

**COMMISSION ON AGING meeting**  
**JULY 25, 2024**  
**9:33 a.m. - 11:55 a.m.**

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>7/25/24 Attendance</b>
David Engel	<a href="#">Chair</a>	X
Yvette Monroe	1st Vice Chair	X
Wayne Berman	2nd Vice Chair	X
(Niki) Ezeani	Treasurer	ab
Laurie Pross	Secretary	X
Arunima Ghosh	Asst. Secretary	ab
Pazit Aviv - Interim	Community Outreach Manager	X
Tara Clemons-Johnson	Council Senior Analyst	X
Phoebe Shih	HHS	X
Shawn Brennan	Age Friendly	X
Sara Fought	JCA	X
Denise Israel	Transportation/RIDE ON	X
Emalee Crawford	Partners in Care	X
Shane Rock	JCA	X
Robert Cosby		X
Shakeela Gray	Staff Liaison, Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities	X
Virginia Cain	Commissioner	X
Betsy Carrier	Commissioner	X
Jean Dinwiddie	Commissioner	X
Joyce Dubow	Commissioner	X
Norman Goldstein	Commissioner	X
Mona Grieser	Commissioner	X
Morris Klein	Commissioner	X
Bob Levey	Commissioner	X

Kendall Matthews	Commissioner	ab
Kathleen McGuinness	Commissioner	ab
Sibo Ncube	Commissioner	ab
Anna Maria Izquierdo-Porrera	Commissioner	ab
Richard Ricciardi	Commissioner	ab
Beverly Rollins	Commissioner	X
Barbara Selter	Commissioner	X
Marie Sloan	Commissioner	X
Katie Smith	Commissioner	ab
Kate Stein	Commissioner	X
Mary Sweeney	Commissioner	X
Arthur Williams	Commissioner	X
Janice Zalen	Commissioner	X
Marcia Pruzan	Alumna	X
Marsha Weber	Alumna	X
Kuohwa Wang	Guest	X
Leah Bradley	Guest	X
Josi Makon	Guest	X

David Engel welcomed everyone and opened the meeting with a short Reframing Aging video to help us begin to shift our attitudes towards aging and ageism. For more information on this initiative, the link is as follows: [ReframingAging.org](https://ReframingAging.org).

The minutes of the June 2024 CoA meeting were approved with the addition of Janice Zelen's caveat noting that the position of LTC ombudsman is on permanent hold at this time.

David reminded us that there are 11 Council members to discuss influence regarding the CoA's budget priorities which, in turn, are derived from the 4 Committees.

## COMMITTEE SUMMARIES OF BUDGET PRIORITIES:

### HEALTH AND WELLNESS:

1. Workforce Taskforce Implementation Manager

2. Access Hears
3. Short term in- home counseling services
4. Increase for in-home services
5. Respite care

#### AGING IN COMMUNITY:

1. Three-pronged approach to fund affordable, accessible and safe housing that will allow older residents to more easily age in community.
2. Back up transportation service to serve as a pilot for the clients of Recreation Centers.
3. Certification in Universal Design for developers to be created in conjunction with Montgomery College.

#### COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Marketing and Outreach Manager- 1 FTE
2. Public Forum
3. Funding for Montgomery 50+ and for translation of printed materials into some of the more dominant languages spoken in the county.

#### PUBLIC POLICY:

1. Review of the Montgomery County grants management system.
2. County-wide needs assessment.
3. 4 Senior Fellow positions
4. Fund matching state funds to on-board, hire, and train nursing home inspectors to inspect the 34 SNF's in the county.( In anticipation of an MOU being signed giving the county authority to once again inspect them).

In ensuing discussion, the possibility of having Senior Fellows address the work of both the Workforce Implementation Manager and that of the Outreach Manager was addressed.

The dollar amounts for each budget priority will be dropped from the listing when it comes time to vote, a motion which passes with only one dissenting vote from Marie Sloan. The ballot for voting will go out next week, without specific monetary amounts noted and we are tasked with voting on our priorities, 1-7, being careful to mark each box only once. Pazit is there for questions, should they arise.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.