

**Commission on Aging
Public Policy Committee
February 10, 9:30 – 11:00
By Zoom
Notes**

Attendees: Ryan Wilson, Morris Klein, Barbara Selter, Wayne Berman, Eddie Rivas, Janice Zalen, David Engel, Joyce Dubow, Shawn Brennan

PPC discussed recent letters and legislation, as well as the process for letter approval. Talked about County budget and key dates, as well as upcoming visits with County Council members. Struggled some with best process for prioritizing issues/budget requests. Talked about the Transportation Services Improvement Fund.

Decisions/Action Items:

Will resume discussion of an improved process during a PPC meeting in May/June. In meantime, if COA members are interested in an issue, they can research it, draft a letter, and forward it to the PPC. Barbara may then seek approval of EC.

Shawn will send info about bills or issues of potential interest to committee chairs for their consideration. (Examples so far: Sent info to H&W about SB 241 related to the 988 Mental Health Crisis Hotline. Send info to PPC about SB 275 a.k.a. the Time to Care Act.)

Joyce to draft a letter about SNAP benefits for seniors.

Janice will draft a letter in support of SB720

PPC will await a bill about nursing home surveyors in MC, which may be introduced tomorrow.

Shawn will connect with Hillery Tsumba about SB 527.

Barbara will monitor work force related bills (such as SB 407).

Shawn will email Patrice about telehealth study.

Shawn will ask Tremayne to set up appointments with Council members to take place in April.

Barbara will alert COA members during upcoming COA meeting about Council visits.

PPC will prepare speaking points for the Council visits.