

Commission on Aging  
Aging in Community Committee  
February 13, 2024  
**9:30 am-11:30 am**

“Villages 2.0: What Villages Are Working On, What Are Their Pressure Points and How The Commission Can Help Support Them”

Join Zoom Meeting

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Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- Review and Approval of January 9, 2024, minutes
- Meeting Overview – Betsy and Wayne: Featured Session Overview: Presented by Betsy Carrier, Bradley Hills Village and Montgomery County Commission on Aging- There are more than 30 active villages in Montgomery County and five in development. Many of these 30 villages have been in existence for around 10 years so they have developed a keen understanding of some of problems and solutions for maintaining organizational vigor and helping older individuals age in place. This panel will identify several issues that Montgomery County villages have been effectively tackling and leave time to discuss how the CoA might assist in addressing some of these problems.
- Panel Session:
  - **Organizational Vigor:** Some existing MoCo villages and some MoCo villages in development are challenged by the problem of having to organize a suite of administrative services. The hub and spoke model is one solution. This presentation will describe the model and address challenges of launching and funding. Connie Row, Board President, FHNHN & President of the Consortium.
  - **Spreading Villages Throughout the County:** There are thirty active villages in the county and one third of them are down county in District 1. Hear about the outreach to spread villages up County and to the eastern part of the County- Diana Ruiz and Pazit Aviv, Montgomery County Village Coordinator.
  - **Partnerships To Reduce Health Care Disparities:** A case study describing the Little Falls Vaccination clinic and the effectiveness of partnerships among villages to reduce health care disparities. Doran Flowers, Executive Director, Little Falls Village.
  - **A Critical Endnote:** The elephant in the room or the canary in the coal mine. Can villages help the oldest of old age in place? As villages mature so do their members, many with complex issues. Villages do not provide medical services, but many village members who are @85+ have developed complex medical and social issues that need to be managed if they are going to be able to successfully age in place. Can Montgomery County Villages help address the problems of this cohort as they try to age in place?
  - **Discussion:** Take aways? How can the CoA help with hub and spoke viability, spread and creation of new villages, addressing the problem of helping the oldest of old age in place.
- Business Meeting:
  - Update on County Issues
  - Upcoming Meeting Topics
- Next meeting: March 12, 2024. Our topic: “Transportation for Older Adults in MoCo”