

COMMISSION ON AGING- Executive Committee-
March 21, 2024, 9:30-11:26 a.m.

In attendance:

David Engel, Virginia Cain, Wayne Berman, Nikki Ezeani, Morris Klein, Barbara Selter, Kate Stein, Peter Flandrau, Yvette Monroe, Laurie Pross, Jean Dinwiddie, Beverly Rollins

CoA OLD BUSINESS:

-Approval of February 15th Executive meeting minutes- approved as submitted.

-Treasurer's Report: balance = \$2559.38.

- Updates:

- County Executive Marc Elrich will be joining the CoA at its full meeting later in March. Betty Romero from the MDOA may present later in the year or Jenna Crawley may take her place in giving the CoA an update on the Multi-Sector Plan on Aging and the Longevity Ready Maryland Plan.

-The Public Forum is scheduled for May 16, 2024. It will take place in Rockville at the Executive Office Building with parking available close by. Consequently, the CoA's May Executive Committee meeting will occur on Wednesday, May 15th instead of on its usual date and time.

-Betsy Carrier testified in support of the HB1103/SB875 - 2024 Miriam Kelty Aging and Senior Social Connection Hub and Spoke Pilot Program Bill in Annapolis.

NEW CoA BUSINESS:

- April 1st- A meeting has been scheduled with MDH/OHCQ to discuss Nursing Home inspections.**
- Council President Friedson met with some commissioners on 3/6/24. He was very vocal about his support of older adult issues. Mr. Friedson's signature issue is BILL 45-23:**

PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – INDIVIDUALS 65 AND ABOVE, RETIRED MILITARY SERVICE MEMBERS, AND DISABLED MILITARY SERVICE MEMBERS. It did not pass as submitted and is in the process of adapting to some amendments. He asked for CoA support of the bill. The Commission provided a calendar of events and asked the Council President to highlight and support throughout the year.

- **March 22 = recognized as “You are As Young as You Feel Day “.**
- **As a review from the Summit on Aging, the Agenda for a Community for a Lifetime committee was discussed.**
- **Sign-up Sheets have gone out for Dates/Times with Councilmembers: All CoA members are encouraged to meet via Zoom or in person with Councilmembers to focus on Issues relevant to older adults. Talking points will be supplied and newer Commissioners are urged to team up with more experienced Commissioners to learn the ropes. The two principal priorities involve the Communications Manager and the Implementation Manager (from the Workforce Taskforce). All CoA members are reminded, however, that there are a number of other priorities that we can also talk about and educate the Councilmembers about.**
- **There was unanimous initial approval given for the payment by the CoA of 4 discounted tickets to the Affordable Housing conference for individuals in the planning group.**
- **AARP had approached the CoA to “partner” with them to staff their booths at libraries throughout Montgomery County; there was not support for this request.**
- **Neal Potter Award: Wayne, Jean, Kate, and Barbara volunteered to be on the nominating committee for this award.**

- **ARPA funds: Grant funding ends 9/30/24 and it may be possible for the re-allocation of currently unspent/underspent funds.**
- **GROWS survey is nearly ready to be finalized. This is a follow-up to the 2023 COA Public Forum “Smart Homes – Smarter Care: Technology that Supports Aging in Place.”**
- **Senator Kelly is leaving the Maryland Senate to become the Executive Director of the Maryland Commission for Women.**

Meeting was adjourned at 11:26 a.m.