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Minutes June 17, 2021

Charles Harrell called the meeting to order at 9:12 a.m. The meeting began with a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. This meeting was held at Southern Pines Senior Center.

Attendees: Charles Harrell, Sudha Haley, Frank Krohnert, Kathy Baron, Tanea Granlund, Margaret Phipps, Bessie Hoskins, Terry Long, Elizabeth Foster, Yolanda Hipski, Susan Justice, Liz Youngblood

Non-Attendees: Beverly Butler

Agenda/Minutes: The agenda/minutes were distributed. Corrections to May Minutes: Addition to Nomination Committee Report for slate of officers - Charles Harrell as Chair; Tanea Granlund as Corresponding Secretary; Yolanda Hipski as Vice-Chair. Also, approval of Bylaws final draft. Motion to approve minutes: Tanea, Second: Frank. Approved.

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

- No report

OOA Report: Susan Justice

- OOA Report handed out
- Susan thanked COA members for the services they have provided.
- Charles was given the Area Plan Update for his signature.
- FY22 Area Plan Share of Funds was distributed to members (will also email this information to members)
- Jennifer Moreland, Department Head of Community Resources or OOA managers will be attending future COA meetings

Delegate and Committee Reports:

Community Awareness and Outreach: Kathy Baron

- Bessie Hoskins has resigned from the COA...
- Questions from people attending the North Beach Farmer's Market about senior trips, volunteering.
- More people are happy to be able to get out after COVID.
- Discussion to put a donation jar for Friends of Calvert County Seniors (FCCS) on the table at the Farmer's Market
- Discussed putting out applications for COA and FCCS for table at Farmer's Market.

Housing:

- No Report

Transportation: Yolanda Hipski

Yolanda outlined some preliminary findings by CalvertHealth using CRISP data. Crisp is the Health Information Exchange for the State; reports for Maryland-wide Medicare claims and measures the Maryland Readmission Reduction Incentive Program. CalvertHealth developed a report that analyzed the patients in their case management program who must rely on W2W rides for one year. Yolanda reported there were significant savings particularly in the areas of medical, surgical,

emergency room, intensive care but since the program promoted maintaining a healthy medical regime, the costs of drugs rose significantly. Given HPA privacy requirements, Yolanda could not explain much more but stated it appears the program reduced costs to 42% which is a reduction of 58%. Pre-medical costs were \$538,331 and post-medical costs were \$231,469 leaving a total savings of \$306,862.

Wellness: Tanea Granlund

- See Wellness Report

Alzheimer's Support Group: Charles Harrell

- Small group at Asbury. Will share information on daytime meetings.

AARP/NARFE/United Seniors of Maryland: Sudha Haley

- Report will be emailed to members
- AARP continues to advocate for seniors at Capitol Hill
- Zoom meetings held for meetings in Annapolis
- Bills passed (will email to Liz for distribution to members)
- American Families Plan providing leave to families
- Age Friendly Communities – working with Community Resources and Planning & Zoning
- Discussed inviting Dr. Blakes to speak at a COA in the fall.
- Fewer taxes for MD retirees

Age Friendly Community (AFC): Yolanda Hipski

- Take steps to building AFC – draft to send to BOCC, link to Housing for assessment plan

Nominating Committee: Margaret Phipps

- See Agenda/Minutes

Unfinished Business:

- Revisions were made to the COA Individual Committee Roster: (Liz will email revised roster to members.)

New Business:

- Voting held for new appointee, Harriet Yaffe – Motion to approve made by Margaret; Second: Tanea. Unanimously approved
- Voting held for re-appointment: Terry Long – Motion to approve made by Margaret; Second: Elizabeth. Unanimously approved.

Members' Concerns:

- Tanea discussed sending cards to retirees, members who have resigned from the COA,
- Discussed rotating meetings beginning in August at NBSC.

Announcements:

- The next COA meeting will be **Thursday, July 15, 9 a.m.**
- There being no further business, motion to adjourn: Tanea; second: Bessie. Meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Liz Youngblood, Office Specialist II