

COMMISSION ON AGING MEETING
SUMMARY MINUTES
December 20, 2018

Members Present	Members Absent
Isabelle Schoenfeld	Miriam Kilty
Beverly Rollins	Karen Maricheau
Mort Faller	Nanine Meiklejohn
Dick Jourdenais	Phyllis Rand
Syed Yusuf	Deborah Royster
Revathi Vikram	Monica Schaeffer
Amoke Alakoye	Hillery Tumba
Jean Dinwiddie	
Neal Brown	Alumni Members
Alan Kaplan	Charles Kauffman
Stephanie Edelstein	John Honig
Noelle Heyman	
Ryan Wilson	Guests
Marsha Weber	Uma Ahluwalia
Amy Harbison	Elaine Honig
Ruby Moone	
Jerry Morenoff	Liaisons
Tho Tran	Austin Heyman, Office of Community Partnerships
Mary Petrizzo	
Barbara Brubeck	Staff
Syed Yusuf	Odile Brunetto, Acting Chief, Aging and Disability Services and Director, Area Agency on Aging
	Tremayne Jones, Department of Health and Human Services
	Pazit Aviv, Department of Health and Human Services
	Shawn Brennan, Department of Health and Human Services
	Erin Smith, Department of Health and Human Services
	Tina Purser Langley, Department of Health and Human Services
	Lylie Fisher, Department of Health and Human Services

The meeting was held at Ingleside at King Farm located in Rockville and was followed immediately by the COA holiday luncheon. Isabelle called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

Congratulations of COA Officers for 2019—Isabelle congratulated and identified a slate of officers for 2019 officer positions. The slate includes:

Chair: Jean Dinwiddie
Vice Chair: Stephanie Edelstein
Budget and Finance Advisor: Revathi Vikram
Secretary: Beverly Rollins

Approval of Minutes—The minutes from November 2018 meeting were approved unanimously.

Treasurer’s Report—Syed Yusuf reported the COA account has a balance of \$ 5,462.31.

Briefing Book distribution—Isabelle stated the briefing book was distributed to the County Executive and County Council. Each guest at the COA meeting was handed a copy of the briefing book.

January COA Meeting—will focus on Affordable Housing. Matthew Losak, Executive Director of the Renters Alliance will be the guest speaker at the meeting.

March 2019 Stakeholder Public Forum—will meet on March 19, 2019 at the Silver Spring Civic Building, the theme of the meeting will be “Older Adults from Diverse Communities.”

Parting Gift to Uma Ahluwalia—Isabelle presented a certificate on the behalf of the Commission on Aging to outgoing Director of Health and Human Services Uma Ahluwalia. Isabelle also thanked Uma for her support and outstanding job as the Director of Health and Human Services these past 12 years.

AAA Director’s Report— Dr. Odile Brunetto gave the following report:

- State and Federal government approved a Medicaid Dental Pilot for adults 18 years and older allowing every person to be approved up to \$800 dollars a year of dental services. The program budget is \$5 million dollars— \$2.5 for the state and \$2.5 for federal, it is estimated that 2,100 people from Montgomery County is eligible for the program. The dental program will officially begin on January 1, 2019 and medical services will begin in May 2019.
- Budget reductions updates for FY19—Health and Human Services will have to put together a saving plan due to being over budget by 1.5% which is \$3.6 million dollars. The plan will be submitted to OMB for the County Executive to review and then finalized by County Council who will approve the budget cuts within Health and Human Services.
- The State of Maryland has entered into a Total Cost of Care All-Payer Model contract with the Federal Government that is designed to coordinate care for patients across both hospital and non-hospital settings, improve health outcomes, and constrain the growth of health care costs in Maryland. A key element of the model is the development of the Maryland Primary Care Program (MDPCP). MDPCP is a voluntary program open to all qualifying Maryland primary care providers that provides funding and support for the delivery of advanced primary care throughout the state. The MDPCP supports the overall health care transformation process and allows primary care providers to play an increased role in prevention, management of chronic disease, and preventing unnecessary hospital utilization. This program begins January 1, 2019 and will run through December 31, 2026. The Maryland Department of Health (MDH) has worked closely with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to establish the MDPCP. The Program Management Office (PMO) within MDH’s Public Health Services is responsible for implementing this innovative health care transformation program in conjunction with the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (CMMI).
- The Public Information Office will redesign the county website please look for more information at a later time.

Committee Reports

- Aging in Community: Noelle Heyman and Dick Jourdenais—There were three guest speakers at this meeting to discuss Food Security. Melanie Polk from Montgomery County Senior Nutrition Program described the long-established MC

Senior Nutrition Program, which meets state requirements. Approximately 6,000 seniors are served by this program at 40 different sites. Various food contractors provide ethnic and cultural meals. In addition, approximately 1, 500 meals are home-delivered. Meals are delivered 5 days a week.

Diana Tato-Niktash spoke of the recently established MC Food Security Plan. Plan goals include increased senior participation in the Federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), as only 46% of eligible seniors are now enrolled, increased minority senior enrollment, and the establishment of a volunteer workforce to implement the Plan. Heather Bruskin related the Food Council's, which is a non-profit organization, efforts to coordinate food providers and food distribution among 80 different partners. About half of the partners are faith-based organizations.

Jenna Umbriac described the operations of MANNA whose food service currently includes a clientele which is comprised of 34% seniors. All distributed food is donated. Challenges include food inventory and food quantity issues.

- Public Policy: Mort Faller and Ryan Wilson
- Health and Wellness: Neal Brown and Alan Kaplan

Departing COA members—Isabelle thanked the following departing COA members for their dedication to the COA by gifting them with a certificate from County Executive, Marc Elrich.

- 1) Georgia Guenther
- 2) Noelle Heyman
- 3) Jerry Morenoff
- 4) Mary Petrizzo

Vice Chair Stephanie Edelstein presented outgoing chair Isabelle Schonefeld a gift from the Commission on Aging members thanking and wishing her well as she retires from the COA/

On behalf of the COA Isabelle thanked the staff of Department of Health and Human Services for their hard work and presented each with a certificate: Dr. Odile Brunetto; Pazit Aviv; Shawn Brennan; Lylie Fisher; Tremayne Jones; Tina Purser Langley and Dr. Erin Smith.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:30 pm.