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Minutes March 18, 2021

Charles Harrell called the meeting to order at 9:09 a.m. Members attended via Zoom. The meeting began with a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendees: Charles Harrell, Yolanda Hipski, Elizabeth Foster, Beverly Butler, Jeannette Findley, Margaret Phipps, Sudha Haley, Bessie Hoskins, Terry Long, Frank Krohnert, Kathy Baron

Guests: Fred Noble, Jaelon Moaney

Non-Attendees: Harriet Gossett, Tanea Granlund

Introduction of Guest: Jaelon Moaney, Regional Director for Anne Arundel/Southern Maryland, Senator VanHollen's Office

- Shared information regarding funding and resources for older adults during pandemic. Ensure OAA programs can meet increased demand for senior nutrition and community based programs.

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

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

- No Report

OOA Report: Susan Justice

- Completing 2nd shot clinics at the 3 senior centers. No clinics scheduled for 1st shots. The hospital will be having future clinics.
- Modifying re-opening plans for the senior centers.
- Additional Older Americans Act funding for country. \$1.43 B. MAP funding to go into community based programs
- Once the senior centers open, funding to go towards nutrition program.
- Two new Behavioral Health Counselors started for the OOA (possibly recruit for COA – Health Professional)

Delegate and Committee Reports:**

Alzheimer's Support Group: Charles Harrell/Jeanette Findley

- Groups held via Zoom – 2 more participants
- Advertised information in Senior Connection

United Seniors of Maryland: Sudha Haley

- See report emailed to members

Community Awareness and Outreach: Bessie Hoskins

- North Beach Farmers Market begins May 1, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Will be held in the NB Senior Center parking lot. Kathy will look into getting a table for COA.
- Distributed rental assistance flyers around North Beach area

Housing: Harriet Gossett

- No Report

Transportation: Yolanda Hipski

- Wheels to Wellness has funds to cover thru the fiscal year. All rides are for aged 60+.
- Funding for Wheels to Wellness \$100,000 – 60% to St. Mary's
- The Center for Life Enrichment is looking for funding
- NADTC survey of providers

Wellness: Tanea Granlund

- Report emailed to members

AARP/NARFE: Sudha Haley

- Report emailed to members

Nominating Committee: Margaret Phipps

- Need members for Housing Committee
- Need to recruit more members from each district
- Liz Y. to update COA recruitment flyer

Age Friendly Community (AFC): Yolanda Hipski

- Require information on needs from towns, then go countywide
- Add suggestions for County Comprehensive Plan

****COA members to discuss Delegate and Committee assignments at May meeting**

Unfinished Business:

Bylaws:

- Committee will finalize bylaws, then pose to COA at April meeting

New Business:

Annual Report for COA to BOCC

- Input information from Sudha. Will finalize at April meeting

Vote on Re-appointments:

- Motion to re-appoint Tanea Granlund: Beverly; Second: Bessie. Unanimously Approved.
- Motion to re-appoint Sudha Haley: Beverly; Second: Jeannette. Unanimously Approved
- Recommendation letter will be sent to BOCC

Members' Concerns:

- None

Announcements:

- St. Mary's County OOA will host the Tri-County meeting in June. More information to come.
- COA is interested in touring new facility in Leonardtown
- Elizabeth is on the Special Populations Committee for the Tri-County Council. Looking for members. If interested, let Elizabeth know.
- The next COA Zoom meeting will be **Thursday, April 15, 9 a.m.**
- There being no further business, Motion to adjourn: Beverly; Second: Terry. Meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Liz Youngblood, Office Specialist II