



## CALVERT COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING

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### **Minutes February 20, 2020**

Yolanda Hipski 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:** Kathy Baron, Tanea Granlund, Elizabeth Foster, Margaret Phipps, Frank Krohnert, Yolanda Hipski, Harriet Gossett, Beverly Butler, Sudha Haley, Bessie Hoskins, Derek Sloan, Charles Harrell, Heather Hughes, Susan Justice, Liz Youngblood

**Non-Attendees:** Pam Williams, Jeannette Findley, Terry Long, Len Winkler

**Agenda/Minutes:** The agenda/minutes were distributed. Minutes approved.

Introductions were made to Charles Harrell, new member. Lisa Caudle, Long Term Care Manager and Amy Boucher, Long Term Care Coordinator were introduced to members.

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

- . Part time Coordinator for Senior Rides Program was approved.
- . Looking at partnership with Wheels to Wellness and Lifestyles
- . Low cost software available
- . Yolanda is a new member of the Charles County Commission on Aging. They are interested in the Senior Rides Program.

**OOA Report:** Susan Justice

- Upcoming interviews for Program Assistant at Calvert Pines
- Erin Farley, Community Wellness Manager, provided information on Calvert Community Dental Care in Lusby
- Budget Hearing - \$4M funding received for Aging. Money received in Calvert should go to Senior Rides, special projects, and the Senior Care program

**Delegate and Committee Reports:**

Alzheimer's Support Group: Charles Harrell

- Support group at Asbury.
- New support groups meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month at the Southern Library.
- Need facilitators – 2 hour training (not set up yet)

United Seniors of Maryland: Sudha Haley

- Legislative Committee met Feb. 18. Discussed issues with senior taxes, retirement

Community Awareness and Outreach: Bessie Hoskins

- Attending the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Wellness Fair at the NB Firehouse Sunday 3/1.

Housing:

- Erosion near Southern Pines I apartments. HUD and Housing to cover repair costs.
- Calvert Pines I apartments' elevator needs repair work along with new roofing.
- Rent compare study – rents increasing
- CAHA working on grant for new apartments in Lusby near SP I & II – disability, low income working, and seniors
- February 19 is Housing Day in Annapolis
- Housing meeting February 21 with Jennifer Moreland

Transportation: Yolanda Hipski

- Transportation survey and Memo of Understanding to be reviewed
- Will be advertising Senior Rides – press, Facebook, presentations

**Senior Wellness:** Tanea Granlund

- Mobil Unit for free medical clinic at SMILE
- Parkinsons Support Group – Clemie Pizzillo is facilitator – 1<sup>st</sup> meeting Feb. 20. Every third Thursday, 2 – 3 p.m. at Harriet E. Brown Center  
Rock Steady is looking for a new facilitator

**Census 2020:** Sudha Haley

- Washington Post reported that there are not enough Census takers
- Forum will be held April 17, 2-4 at the SMECO building
- Goal is for State and National leaders to see which areas need Census takers

**Unfinished Business:**

**New Business:**

- COA Annual Report approved
- Members voted unanimously to re-appoint Elizabeth Foster and Bessie Hoskins to COA

**Member Concerns:** Frank Krohnert

House Bill 707/Senate Bill 480: State Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators - Renaming and Licensure of Assisted Living Managers. This bill will:

- Require ALL assisted living managers to be licensed by October 1, 2022 under the State Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators (which will be renamed the Board of Long-Term Care Administrators).
- In addition to licensure, require ALL assisted living managers to:
  - Complete a manager-in-training program approved by the Board (separate and distinct from OHCQ);
  - Pass a State exam developed by the Board;
  - Pass a national exam from the National Association of Boards of Long-Term Care; and
  - Meet other (undetermined) standards as determined by the Board, including the authorization of the Board to establish continuing education for assisted living managers.
- Allow the Board to develop standards for an assisted living manager applicant based on the number of bed size and/or levels of care. NOTE: This provision could limit the transition of a manager between locations and cause a conflict with the assisted living regulations which does not regulate based on bed size and is considering removing the levels of care.

**Read the Bill:** <http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2020RS/bills/hb/hb0707F.pdf>

**Announcements:**

- Elizabeth Foster attended a legislative meeting – focus on vets at Charlotte Hall. Community Based Outreach Clinic to serve vets for job opportunities, mental health issues.
- September 26 – Alzheimer’s Walk at Asbury Solomons
- St. Mary’s County – Older Adult Training Series (Summer/Fall) – Dementia, Behavioral Health. Will update with dates.
- The next COA meeting will be **Thursday, March 19, 9 a.m. at the Southern Pines Senior Center.** There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 10:38 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Youngblood, Office Specialist II