



## CALVERT COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING

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### **Minutes May 16, 2019**

Pam Williams called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. at the Calvert Pines Senior Center. The meeting began with a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Attendees:** Pam Williams, Kathy Baron, Bessie Hoskins, Jeannette Findley, Sudha Haley, Yolanda Hipski, Frank Krohnert, Harriet Gossett, Tanea Granlund, Patti Ryon, Liz Youngblood

**Non-Attendees:** Elizabeth Foster, Margaret Phipps, Beverly Butler, Terry Long, Len Winkler, Susan Justice

**Agenda/Minutes:** The agenda/minutes were distributed. Motion to approve the minutes from the April 18 meeting. Motion: Tanea; Seconded: Frank. Minutes approved.

**Chair and Vice Chair Remarks/Reports:** Pam Williams

No report

**OOA Report:** A written report was provided on the following topics:

#### **Staffing**

#### **Programs/Events/Services**

Patti Ryon (in for Susan):

- Thank you to members for support at the Caregivers Conference. Thank you to Jeannette for the prayer.
- The Long Term Care Manager position was approved. Thank you to COA for advocating.

**Guest:** Stacy Tobin, Independent Living/Assistive Technology Specialist, SMCIL

- SMCIL serves all 3 counties
- Advocates for all ages
- SMCIL is an information/referral system
- Trains independent living skills for people who have lost their skills or never had them – budgeting, cooking, cleaning
- Mentoring group for vets
- Transition services for 14-26 year old homeless, penal to community, people eligible for long term care
- Assistive Technology – main branch in Baltimore – receive grants to purchase products for home/vehicle modifications, locking alarm pill box, talking alarm clocks/watches, spoons designed for Parkinson clients and more. Items after use can be recycled, reused.

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

United Seniors of Maryland: Sudha Haley

- Meetings held at Heritage Complex, Riva Rd., Annapolis
- May/June meetings – speakers – M4A and MDoA Directors

Community Awareness and Outreach: Kathy Baron/Bessie Hoskins/Tanea Granlund

- Attended the BOCC meeting May 7 for the Older Americans Month proclamation
- Bessie has started a FB page for the Alzheimer's Walk in September – go to BessieYHoskins for donations
- Kathy participating in the Farmer's Market in North Beach each Friday night

Housing: Harriet Gossett

- Calvert Affordable Housing Alliance is moving forward. Can receive grants that Housing cannot get. Bylaws completed. CAHA forwards people to affordable housing. Help teach financial literacy.
- New townhomes/apartments at Chapline have HUD811, tax credit, and regular market rates units.

Transportation: Pam Williams/Yolanda Hipski

- Tri-County Transportation meeting – Yolanda did a presentation on Wheels to Wellness – Dispatching program will coordinate trips by matching information received for rides, i.e. places, disabled riders

Senior Wellness: Pam Williams/Jeannette Findley/Tanea Granlund

- “The Longest Day”, June 21. Members discussed wearing purple for the June 20 COA meeting.
- Jeannette is speaker at a focus group on communicating with Alzheimer’s clients.
- Tanea reported that SAGE (Seasoned Adults Growing Educationally) is in limbo. Robyn Truslow stepped down. Tanea will update when available.
- Parkinson’s support group is growing. Asbury is working with Rock Steady program. Program also held at Harriet E. Brown center.

**Unfinished Business:**

- Major Accomplishments/Objectives Report – Members discussed report. Add the following: Rock Steady, SAGE, Parkinsons Support Group, Dementia Focus Group at CalvertHealth

**New Business:**

- Pam nominated for Chair – Motion: Jeannette; Second: Harriet. Approved
- Yolanda nominated for Vice Chair – Motion: Pam; Second: Tanea. Approved
- Tanea volunteered to chair Wellness Committee
- Yolanda volunteered to chair Transportation Committee
- COA board received a letter from Mort Faller, Montgomery County COA – suggested that all COA’s in state have a meeting. Members stated that’s what USM is for and would these meetings be different. Pam will respond.

**Member Concerns:**

- Need 2 more members. Board requires a clergy member, also a member from District 1. Liz will contact BOCC to advertise.

**Announcements:**

- The next COA meeting will be **Thursday, June 20 at the Calvert Pines Senior Center.** There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Youngblood, Office Specialist II