



Montgomery County Commission on Aging

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, July 17, 2025

9:30–11:30 a.m., Virtual via Zoom

1. Call to Order

- Meeting called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Co-Chairs Wayne Berman and Linda Bergofsky.

2. Roll Call

Wayne Berman, Linda Bergofsky, Peter Illig, David Engel, Kate Stein, Morris Klein, Laurie Pross, Kathleen McGuiness, Marie Sloan, Betsy Carrier, Yvette Monroe

3. Approval of Minutes

- June 2025 Executive Committee minutes approved unanimously.

4. Treasurer's Report

- Members reminded to submit any outstanding reimbursements promptly.

5. Upcoming Full Commission Agenda (July 24, 2025)

- Steve Riley confirmed to speak at 9:45 a.m.

6. County Updates

- Budget: Potential cuts to HHS discussed; concern for impact on caregiving, respite, and home/community-based services.

- Staffing: Interim Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program Manager in place; draft scope of work for Data Manager under review.

- Orientation: New commissioner orientation underway; Dr. Cosby absent.

7. Reports & Updates

- Nursing Home Inspection Report: Reviewed; referred to Public Policy Committee for further analysis.
- Commissioner Mentorship: Outreach ongoing to support new commissioners.
- Caregiving Initiative: November 19 caregiving event confirmed with two speakers; planning in collaboration with ARC of Montgomery.

8. Strategic Planning & FY27 Priorities

- Agreement on need for a clear strategic framework.
- Priorities include: caregiving/respite, Senior Fellows Program, and support for direct support professionals.

9. Leadership Institute

- Sessions scheduled: Sept. 12, Sept. 16, and Oct. 10, 2025.
- Exploring option to record sessions.
- Leah Goldfine to be invited to introduce the program.

10. Committee Reports

- Health & Wellness: Fact sheets in progress; distribution due July 31.
- Aging in Community (AIC): Urban Institute/MoCo project discussed; need for stronger county responsiveness.
- Public Policy: August meetings with Delegates/Senators to be scheduled.
- Communications: Ambassador Program updates, 50+ TV feature with Commissioner Kate Stewart, library liaison program.

11. Public Forum & Working Groups

- Forum report and appendices to be distributed.
- Follow-up meeting with participants planned for late August.
- Discussion of new working groups; concerns raised about feasibility and capacity.

12. Data Team Proposal

- Proposal for a cross-committee data team to conduct secondary data analysis.
- Coordination with Age Friendly data collection recommended.
- Draft scope and purpose to be developed for September meeting.

13. New Initiatives

- Proposal to hold a Candidates Forum in early 2026, potentially with GROWS or League of Women Voters.
- Planning for potential in-person September EC meeting at HHS building (parking logistics to be addressed).

14. Action Items

- Distribute Health & Wellness fact sheets to EC by July 31.
- Invite Ruth and Asian American Health Initiative to provide updates at next CoA meeting.
- Schedule meetings with Delegates/Senators on policy priorities.
- Circulate Public Forum report and appendices.
- Coordinate with Ruth to reconvene Forum participants in late August.
- Develop draft scope/purpose for Data Team (for Sept. review).
- Explore feasibility of September in-person EC meeting at HHS.
- Promote 50+ TV feature with Commissioner Kate Stewart.

15. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.