



## CALVERT COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING

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### Minutes August 17, 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, Kris Strauss, Terry Long, Anne Weems, Noelle Flaherty, Margaret Phipps, Sudha Haley, Deb Mikell Christy Jones, Elizabeth Foster, Patti Ryon, Kristy Owen, Liz Youngblood

Non-Attendees: Christine Wilson, Deanna Carlson, Andrea Thomas

Guest: Jessica Richards

Agenda/Minutes: The agenda/minutes were distributed. Request to revise Agenda to move Minutes to a separate line item. Motion to approve Minutes: Margaret; Second: Harriet. Minutes approved.

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

- Harriet mentioned when State is available to meet, will discuss survey results.

OOA Report:

- Report distributed and discussed.

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

Community Awareness and Outreach: Vacant

- Noelle mentioned that a Needs Assessment survey will be available at the first of next year.

Housing: Terry

- Will try to schedule Shawn Kingston for the September meeting.

Transportation: Noelle

- No extra miles for Wheels to Wellness in Calvert.

Wellness: Noelle/Kris

- Distributed August events calendar and flyers.
- Discussed putting out the word for Caregiver Support Groups. Will try to connect with churches to see if they may have programs.

Alzheimer's Support Group: Charles

- No Report

AARP/NARFE/United Seniors of Maryland: Sudha

- Report was distributed
- Link regarding BGE gas regulators will be emailed to members.

Age Friendly Community (AFC): Kristy

- Survey is open through October 6, 2023 and has been posted on OOA Facebook page. A table will be at Senior Day at the Fair on Thursday, September 28 and at Brooks Church on September 23, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. MOW staff are assisting clients with the survey and they have also been mailed to Senior Care clients.

Nominating Committee: Margaret

- No Report

Unfinished Business:

- None

New Business:

- None

Members' Concerns:

- The nursing students are having to request their background checks be resent to the MBON. The 2022 graduates may need to have a new background check done.

Announcements:

- Letter of concern regarding licensing difficulties for nurses to Dr. Laura Herrera Scott, Secretary of Health has not been sent yet. Awaiting August 29 BOCC meeting for signatures.
- The next COA meeting will be held Thursday, September 21, 9 a.m. at North Beach Senior Center.
- The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:35 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Liz Youngblood, Office Specialist II