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Minutes August 15, 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, Terry Long, Jeannette Findley, Sudha Haley, Yolanda Hipski, Harriet Gossett, Len Winkler, Beverly Butler, Margaret Phipps, Bessie Hoskins, Susan Justice, Liz Youngblood

Non-Attendees: Elizabeth Foster, Kathy Baron, Frank Krohnert, Tanea Granlund

Agenda/Minutes: The agenda/minutes were distributed. Motion to approve the minutes from the July 18 meeting. Motion: Jeannette; Second: Beverly. Minutes approved.

Chair and Vice Chair Remarks/Reports: Pam Williams

Pam mentioned that she appreciates everything the members do.

OOA Report: Susan Justice

- The Rock Steady program will not be held at Calvert Pines this fall. They will hold their classes at CalvertHealth.
- Large County evening events will no longer be held at Calvert Pines due to overcrowding in the building
- Lisa Caudle, Long Term Care Coordinator was nominated for her advocacy in nursing homes by the National Consumer Voice
- Planning first responder training with memory dementia tour
- Senior Care grant approved for funding of aging who need care in order to stay at home, supplies (depends, Ensure, prescriptions, etc.). Not Medicaid eligible. Health Dept., DSS, OOA working together
- Many questions asked at NNO regarding caregiver information

Delegate and Committee Reports:

United Seniors of Maryland: Len Winkler, Sudha Haley

- Next meeting scheduled for September
- Sudha attended a legislative committee meeting. Need input from COA members (i.e. seniors living independently with limited income needing services; Long Term Care – consistent care in nursing homes and qualified care; concerns when guardianship clients pass, estate can go to BOE rather than county (if not specified); congregate and in home delivered meals; affordable utilities; end of life options; prescription benefit plan with lower prices)

Community Awareness and Outreach: Bessie Hoskins

- Kathy Baron stepping down as Chair. Would like to continue in committee as Co-Chair. Vote to nominate Bessie as Chair – Harriet; Second: Sudha. Motion approved.
- Calvert Health's Diabetes Expo no longer being held
- NNO was a huge success. A lot of information was passed out.
- Alzheimer's Walk flyers handed out with registration forms.

Housing: Len Winkler, Harriet Gossett

- New staff at Calvert Pines Apartments.
- BOCC wants to develop a "housing committee" ("what needs to be done within the county")
- CAHA – make housing affordable and accessible

Transportation: Pam Williams/Yolanda Hipski

- Big demand for senior transportation. The Division Chief has scheduled a meeting with Jesus the Good Shepherd and St. John Vianney representatives to discuss possible private/public partnership for senior rides program.
- Wheels to Wellness – grant received. Tri-County found funding. Possible funding from RNC next year. Possible grant for vans. Developing software for a rural area is the biggest problem. Working to move dispatching to Tri-County
- Maryland rural health conference – October – Yolanda is working on a presentation

Senior Wellness:

- No report

Unfinished Business:

New Business:

Member Concerns:

Announcements:

- September 17 – statewide COA meeting in Laurel – information will be emailed. Should have statement prepared of what COA is doing in Calvert.
- The next COA meeting will be **Thursday, September 19, 9 a.m. at Solomons Nursing Center.** There being no further business, Len made a motion to adjourn; Second: Beverly. Meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Youngblood, Office Specialist II