



## CALVERT COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING

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Minutes  
June 16, 2022

Charles Harrell called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. The meeting began with a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. This meeting was held at the Southern Pines Senior Center.

Attendees: Charles Harrell, Harriet Yaffe, Margaret Phipps, Terry Long, Anne Weems, S. Kristine Strauss, Yolanda Hipski, Sudha Haley, Noelle Flaherty, Liz Youngblood

Non-Attendees: Beverly Butler, Kathy Baron, Elizabeth Foster, Linda Poudrier, Ed Sullivan

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

Chair and Vice Chair Remarks/Reports: Charles Harrell

- Introduction of new member, Kris Strauss.
- Tri-County meeting held June 2 was a success. Thank-you letters are being sent to presenters.
  - o Harriet stated that it was beneficial to hear what the other two county commissions are doing.
  - o Secretary Kramer's presentation on Community for Life was informative and engaging.
  - o Other presenters - virtual reality (Nick Abruzzo, Rendeвер), senior on-line courses (Kevin Brennan, One Day University), AFC – Dr. Blakes, Long Term Care Ombudsman – Amy Boucher, Housing in Calvert County – Jennifer Moreland.
- Harriet discussed with Ed, Charles, Jennifer to begin conversation regarding AFC.
- Harriet will spear-head CFL – community conversations, strategic planning, need to join forces with other communities. Terry/Harriet – meeting with counties to get the questions going.
- Terry is meeting with state. Discussed sample contract - funds for three years, then county would fund. Services Navigator needed, transportation services, housing services.
- AFC/CFL should "enhance" each other
- Identifying September, 2022 date for AFC "Kick-Off".

Guest Speaker – Malcolm Funn – Harriet E. Brown Community Center

- Presentation distributed
- Members discussed endorsement of the HEB Center to the BOCC. Decision was made that the support is not yet appropriate. More research needed. Individual endorsements are an option.

OOA Report:

- OOA Report was distributed and discussed.

### **Delegate and Committee Reports:**

#### Community Awareness and Outreach:

- No Report.

#### Housing: Terry

- Trying to schedule Shawn Kingston for an upcoming COA meeting.

#### Transportation: Yolanda/Terry

- Report was distributed and discussed.
- Wheels to Wellness received two-times the funding from HUD. Need to add drivers.

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

Wellness: Noelle

- Men's Expo – June 21 at the hospital parking lot, 2:30 – 6:30.
- Farmer's Market information distributed
- Discussed shortage of pharmacists in Calvert County. No pharmacies are open 24-hours. Some drugs are available when patients come into the ER late at night, but otherwise have to wait until the pharmacies open.

Alzheimer's Support Group: Charles

- Solomons group is going well.
- Ben Donnelly is leaving, transition with Alzheimer's Assoc.

AARP/NARFE/United Seniors of Maryland: Sudha

- Report was distributed and discussed.

Age Friendly Community (AFC):

- See comments above.

Nominating Committee: Margaret

- No report.

Unfinished Business:

New Business:

Members' Concerns:

Announcements:

- Sarah Simmons has moved to the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization (NHPCO). Talk to Hospice of the Chesapeake to find a possible COA member.
- The next COA meeting will be Thursday, July 21, 9 a.m. at Calvert Pines Senior Center.
- There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Liz Youngblood, Office Specialist II