

## COA YEARLY CALENDAR EVENTS

Jan.	COA Annual Report, Bills Review, interview COA applicants, Maryland General Assembly
Feb.	County Executive Budget Priorities, Testimonies, Bill Reviews continues
Mar.	Senior Stakeholders Meeting, Orientation to new COA members
Apr.	Meetings with County Council members individually, Budget testimony to County Council (oral and written)
May	COA Annual Planning Meeting, COA thanks County Council for budget
Jun.	COA identifies preliminary budget priorities for following fiscal year
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Aug.	Review and sign AAA Annual Plan
Sep.	Appointment of Nominating Committee Identify COA priorities for County Council Policy Priorities,
Oct.	Testimony for HHS Director Budget priorities, Prepare for Legislative Breakfast, Testimony for HHS Committee of County Council
Nov.	Legislative breakfast, (Delegates and Senators), COA priorities for delegation, Legislative packets, Testimonies to County Delegation about Proposed Legislative Initiatives
Dec.	Appointment of new COA officers, Prepares for Stakeholders Meeting

### **In Addition:**

- The Age Friendly Montgomery Advisory Group meets about every other month
- HHS Director meets quarterly with the chairs of the Commissions pertinent to HHS
- Council Bills are introduced throughout the year; COA testifies as indicated.
- Focus Activities are scheduled by committees of the COA throughout the year

## **County Budget Process**

### COA related activities

- September:      ● Identify COA priorities for the following fiscal year.
- October:        ● Present COA priorities to the HHS Committee of County Council
- Present COA priorities to the HHS Director
- November:     ● Present COA priorities to the Annapolis Delegation
- Present COA priorities to the County Executive
- March 15:      ● County Executive released his proposed budget, COA reviews and identifies advocacy topics/issues for the County Council
- April:           ● COA meets individually with Councilmembers to advocate for its priorities; COA prepares oral and written testimonies and talking points
- May:            ● Council votes to approve budget, COA sends thank you letter

## **Revised Committee Missions**

### **Aging in Place/Community Committee**

- Begin development of a public and private transportation and mobility system that is responsive to the needs of older adults in the County.
- Monitor the progress being made by the Housing and Planning Departments in changing County policies so that seniors have greater choices in dwelling types and to recommend action by the COA as needed and appropriate.
- Monitor progress on overall approach to needs of groups/entities concerned with Aging in Place.

### **Communications and Community Outreach Committee**

- Advises the Commission on recommendations to County government offices and the Senior Subcabinet about providing education and information to County residents on County programs and services for seniors.
- Collaborates with other Commission committees to identify communication needs of County seniors, develop communication messages, and propose communication approaches.
- Supports outreach and communication to stakeholder groups.
- Advises Commission on Aging leadership on outreach and communication related to advocacy.
- Produces a monthly cable program "Seniors Today."

### **Health & Wellness Committee**

- Makes recommendations to raise awareness and to advocate to improve the physical and mental health of seniors.
- Evaluates and prioritizes health and wellness issues for consideration by COA.
- Actively collaborates with interested parties on health and wellness issues.
- Makes recommendations to the Commission on providing advice about health and wellness issues to County leaders.

### **Public Policy Committee**

- The Public Policy Committee makes recommendations to COA on advocacy with County, State, and Federal elected and appointed officials on behalf of seniors on the issues set forth in the "Senior Agenda".