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Minutes June 20, 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, Jeannette Findley, Sudha Haley, Yolanda Hipski, Harriet Gossett, Tanea Granlund, Beverly Butler, Len Winkler, Susan Justice, Liz Youngblood

Non-Attendees: Elizabeth Foster, Margaret Phipps, Terry Long, Kathy Baron, Bessie Hoskins, Frank Krohnert

Agenda/Minutes: The agenda/minutes were distributed. Motion to approve the minutes from the May 16 meeting. Motion: Jeannette; Seconded: Len. Minutes approved.

Chair and Vice Chair Remarks/Reports: Pam Williams

- Pam hasn't had a chance to contact Mort Faller, Montgomery County regarding all State COA's meeting.
- Tri-County Commission on Aging meeting went well. Census 2020 – Importance of getting the word out and how it affects the County. Google: USCensus2020. Overview of Rock Steady program – 2 clients participated as well as attendees. Program not covered under insurance. FCCS is considering creating scholarships for people with Parkinson's to take this program. Rock Steady is looking for daytime space for their program. PG County presented information on Dementia Friendly Community – Need people trained in memory care to head the program in this county.
- Reminder to all to take the Ethics Training provided by CCG. Liz will re-send email with information.

OOA Report: Susan Justice

Staffing

- Kristy Alleva is the new Program Specialist at Calvert Pines.
- Developmental Disabilities Aide, Angela Nanno, is now full time. Looking into getting a van for this program's trips. Drivers will need Wheelchair Securement trainings.

Programs/Events/Services

- World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD) was held at Calvert Pines, June 14. Panel discussions on Caregiving, Dementia, and a Virtual Tour was held with participants to understand what it's like to have Dementia/Alzheimer's. Discussed possible WEAAD/Virtual Tour event in 2020 with COA/OOA/Dementia Friendly Community. Invite families, children. Also invite State's Attorney, Sheriff's Dept.
- Discussed "service dogs/therapy animals" at centers. Federal law trumps local law. Cannot deny an owner with a service animal access to senior centers and cannot ask for proof of service.

Delegate and Committee Reports:

United Seniors of Maryland: Len Winkler, Sudha Haley

- Meetings held Monday, June 17 – all agencies need to start advocating for seniors. Funding was cut at the State level. Education budget was increased. MD is not conducive to the elderly. Medicaid Waiver program is losing money. Deficit approximately \$20K. Sudha requested the name of person(s) to contact to legislate for seniors.

Community Awareness and Outreach: Tanea Granlund

- Outreach members will meet in July after the regular COA meeting.

- National Night Out is Tuesday, August 6. Signup sheet to come. Will rotate like last year to different areas.

Housing: Len Winkler, Harriet Gossett

- No meeting this month
- Formed non-profit "CAHA" – Calvert Affordable Housing Alliance

Transportation: Pam Williams/Yolanda Hipski

- Wheels to Wellness – proposal to Tri-County Council for RNC Grant. Authorized to apply up to \$160K. Looking for computer vendor to create a program for scheduling rides, allow more grouping
- Application for grant – request for qualifications, request for proposals
- Looking at Harford County's system - "Getting There"
- COAs to advocate for funding

Senior Wellness: Jeannette Findley/Tanea Granlund

- SAGE meeting is June 25. Now on Facebook. Will advise group after this meeting. Fran Armstrong is the lead with 40 members
- Alzheimer's Community Forum and Alzheimer's Walk flyers handed out. Calvert Caregivers Support Group has made a team for the walk.

Unfinished Business:

New Business:

Member Concerns:

Announcements:

- Discussed inviting Ashley Briggs, MD Library for the Blind, as a presenter in the Fall.
- The next COA meeting will be **Thursday, July 18 at the North Beach Senior Center.** There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Youngblood, Office Specialist II