

Commission on Aging
Executive Committee
September 21, 2023
9:30-11:15 AM

In attendance: David Engel, Chair, Marsha Weber, Jean Dinwiddie Peter Flandrau, Wayne Berman, Ryan Wilson, Betsy Carrier, Morris Klein, Virginia Cain, Joyce Dubow, Beverly Rollins

Old Business

- *Approval of July 20th 2023 EC Minutes*- The minutes were approved without amendment.
- *Action items review*
 - Christine Hong, Chief of Services to Prevent and End Homelessness will likely attend the January CoA meeting. It was agreed regarding this topic that the correct terminology is important and needs to be identified.
 - David successfully informed the wife of Jack Sprague, that the commission had made a donation to Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in honor of her husband.
 - Shelley Stein reported that the Access Hears project has been successful, having distributed all available hearing aids. The project now seeks an additional \$40,000 to acquire additional hearing aids. They hope to get this funding from reallocated ARPA funds. Ms. Stein may provide an update at the November CoA meeting.
 - Nikki Ezeani now has signing authority and access to the CoA bank account.
- *Approval of the proposed September 28th 2023 CoA Meeting Agenda*- The agenda was approved with the addition of the chair's report and the affiliations of the two invited speakers who will present on Medicare. The meeting is now scheduled to end at 11:45.
- *Review action items from July 27th CoA meeting*
- *FY 25 Budget Priorities review*
 - - The top two budget priorities were discussed and subsequently identified via commission-wide vote. These are: 1: Hire a permanent Marketing and Outreach staff person in the Department of Aging Disability Services to promote the many County programs available to older adults, including coordinating the CoA's volunteer Ambassador and Library Liaison Programs. 2: In accordance with the HCBS Work Force Task Force recommendation, hire one FTE at a pay grade sufficient to carry out the duties of Implementation Manager.
 - David will be given 4 minutes on October 12 sometime between 8:30 and 10:30 to present the two budget priorities to the HHS committee of the council. Jean suggested that members of the commission attend this session (wearing similarly colored shirts) to show support for these priorities and for our spokesperson.
 - David will circulate to the EC his draft remarks to the council for comments.

- *Committee Chair and Co-chair assignments 2024*
 - Marsha and Ryan have expiring terms and will no longer chair their respective committees.
- Wayne, Betsy, Morris, Jean, and Beverly will remain as chairs/co-chairs of their respective committees. Health and Wellness will need a new chair and co-chair and Public Policy will need a new co-chair.
- Discussion of new officers. Wayne, Betsy, and Joyce volunteered to serve as the nominating committee to identify candidates for commission office. David suggested that the Nominating Committee be prepared to propose a slate of officers at the November meeting with a final vote for new officers at the December meeting.
- *New Business*
 - Beverly suggested preparing for orientation immediately after the appointments of new commissioners are official. New members will be provided links to the materials. The briefing book for council members is ready
 - Wayne reported that the Community for a Lifetime letter will be ready in October. He suggested that candidates who were not selected for the Neal Potter award be considered for this award because several were deserving. There was agreement to this proposal. There will be two or three awardees.
 - Peter showed the publication for the Summit on Aging that will be available by the end of September.
 - Marsha thanked people who assembled packets of the Life Transitions materials.
 - Peter met with Kimberly Johnson, acting head of the AAA, to brief her on commission activities and issues. She will not attend the September meeting.

Attachments:

Agenda Executive Committee Meeting September 21st 2023

Agenda CoA meeting September 28th 2023

Minutes from July 20th 2023 EC meeting

Minutes from July 27th 2023 CoA meeting

Public Forum Report – formatted for printing

Budget Priority post vote list

Communications Committee letter