



COMMISSION ON AGING

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Meeting Notes
February 27, 2017

PRESIDING: Sharonlee Vogel, Chair

Members Attending

Jennifer Asher
Angie Boyter
Pete Brunner
Barbara Catlin
Julia Mattis
Bob McLaughlin
Eletta Morse
Michael Willis

Excused

Reg Avery
Susan Hailman
Jan Horan
Andrew Monjan
SK Shin

Absent

Debbie Fleischmann

Office on Aging and Independence

Terri Hansen
Kathleen Swanson

Guests

Tiffany Callendar, Horizon Foundation

Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm.

Approve Agenda

A motion to approve the agenda was made and seconded. Motion was approved. *All in favor. Agenda accepted.*

Approve Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes was made and seconded. Motion was approved. *All in favor. Minutes accepted.*

The meeting began with the introduction of Kathy Swanson, the Acting Administrator of the Office on Aging and Independence.

Presentation on Howard Health Survey

Tiffany Callender of the Horizon Foundation provided the Commission with an overview of the 2016 Health Assessment Survey. The presentation highlighted responses to the survey questions; also available is an Executive Summary which has more details and analysis of the results.

Committee Reports

Caregiving

The committee did not meet.

Government Relations

Bob McLaughlin reported that he had attended a presentation by the Office of Transportation's planning process. The focus seems to be on having more buses as the fleet is aging; seniors don't seem to be a priority. Clive Graham stated there are grants available for transportation but RTA isn't usually eligible. Bob will send a more detailed account of the meeting to Sharonlee Vogel.

Health and Wellness

Jennifer Asher shared that she and Sharonlee are working with the LHIC's Healthy Aging Workgroup to put on an educational session on futures planning at the Ellicott City 50+ Center on May 12.

Budget and Policy

No report.

Aging in the Community

The committee did not meet, but Eletta Morse shared an informational flier on Long & Foster's "Options in Wise Living" workshop series. All sessions take place at the Hawthorne Center in Columbia; sessions begin March 21.

Howard County Police Department

Sharonlee shared a report from Andre Lingham. There were multiple vehicles vandalized the evening of February 13. There was also an attempted robbery at a bank in Cradlerock.

Office on Aging Report

No report.

Chair's Report

Applications for the new Aging in Place tax credit begin in May. Sharonlee encouraged members to write to state delegates to get the portability issues passed. Pete Brunner offered to put together talking points for everyone.

Senior Issues Heard (Sharing from Commissioners)

Barbara Catlin shared information on a webinar that she participated in regarding intensive caregiving. She will be traveling to Sweden to learn about their perspectives on caregiving.

Jennifer Asher mentioned that the *Washington Post* had featured an article on long term planning which referenced AARP's Checklist for My Family.

Bob McLaughlin remembers that Mr. Kittleman suggested visiting a Commission meeting; have we reached out?

Pete Brunner reported that CB7 passed. He will be doing an educational presentation on the credit for the Village and the CA village board rep for Wilde Lake will touch on it at a presentation at the Hawthorne Center.

Angie Boyter attended the Commission for the Advancement of Science and found value in a presentation on how robots can provide effective adaptive services. She also came across Quicken Will Maker Plus; Eletta has used this software and reported it was useful.

Sharonlee sent out information on the End of Life Options Act; voting has not occurred yet.

New Business

None.

Adjournment

Barbara Catlin motioned to adjourn. Bob McLaughlin seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.

Recording Secretary: Terri Hansen

Next Meeting: March 27, 2017, Ellicott City 50+ Center, 7pm