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Minutes February 17, 2022

Charles Harrell called the meeting to order at 9:02 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, Beverly Butler, Terry Long Anne Weems, Harriet Yaffe, Margaret Phipps, Frank Krohnert, Sudha Haley, Kathy Baron, Yolanda Hipski, Noelle Flaherty, Sheila Poole, Ed Sullivan, Liz Youngblood

Non-Attendees: Elizabeth Foster

Guest: Linda Poudrier

Agenda/Minutes: The agenda/minutes were distributed. Correction made to the OOA Report – Harriet noted that she will spear-head the Respect/Social Inclusion Domain rather than the Housing/Support Services Domain. Motion to approve minutes: Beverly, Second: Kathy. Approved by members.

Chair and Vice Chair Remarks/Reports: Charles Harrell/Yolanda Hipski

- Charles was contacted by Calvert Hospice. They are still interested in having one of their staff be part of the COA.
- Charles has a potential candidate from District 1 who he will be meeting with.
- Continue to attend lunch with other local COA's. Discussed loan closets that are located at local organizations. Limited items are on-hand – walkers, wheelchairs, canes, Depends, etc. The Waldorf Senior Center is equipped with a gym, racketball court, classrooms/meeting rooms. Senior ballet program to begin soon. The Tri-County meeting was discussed with input for ideas for presenters.
- Approval was made by members to have Anne Weems take over as Corresponding Secretary.
- Yolanda distributed information to members and discussed House Bill 1243 Public Health – Rural Non-Emergency Medical Transportation Program. COA will make BOCC aware of support. Still building the infrastructure. Made for clients who are not eligible for government programs. Door to door transportation. Not adopted yet. Coordination with CalvertHealth will make this program successful. Motion to support: Harriet; Second: Beverly. Approved by members.

Community for Life (CL):

- Discussed possibility of CL inclusion with AFC.
- Needs Service Navigator
- Submitted request for \$40,000 funding.
- Difference between AFC & CL – AFC is broad in scope covering 8 Domains. CL covers Transportation and Home Maintenance for seniors. Costs can be set by the local jurisdiction. The County would have to supply funding if costs not being met.

OOA Report:

- OOA Report was handed out and discussed.
- Developmental Disabilities proclamation is to be read at the 3/1 BOCC meeting, 10 a.m.
- Federal Nutrition Program will be recognized at the BOCC meeting, March 8, 10 a.m.
- COA members are welcome to attend in support on both days.

- The program, "StrongerMemory" will begin at the senior centers (TBD). This program from the Goodwin House is designed to stimulate the brain's memory. Participants spend 20-30 minutes a day engaged in simple reading, writing, and math activities. There is no cost for participants.

Delegate and Committee Reports:

Community Awareness and Outreach: Kathy

- North Beach Farmers Market will open in May.

Housing: Terry

- Discussed inviting Housing Authority Director, Shawn Kingston to COA March or April meeting. Terry will contact him.
- 40 year loan with HUD is closing in 2023.
- Homes are reevaluated and steps are made to keep clients in the home. There are 26-27 homes throughout the region. ARC can sell houses if vacated.

Transportation: Yolanda

- Transportation report distributed to members and discussed.

Wellness:

- No report

Alzheimer's Support Group: Charles

- Solomons group has 3 new clients

AARP/NARFE/United Seniors of Maryland: Sudha

- Report was distributed and discussed.

Age Friendly Community (AFC): Ed

- AARP Survey information and Roadmap to Livability distributed to members and discussed. Email comments/concerns to Ed/Liz. Survey is standard from AARP. Survey can be conducted face-to-face in focus group, preferred since there are detailed questions. Kathy mentioned Mayor of NB can assist with focus groups. Dates to be established for focus groups. Harriet mentioned that the Scientists Cliffs Community House can be used. Focus groups will be advertised.
- Harriet mentioned the HOA Board at Scientists Cliffs is interested in AFC. There are 11 board members and have held 1 meeting so far.

Nominating Committee: Margaret

- Beverly has joined Margaret and Kathy on this committee.

Unfinished Business:

- None

New Business:

- Vote on new member, Linda Poudrier. Motion to approve: Harriet; Second: Kathy. Approved by members.
- Noelle will take over as Wellness Chair.

Members' Concerns:

Announcements:

- Sudha will check with Dr. Blakes to see if she can present at the Tri-County Meeting in June.
- Rhonda Crowley contacted Ed for a letter of support from COA. She is drafting a grant request for Senior Citizens adopting Senior Dogs. Will create outreach and adoption event. Concerns discussed about dog temperament; health issues, both with seniors and senior dogs; adoption costs; vet costs. OOA will contact Rhonda with questions/concerns and review answers with COA before the next meeting as grant deadline is mid-March.
- The next COA meeting will be **Thursday, March 17, 9 a.m. at North Beach Senior Center.**
- There being no further business, motion to adjourn: Kathy; second: Harriet. The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:38 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Liz Youngblood, Office Specialist II