

**Montgomery County Commission on Aging  
Executive Committee Meeting, April 20, 2017  
Minutes**

Noelle called the meeting to order at 9:30 am.

**In attendance:**

**Committee members/CoA members:** Isabelle Schoenfeld, Rev Vikram, David Denton, Noelle Heyman,

**Liaisons:** Chuck Kauffman

**Staff:** Odile Brunetto, Director, Area Agency on Aging (AAA).

The minutes from the March 16<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved.

**Chair's Report – Noelle Heyman**

Senior Housing Study: As a result of advocacy by the AiPCP Committee Gwen Wright responded by indicating she and her group would oversee a study on senior housing.

2018 Budget Testimony: On April 4<sup>th</sup> Noelle testified before the Council on CoA Budget Priorities.

New Commissioner Orientation: On March 29<sup>th</sup> Odile and Noelle met with 6 new commissioners to begin the orientation process.

Senior Center Plus: At a regularly scheduled meeting with Roger Berliner and local seniors Noelle explained the Senior Center Plus program and the funding amount requested by CoA. Mr. Berliner indicated that small dollar amounts of \$5-10k were what the Council will consider. After discussion the Executive Committee suggested the program be included in an upcoming conversation about CoA budget requests with Linda McMillan.

**AAA Director's Report – Dr. Odile Brunetto**

HHS Council Committee Hearing: The HHS Committee of the County Council will meet on April 24<sup>th</sup> to discuss the HHS FY18 budget.

Affordable Housing Conference: The Affordable Housing Conference will meet at the N. Bethesda Marriott on May 5<sup>th</sup>. Isabelle indicated she contacted Nancy Gupta from the Conference to request a reduced entry fee. She obtained a \$35 registration fee and suggested other interested parties do the same.

Volunteer Recognition: On April 23<sup>rd</sup> the County will hold a recognition event for LTC volunteer ombudsmen. The Bone Builders volunteers will also be celebrated at a recognition event on April 24<sup>th</sup>.

Aging Services Budget Cut: AAA and Aging and Disability Services are planning for a proposed federal funding cut of \$425k. Senior nutrition programs would be most impacted. Criteria for proposed cuts are unknown at this time.

## **Committee Business:**

### Committee Reports:

Health and Wellness: David Denton indicated the Committee was focused on developing a topic for Summer Study. Phyllis Rand, a new commissioner attended the last meeting.

AiPCP: Isabelle indicated AIPC discussed topics for Summer Study and put the final touches on the Landlord and Developer Roundtable scheduled for the April 26<sup>th</sup> CoA meeting.

PPC: A committee representative was unavailable. John Honig provided the report via email which is attached to these minutes.

May Meeting Planning: The May Meeting Planning Task Force identified Leslie Marks and Shenita Freeman of WISH as meeting speakers. Due to the current federal budget and political climate the Executive Committee indicated that this topic had high priority and the Commissioners need to learn more about potential impacts of the proposed federal budget to assist with planning and advocacy going forward. The Committee made the decision to ask N4A's Amy Gotwals to present insights from the federal, state and local perspectives. Leslie Marks will be moderating the COA meeting on April 27 and will have other opportunities to provide info on the Age-Friendly Housing WG strategic plan activities updates.

Summer Study: Noelle asked the committee chairs to develop topics for the Summer Study with their committees. Topic proposals are due by May 16<sup>th</sup> for review by the Executive Committee.