



## CALVERT COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING

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### **Minutes January 16, 2020**

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, Frank Krohnert, Jeannette Findley, Yolanda Hipski, Harriet Gossett, Beverly Butler, Sudha Haley, Bessie Hoskins, Terry Long, Susan Justice, Liz Youngblood

**Non-Attendees:** Kathy Baron, Tanea Granlund, Elizabeth Foster, Margaret Phipps, Len Winkler

**Agenda/Minutes:** The agenda/minutes were distributed. Motion to approve: Beverly, Second: Harriet. Minutes approved.

**Chair and Vice Chair Remarks/Reports:** Pam Williams/Yolanda Hipski

- No remarks.
- Request members to introduce themselves to guest, Heather Hughes, Anne Arundel County Mental Health Agency

**Guest:** Heather Hughes, Anne Arundel County Mental Health Agency

- Brochures handed out to members
- Mission to bring services/resources to southern counties
- Specialists will provide behavioral health resources and consultation for older adults with behavioral health conditions for the purpose of diverting them from, or reducing the duration of, nursing facility admission.
- Pre-admission screening and resident review is a federal program governed by the centers for Medicare and Medicaid services. Screens individuals seeking nursing facility care for a history of mental illness

**OOA Report:** Susan Justice

- OOA report correction – Program Assistant (not Specialist) position is being re-advertised.
- Will update when Long Term Care Manager position is filled

**Delegate and Committee Reports:**

Alzheimer's Support Group: Jeannette Findley

- 10 – 12 caregivers attending support groups
- Need additional facilitators in northern and southern ends of the county
- Two-hour training is required. Communication skills

United Seniors of Maryland: Sudha Haley

- Forum was held Jan. 14. 346 people attended
- Power Point presentation given by Sudha re: Budget Increases, Long Term Care, Ombudsman, Safety, Assisted Living Grants, Congregate Housing Services, Dementia Care, State Tax Relief, State Prescription Drug Benefit Program, Respite, Accessible and Affordable Utilities, Internet, Protection from scams, Safeguards regarding abuse, "End of Life"
- Task force being set up for State prescription drug benefit program.

Community Awareness and Outreach: Bessie Hoskins

- COA term limit will be up in April. Will re-apply for new term.
- Kathy and Bessie attended the USM forum Jan. 14.
- Committee will assist with Census 2020 outreach

Housing:

- Six rental assistance vouchers for vets are available

Transportation: Yolanda Hipski

- Senior Rides meeting will be held Monday, Jan. 27 at Calvert Pines (Susan).
- A letter of support was sent to BOCC for temporary position for Senior Rides program
- Senior Rides grant released. Due in Mid-Apr
- Contacted Neighbor Rides for Wheels to Wellness software. Reporting system is excellent. Cost is \$1,000 for set up, \$2,000/year

Senior Wellness:

- No report

Census 2020: Sudha Haley

- Seniors are undercounted. Need to advertise more.
- Received \$20,000 grant from the state
- Looking for meeting places for Age Friendly Community and Dementia Friendly workshops. Possibly SoMD Higher Learning Center in St. Mary's County.
- Census forms will be mailed out March 12

**Unfinished Business:**

**New Business:**

**Member Concerns:**

- Need to recruit 2 new members from southern district

**Announcements:**

- Sudha was appointed to the AARP MD Executive Council
- Loving Care has space to store donated items (walkers, wheelchairs, etc.). Contact Lisa Height-Gross for information, 443-975-7628.
- The next COA meeting will be **Thursday, February 20, 9 a.m. at the Calvert Pines.** There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Youngblood, Office Specialist II