

**AGING IN COMMUNITY COMMITTEE  
OF THE  
COMMISSION ON AGING**

November 13, 2018

9:30-11:30 am

7300 Calhoun Place, Room 6C Rockville, MD

In Attendance: Dick Jourdenais, Monica Schaeffer, Marsha Weber, Nanine Mickeljohn, Miriam Kelty, Noelle Heyman

Staff: Shawn Brennan, Marcia Pruzan

Guests: Dennis Linders, MC HHS Manager Accounting and Customer Service, Mary Sweeney(GROWS),

Topic	Discussion Points	Decisions/Follow Up
Food Security Presentation	<p>Dennis Linders, presented some statistics from a recent MC Food Council report entitled “ Aging and Vulnerability Outreach”. In the U.S., about 5.5 million (7.7%) seniors (&gt;60 yrs.) are food insecure. Also in the U.S., only 42% of eligible seniors are enrolled in SNAP (USDA Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program). Issues related to senior food insecurity include fixed income (causing some to choose medical expenses over quality food), isolation (lacking knowledge about/or transportation to food programs), low technology literacy (unable to connect to services online), and limited English language proficiency (LEP).</p> <p>Food delivery program issues identified by committee members include cultural</p>	<p>Committee will invite author(s) of report to discuss senior findings and recommendations.</p>

<p>2019 Goals Review</p>	<p>pride and food offerings.</p> <p>The following goals for 2019 were reviewed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Social Isolation: Response to Crises</li> <li>• Enforcement of Affordable Housing Codes</li> <li>• Food Insecurity</li> <li>• Extremely low income housing and senior homelessness</li> <li>• MCPS support for seniors in community schools.</li> </ul>	<p>Committee members agreed that the following overarching issues should provide a framework for 2019:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- improved communication</li> <li>- addressing diversity</li> <li>- elimination of ageism</li> </ul>
<p>New Business</p>	<p>November COA meeting on 11/29 at Holiday Park Senior Center</p> <p>COA Legislative Breakfast on 12/13 at Holiday Park Senior Center</p> <p>December COA meeting on 12/19 at Holiday Park Senior Center</p>	
<p>Next Meeting</p>	<p>December 11, 2018 at Calhoun Place</p>	
<p>Meeting Adjourned</p>	<p>Meeting Adjourned with thanks to committee members.</p>	

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