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Minutes September 19, 2019

Elizabeth Foster called the meeting to order at 9:16 a.m. at the Solomons Nursing Center. The meeting began with a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendees: Frank Krohnert, Tanea Granlund, Jeannette Findley, Sudha Haley, Elizabeth Foster, Bessie Hoskins, Susan Justice, Liz Youngblood

Non-Attendees: Kathy Baron, Pam Williams, Terry Long, Yolanda Hipski, Harriet Gossett, Len Winkler, Beverly Butler, Margaret Phipps

Please Note: A quorum of members was not met. No motions or approvals were filed.

Agenda/Minutes: The agenda/minutes were distributed. Bessie noted to change the agenda under "Delegate and Committee Reports – Community Awareness and Outreach Chair" from K. Baron to B. Hoskins.

Chair and Vice Chair Remarks/Reports:

- Bessie attended the statewide COA meeting. Breakout sessions were held where counties were able to compare plan approval processes. Discussed Calvert County's goal for sidewalks, senior rides program, getting town centers more "age friendly". Senior "Needs Study" needs to be done.

OOA Report: Susan Justice

- Interviews being held today for the Community First Choice Supports Planner at Calvert Pines Senior Center.
- BOCC is looking into a bus transfer station site – possible Armory building.
- Armory may also be considered for a site for veterans.
- Calvert County Sheriff's Dept. is working on an app for citizens to report suspicious activity called "Say Something".
- "Just Serve" app for citizens who would like to find volunteer opportunities
- Ethics Committee is recruiting for new members
- Dementia Friendly Communities needs volunteer groups in southern, northern, and central areas. First responders to be trained.

Delegate and Committee Reports:

United Seniors of Maryland: Sudha Haley

- Sudha discussed wanting to meet with Secretary Kramer regarding funding cuts.
- Discussions regarding: leftover funding at the end of fiscal year would automatically be returned to the treasury; Make sure aging money is earmarked for programs; Has to be a strategy involved for fundings.
- Sudha is on the 2020 Census Committee. Need to spread the word for people, seniors, homeless to be counted.
- Census presentation will be held at the three senior centers. May be possible for seniors to get help filling out the Census paperwork at centers.

Community Awareness and Outreach: Bessie Hoskins/Tanea Granlund

- North Beach Farmer's Market is a huge success. Require newsletters and resource directories.
- Outreach meeting was held in July: Halloween in the Garden – COA will not be participating this year due to low senior attendance at CP II. Health Fair is moving from Middleham to Bethel Way of the Cross. Waiting for information on the November Holiday Parties – Pam is reaching out to musicians for availability at CP, NB, SP I & II. Seniors love this holiday party, but there are not enough volunteers.

Maryland Relay for Impaired Hearing or Speech: 1-800-735-2258

Need more help in southern area. Possibly reach out to SP staff. No dates confirmed yet. Pam will bring a sign up sheet at the next meeting.

- Community Resource Fair at St. John Vianney – free food/clothing, Friday, Oct. 18, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Housing: Susan Justice

- “Housing for All” Committee to focus on solutions for housing problems. Citizens should run this committee. Meetings are 1x/month at Harriet E. Brown Community Center. More information to follow.

Transportation: Susan Justice

- Senior Rides Program – recruiting members. Next meeting is in October.

Senior Wellness: Tanea Granlund

- Last meeting for SAGE was in June. No future meeting date set yet.
- Calvert Health Fair – still waiting on the information and date
- Alzheimer’s Walk – Saturday, Sept. 28. Table for COA is available.

Unfinished Business:

New Business:

Member Concerns:

- Discussed the difficult process for certification for CNAs/GNAs with MD Board of Nursing. The meeting with the representative resulted in a little headway – nurses deserve more than minimum wage for all that is required of those positions. No increases in pay.

Announcements:

- Margaret Phipps is presenting a Wills & Estates Planning Seminar at Springhill Suites, Oct. 8, 1 – 2:30.
- A tour of Solomons Nursing Center is scheduled for members following today’s meeting.
- The next COA meeting will be **Thursday, October 17, 9 a.m. at the Burnett Calvert Hospice House.** There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Youngblood, Office Specialist II