

Commission on Aging Executive Committee
September 11, 2015 Teleconference Summary

COA Participants:

Myrna Cooperstein; Arva Jackson; Miriam Kelty; Judy Levy; DaCosta Mason;
Barbara Mulitz; Rudy Oswald; Isabelle Schoenfeld

Staff:

Odile Brunetto

Report from COA Chair-Judy Levy

- Attended the quarterly meeting of Commissions/ Committees/ Boards with the HHS Director- Discussed that the October 15th meeting with Council President Leventhal will focus on prevention relative to senior services. COA will prepare two bullet points. Some ideas on how to support prevention are through caregivers, primary care clinics and urgent care centers, and affordable housing (including rent increases in general and assisted living increases).
- December 3rd Summit on Aging is in the planning stages with working groups on Communications, Summit Program, and a three-year Strategic Plan; electronic and paper survey distribution and focus groups are being conducted.
- COA priorities due to Mr. Leventhal by October 6. Age Friendly/Livable Communities is one priority and other is Caregiver Supports.
- COA Alumni Group has met and their roles are to be defined.
- September 9th Senior Subcabinet Meeting – focused on the planning for the Senior Summit
- September 24 DHHS/Council HHS Committee Meeting on AF/LC. Uma will make comments including providing an update on the WHO/AARP Age-Friendly exploration for MC.
- September 24 State Commission on Aging- Noelle will be attending
- COA Nominating Committee is comprised of Myrna Cooperstein, Tammy Duell, and John Honig

Summer Studies Reports

- Arva Jackson reported on the Long Term Care Summer Study and Isabelle Schoenfeld reported on the Age-Friendly/Livable Communities Summer Study
- Reports on each of these summer studies will be provided to the COA members prior to the Sept. 18 COA Meeting

Bylaws Update

- Isabelle reported that the Bylaws team is meeting on September 22nd and will resolve the comments that were received
- The Bylaws will be modified based on that discussion and will be provided to the COA Executive Committee, October 15th

Stakeholders Forum

- The Stakeholder Forum will take place on October 28 at the Silver Spring Civic Building
- Eleanor Ginzler will be the moderator.
- There will be two panels one with county and state legislators and the other with businesses and organizations representing caregivers. Attendees will have an opportunity to make comments and ask questions.
- Planning is continuing

Public Policy Committee – Rudy

- A date for the Legislative Breakfast is not firm. Considering a date after Thanksgiving but can't be too close to the Dec. 3 Summit on Aging.
- The County Council is conducting an affordable housing study. Considering Bill 19-15 re: Tenant's rights. Hearings were held on June 18.

Report from AAA, Director–Odile Brunetto