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Minutes July 16, 2020

Yolanda Hipski called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m. Members attended via Zoom. The meeting began with a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendees: Terry Long, Tanea Granlund, Len Winkler, Frank Krohnert, Yolanda Hipski, Harriet Gossett, Sudha Haley, Charles Harrell, Susan Justice, Liz Youngblood

Non-Attendees: Pam Williams, Beverly Butler, Elizabeth Foster, Jeannette Findley, Kathy Baron, Margaret Phipps, Bessie Hoskins

Agenda/Minutes: The agenda/minutes were distributed. Motion to approve: Terry; Second: Sudha. Minutes approved.

Chair and Vice Chair Remarks/Reports: Yolanda Hipski

- Concerns for seniors with re-openings.

OOA Report: Susan Justice

- Working on Human Development Block Grant for Nurse who would be on staff to go into the community to do assessments.
- First candidate for MAP Coordinator declined position. Human Resources will contact second candidate.
- Community First Choice position interviews are next week – 4 candidates
- OOA is launching an online Senior Connection.
- Program Manager/Specialists working on videos for seniors
- July 14 Public Hearing with BOCC re: Cares Act \$150,000 threshold for additional services/activities for seniors. Books will be left open for 10 days for public responses. BOCC will approve at July 28 meeting.
- Options to purchase tablets for seniors to use at senior centers.
- MDoA pulled back \$2M funding for AAA Senior I&A.

Delegate and Committee Reports:

Alzheimer's Support Group: Charles Harrell

- No report

United Seniors of Maryland: Len Winkler/Sudha Haley

- No meetings since February. Meetings have been canceled until further notice.

Community Awareness and Outreach: Tanea Granlund

- Alzheimer's Walk information emailed to all. Virtual walk will be held September 26. Page was set up for COA. Share link with family for donations. Possibly put a sentence in the site and in the online senior newsletters re: what COA is/does. Walk developed an app called Walk to End Alzheimer's. On walk day, it will give you a tracker to record steps.
- Tonight is the first meeting for Alzheimer's Walk. Will update members with information.

Housing: Len Winkler/Harriet Gossett

- No report from the last meeting.
- Lot in Benedict for housing – going thru perk test - looking at priority given to Veterans for renting with option to purchase. County rented the lot to CAHA.
- Soil conservation plan repair for the canyon near CII has been finalized. Construction should begin in August and take about 60 days to complete.

- HUD ratified the Housing Assistance payment contract for CPI. This allows the Housing Authority to raise the rent to market but still protects tenant affordability. Tenants will pay 30% of their income towards rent.

Transportation: Yolanda Hipski

- Still working with Wheels to Wellness – reaching out to Dialysis Centers. A lot of ride numbers have dropped due to COVID.
- Senior Rides Grant – no decision by MDOT. MDOT is trying to readjust their budget due to COVID. They have a huge deficit. Possibly reduce a lot of planning/construction.
- No commitments for next year's budget.
- St. Mary's County is not doing any senior rides.

Senior Wellness: Tanea Granlund

- Emailed Parkinson's Support Group (now called PWR!Moves) newsletter to members. Virtual conferences are via Zoom with guest speakers. Next conference is July 23, 2 p.m.

Census 2020: Sudha Haley

- Emailed information to members re: MD Nursing Home Workers' Wages
- Maryland Census Champions recognized: Michael Kent of NAACP on July 2 and Marianne Roberts of the Calvert Interfaith Council on July 10, 2020, nominated by the Chair and Co-Vice Chair.
- Outreach for Buy Local Week: P&Z staff delivered 100 Calvert County Census flyers (Shape Your Future ½ page) to Kelly Swann, Agricultural Development Specialist, Calvert County Economic Development, for inclusion in the give-away bags during the Tuesday, July 21st farmers market at the CalvertHealth Prince Frederick hospital campus. CalvertHealth staff have granted permission to Lee Osberry to set up a Census Banner during the event.
- Calvert Library CCC representative confirmed a Census flyer will be included in the curbside library pickup bags at the four library locations within Calvert.
- Calvert Library has a Census message posted on the Fairview Library's freestanding sign's along MD 4 on the message display board.
- Calvert County Communications and Media Relations Department staff posted Census message to the county's Facebook page on July 1, 2020 (posting since July 26, 2020).
- The virtual AARP/Census 2020 Forum, hosted by AARP Maryland President Jim Campbell, for Statewide Complete Count Committee members and county leaders, is scheduled for Friday, August 28, 2020, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. AARP MD President Campbell is inviting national and state leaders to speak. Invitations are being sent to: U.S. Census Bureau Director Dr. Dillingham; Majority Leader Cong. Hoyer; Senators Cardin and Van Hollen; and Governor Hogan. Secretary Robert McCord, Maryland Department of Planning, and Secretary George Owings III, Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs, have already confirmed that they will be speakers.
- Calvert/St. Mary's Counties are leading the state in Census counting.
- Census volunteers will have computers to input census information. Census is still hiring.
- Caregivers are being mis-classified as independent contractors. AARP working on that.

Unfinished Business:

New Business: Next meeting to discuss 2020 Committee roster. Liz will send out current roster for input.

Member Concerns:

- How are seniors doing with COVID? Only aware of 1 death. No other information available.

Announcements:

- Motion to adjourn: Terry; Second: Sudha. Meeting adjourned
- The next COA Zoom meeting will be **Thursday, July 16, 9 a.m.**
There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 9:52 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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