

Commission on Aging Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

June 21, 2018

9:30 am - 11:30 am

7300 Calhoun Place, Conference Room 6B

Rockville, Maryland 20850

Commissioner's Present: Isabelle Schoenfeld, Chair; Amoke Alakoye, Secretary, Syed Yusuf, Finance and Budget Officer; Alan Kaplan, Neal Brown, Richard Jourdenais, Revathi Vikram;
County Staff Present: Erin K. Smith

- Approved Executive Committee Meeting from May
- COA Balance as May 21, 2018
 - \$5,562.31
 - Discussion about raising finances for the account
- Update and Discussion of June 28, 2018 Meeting Agenda
 - Agenda
 - 30 minutes
 - Welcome – Isabelle Schoenfeld
 - Demographics – Erin Smith
 - Age-Friendly Update – John Kenney
 - Introduction of diversity panel – Revathi Vikram
 - 1 Hour
 - Panelists Discussion, Facilitated by Bruce Adams
 - Finalized all the Panelists
 - Tho Tran – Vietnam
 - Jessica Sol – Korea
 - Rebecca Martin – Ethiopia
 - Deborah Johnson – African-American (possibly someone else Deborah knows);
 - If Deborah is not comfortable representing the African-American Community, then contact Kasey Kaseman
 - Anna Maria Izquierdo-Porrera – El Salvador
 - 10 Minutes
 - Discuss work in Muslim Community and Chinese Community
 - Mona Negm and Vivien Hsueh
 - 20 Minutes
 - Questions and Answers from COA and Bruce Adams Wrap-Up
 - Questions are set
 - The panelists will rank order their questions. This is due to Rev by 6/22/2018
 - Follow-up Report

- Will have a meeting of the Diversity Panel Planning Committee and follow up with the Executive Committee
 - Follow-Up before Meeting for Diversity Panel Planning Committee
 - Share Austin Heyman's Historical Document with all Commissioners
 - Panelists will rank order questions by 6/22/2018
 - Send Panelists an document explaining what the COA is and does.
 - The COA Executive Committee will discuss next steps to move the issues of diversity forward, after the program - add to 7/19 meeting agenda.
 - Budget Discussion
 - Preliminary budget priorities (Isabelle sent out documents related to the budget discussion to all COA members on 6/21/2018)
 - Discussion about how to determine priorities (Isabelle followed up with Jay on 6/21/2018)
- AAA Updates – Erin Smith
 - Friday Senior Transportation has not been restored, but eleven people were negatively impacted from the lack of transportation. The decided solution is to provide them with frozen meals on Thursday for Friday.
 - COA Executive Committee – The County Executive is reviewing the earlier rank-ordered list of candidates, previously screened by the COA Nominating Committee, to appoint two people in June to fill the current two vacancies on the COA Committee.
- Committee Updates
 - Health and Wellness
 - Identified new issue - The gap, people who economically do not qualify for Medicaid but cannot afford Assisted Living/Skilled Nursing
 - Group of people is getting larger
 - What can the County do to help with people who are caught in the gap?
 - Ask for Erin to gather statistics on this issue
 - Learned about Home-Based Primary Care Montgomery Medical Associates
 - Nurse practitioners who go into private homes.
 - Only home-based primary care service in the County that goes into homes
 - How does this parallel with WISH? Primary Care Coalition? Nexus Montgomery?
 - Another wrap around service that might help prevent institutionalization?
 - V.A. Blue Button system, which was developed out of the need to empower Vets and health providers to manage health care and prescription records electronically, may serve to inform the committee on possible mitigating strategies to use to avoid institutionalization in the Aging community.
 - Transition Briefing Book for New County Administration - Alan and Neal will send approved ideas to discuss at next executive meeting.

- Committee needs to revisit the matter of budget priorities.
 - Committee will meet in summer.
- Aging-in-Place
 - Committee voted on a name change, “Aging and Community”
 - The executive committee approved the name change
 - Inter-generational issues still of interest
 - Exploring available programs
 - Affordable Housing summary report will be ready by September
 - No summer meetings scheduled
- Public Policy
 - Bill 1718 (property tax credit)
 - Mort sent a letter of support
 - Statistical Document
 - Like the idea of meeting with new County administration individually.
 - COA would benefit by identifying and or developing one source for referencing County stats. Erin will assist. Executive Committee agreed the document must be an updated living document. Mort, Karen, Ryan, and Erin will work on this document including talking points for testimony and questions.
 - COA's statewide
 - Mort is working on gathering contact information for each COA
 - State Attorney
 - Still waiting to hear what the other State Attorney’s have made their priorities.
- Ageism in Communication
 - Next Meeting is on 6/22/2018 at the Kensington Library
 - Erin’s task is to narrow the focus
 - Debrief on May 31st meeting
 - Erin will send the link for the July 9th Webinar by Lilly Fisher
- New Business
 - Can the Commission afford to serve lunch? Consider using the money set aside to reimburse Commissioners since most do not request reimbursement.
 - Meeting with Council member Berliner about Transportation funds
 - At the request of Deborah Royster, Isabelle met with Seabury Resources for Aging Board of Directors to provide a brief overview of COA. Seabury now has a facility in DC and a facility in MC and is planning to open one more in each jurisdiction.
 - EC voted that COA develop a briefing booklet for elected officials per suggestion and discussion at May 24th COA meeting.
 - EC members voted to have an EC meeting in July. Next Executive Meeting will be held on July 19th 9:30- 11:30. Tremayne is checking on room availability