/United Seniors of Maryland: Sudha

- Report was distributed
- COA will show support for Harriet E. Brown Center

Age Friendly Community (AFC): Ed

- Report distributed
- Press release has gone out.
- No attendees at the Calvert Pines focus group. There was a small group at North Beach during the evening session. More sessions later in the season if needed.
- Possible focus group at the holiday parties?
- Harriet noted that most of the responses from the surveys appear to come from higher income level.

Nominating Committee: Margaret

- Recruiting needed. Noelle will reach out to Hospice. Need representatives from under-represented areas. Possible candidates from Adult Guardianship Review Board, first district, social worker, attorney

Unfinished Business:

New Business:

Members' Concerns:

Announcements:

- Charles attended the BOCC session in support of the HEB center.
- The next COA meeting will be held Thursday, June 15, 9 a.m. at Southern Pines Senior Center.
- The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:32 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Liz Youngblood, Office Specialist II