



## CALVERT COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING

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### **Minutes January 21, 2021**

Charles Harrell called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. Members attended via Zoom. The meeting began with a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Attendees:** Bessie Hoskins, Elizabeth Foster, Yolanda Hipski, Beverly Butler, Harriet Gossett, Tanea Granlund, Frank Krohnert, Kathy Baron, Margaret Phipps, Sudha Haley, Charles Harrell, Susan Justice, Liz Youngblood

**Non-Attendees:** Len Winkler, Terry Long, Jeannette Findley

**Agenda/Minutes:** The agenda/minutes were distributed. Agenda - Move to change Nominating Committee report to the top of reports for today's meeting. Motion to approve minutes: Bessie; Second: Beverly. Approved

**Nominating Committee:** Margaret Phipps

- Bylaws with revisions emailed to members and reviewed:
  - Article III/Section 1 – add the words “or maintain a principle place of business in Calvert County”
  - Article III/Section 2 – change “May 1” and “April 1” to “on the date of the May/April meeting”
  - Article III/Section 2 – delete “A term of office is twelve (12) months and” due to redundancy. Begin new sentence with “Any time served.....”
  - Article IV – Add to first sentence, “in person or by electronic meetings so long as there is simultaneous oral communication”
  - Article V – Add new Sections 1, 2, and 3 (see bylaws emailed)
  - Revise “Chairman”, “Vice Chairman” throughout bylaws to read “Chair”, “Vice Chair”
- Revisions approved

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

- COA letter of support to AARP President and BOCC for Brain and Mental Health Resolution was approved by “unanimous consent”.
- Charles will draft letter of support for distribution
- Yolanda and Sudha attended meeting with Charles County Area Council of Aging. Will present to political leaders when known. Need to work with Counties individually
- Discussion to form Age-Friendly Community (AFC) Working Group – COA members volunteered to be in the group: Yolanda (Lead), Elizabeth, Bessie, Charles, Harriet. Other members to consult when needed.  
Group to develop a presentation for BOCC. Will add group to agenda under “Delegate and Committee Reports”
- Yolanda will schedule a ZOOM meeting with group.
- Need to reach out informally to County departments

**OOA Report:** Susan Justice

- Vaccine clinics through the Health Dept. are being held at various senior centers for aged 75+. 48 seniors were vaccinated at CP, 90+ seniors vaccinated at NB. Clinic will be set up at SP.

**Delegate and Committee Reports:**

**Alzheimer's Support Group:** Charles Harrell

- Asbury/Solomons virtual group held this month.
- Charles participated in Alzheimer's Assoc. sponsored call in December for volunteer group leaders that are doing similar caregiver support groups.
- Susan will ask Lisa Caudle, Long Term Care Manager to reach out to Charles with the monthly caregivers newsletter.

United Seniors of Maryland: Sudha Haley

- Advocacy meetings are being held on Tuesdays

Community Awareness and Outreach: Bessie

- Posted the Calvert Dental Service flyer on Facebook and throughout North Beach.
- Questioned a Valentine's Day drive-thru. Nothing has been set up due to vaccine clinics.

Housing: Harriet Gossett

- Meeting scheduled to be held in 2 weeks

Transportation: Yolanda Hipski

- Reviewing "5310" applications for Federal Grant monies which supports non-profits. (Senior Rides program not included)
- Commuting figures during COVID – April 2020 8% of population was commuting, up to 35% presently.

Senior Wellness: Tanea Granlund

- See report emailed to members

AARP/NARFE – Sudha Haley

- See reports emailed to members.
- Sudha is the NARFE MD Federation President as of January. Max Munger (Tax-Aide Program Manager is a Chapter Officer
- AARP emphasis on Assisted Living and Long Term Care residents – making sure regulations are updated. Legislation was completed on having essential caregivers in facilities 10/1/2020.

**Unfinished Business:**

- None

**New Business:**

- None

**Member Concerns:**

- None

**Announcements:**

- The next COA Zoom meeting will be **Thursday, February 18, 9 a.m.**
- There being no further business, Motion to adjourn: Beverly; Second: Bessie. Meeting adjourned at 10:13 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Youngblood, Office Specialist II