COMMISSION on AGING EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE February 15, 2024 9:35a.m.-10:59a.m.

Roll Call was recorded via screen shot:

David Engel

Yvette Monroe

Wayne Berman

Betsy Carrier

Laurie Pross

Arunima Ghosh

Nkiru J. Ezeani

Beverly Rollins

Jean Dinwiddie

Morris Klein

Kate Stein

Virginia Cain

Barbara Selter

Peter Flandrau

CoA Old Business:

- January 18th Executive Committee meeting minutes were approved as submitted.
- -Nikki reported that the balance in the CoA's account is currently \$2574.38.
- -David will follow up with OHCQ and Dept. of Health regarding Nursing Home inspections.
- -Peter is heading up a project to upload the CoA's past letters of support from 2023 into the County's system.
- ARPA funding, we are reminded, will be running out this year.
- -Although we have been asked to focus on our 2 principal priorities, having Friedson in the key position that he now holds and having the interest that he has in older adult issues, it is clear that the CoA has a window of opportunity.

- -Tremayne Jones will schedule CoA members to meet with legislators and will provide talking points about both primary budget priorities.
- -The Public Forum, tentatively re-scheduled for May 16 does not yet have an established location. More activities in honor of Older Americans Month are being considered for May (Sandwich generation, Solo aging, Inviting Secretary of Aging Roques, Ageism).
- -Caregiver Manager position has been filled.
- Wayne announced that the post-Forum survey that initially went to GROWS members will be used as a basis for a Survey Monkey that will go out more widely.

NEW COA BUSINESS:

David announces that Betty Romero will present the MDOA's Multi Sector Plan as it relates to Secretary Roques' approach to the Longevity Ready Maryland Initiative, hopefully in March of 2024.

-The meeting was adjourned at 10:59 a.m.

ACTIONABLE ITEMS:

- -David to contact OHCQ and Health Dept.
- -All members of CoA to expect to visit legislators during Friedson's tenure to promote primary and all priorities of CoA.
- -Continue to work on Public Forum and ideas for additional activities for May.