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Minutes April 21, 2022

Charles Harrell called the meeting to order at 9:05 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, Harriet Yaffe, Margaret Phipps, Frank Krohnert, Sudha Haley, Noelle Flaherty, Sheila Poole, Ed Sullivan, Liz Youngblood

Non-Attendees: Kathy Baron, Elizabeth Foster, Terry Long, Anne Weems, Yolanda Hipski, Linda Poudrier

Agenda/Minutes: The agenda/minutes were distributed. Motion to approve minutes: Beverly, Second: Margaret. Approved by members.

Chair and Vice Chair Remarks/Reports: Charles Harrell

- Tri-County Meeting is Thursday, June 2. Charles is putting together an Ad-Hoc Committee. Ed, Yolanda, Sudha, Sheila have volunteered to be on this Committee. A Zoom meeting will be scheduled.
- Monthly meetings with St. Mary's and Charles County's COAs. Next meeting schedule for May. COAs share information about their services and meetings.

OOA Report:

- OOA Report was distributed and discussed.

Delegate and Committee Reports:

Community Awareness and Outreach:

- No Report.

Housing:

- No Report.

Transportation:

- No Report.

Wellness: Noelle

- Information distributed – 5 Wishes (signed by you, distribute to family, physician, self), CalvertHealth programs
- MOLST form is signed by provider and distributed

Alzheimer's Support Group: Charles

- Solomons group is meeting in-person now with 7 participants
- Pr. Frederick group still meets virtually
- Was discussed that J. Findley may propose a third group in the County.

AARP/NARFE/United Seniors of Maryland: Sudha

- Report and AARP bills going through the House/Senate were distributed and discussed.
- Vast majority of nurses from outside the Country. Programs and services for nurses to transition into communities throughout U.S.
- Bills need to be read thoroughly and understood. Need "critical thinking" skills.
- Frank and Sudha will keep in touch with regards to bills.

Age Friendly Community (AFC):

- See Below.

Nominating Committee: Margaret

- Voting for COA Officers for 2022-2023. Nominating report approved. Motion to approve nominees: Margaret; Second: Frank. Approved by members.
Chair – Charles Harrell
Vice Chair – Harriet Yaffe
Corresponding Secretary – Anne Weems

Tr-County COA Meeting:

- Thursday, June 2 at Calvert Pines Senior Center
- Presenters: Secretary Kramer, Jennifer Moreland (Housing), Dr. Gybrilla Ballard-Blakes (AFC), Jason Groth (Transportation), Kevin Brennan (One Day University), Nick Abruzzo (Virtual Reality for Older Adults), possibly Amy Boucher (Long Term Care Facilities).
- Speaker time limits: 15 – 20 min. each with time for questions
- Require registration and deadline. Set up. Limited outside attendees. Possibly able to record meeting?

Age-Friendly Community Surveys and Public Meetings: Ed

- Nothing in writing about AFC application yet.
- “Numerical score” for livability index is “48,” with “50” as deemed average score. There was no advanced noticed of scoring. Concerns with reflection on OOA and BOCC. Calvert is more rural as compared to Montgomery/PG Counties. This score may be perceived as a “starting point.” As improvements are made, score will change.
- Surveys and focus groups will be scheduled.
- Harriet mentioned HOA individual who may be interested in discussions.
- Possible to set up a table of information at the AAPI Festival in July.
- AFC “Kick-Off” – Carroll County’s is scheduled for April 27 if members are interested in attending. Calvert to have an individual Kick-Off
- Required to be organized enough before surveys and focus groups can be scheduled. Then an Action Plan can be completed.
- Not all 8 domains to be included in the plan. Just Transportation, Housing, Health Care.
- Focus Group leaders to schedule a meeting.

Unfinished Business:

New Business:

- See Nominating Committee

Members’ Concerns:

- Possibility to discuss with Secretary Kramer about the disaster recovery for information systems that were hacked late last year. Too many programs, not enough surveyors. People still waiting for services. MD Dept. of Health – things not getting done.

Announcements:

- Sheila will get in touch with Anne Weems about sending out cards.
- Calvert Hospice is now part of Hospice of Chesapeake.
- The next COA meeting will be Thursday, May 19, 9 a.m. at Calvert Pines Senior Center.
- There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 11:01 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Liz Youngblood, Office Specialist II

