

**Commission on Aging  
Public Policy Committee  
June 14, 2018, 9:30-11:30 am  
7300 Calhoun Place, Suite 600, Conference Room 6C  
Minutes**

**Commissioners Present:** Stephanie Edelstein, Karen Maricheau, Isabelle Schoenfeld, Jerry Morenoff, Ryan Wilson, Mort Faller (by phone)

**Staff Present:** Odile Brunetto

**Others Present:** none

**Meeting Commenced:** 9:42 am

**County Activity** – County Expedited Bill 17-18, Property Tax Credit – Elderly Individuals and Related Military Services Members – Application. The bill was heard by the Council on June 12, at 1:30 p.m. Mort drafted a letter of support, which was sent to County Council members.

**Statistics for COA Talking Points** – Mort met with Erin Smith, from the County’s statistics office to talk about a list of potential statistics COA might use for talking points. Ideally, the list would be short and would have statistics about the older population within the county, including information on housing, transportation, recreational use, demographics, etc. The list could also have citations to where individual statistics were derived, e.g. U.S. Census, Survey of Consumer Finances, County Department of Parks and Recreation. The document would be a COA internal document that COA members could use for drafting letters, meetings with elected officials, etc. County staff would be involved in maintaining and updating the document. Mort agreed to lead a group to work on the document. Karen and Ryan agreed to be members of the group.

**Briefing Book** – At the May COA meeting, the full Council discussed preparing a “briefing book” for incoming county elected officials. The information would be short and at a high level. The briefing book would describe issues/challenges (no more than one page/issue) on the various aspects of older adults’ lives in the county, such as affordable housing, transportation, affordable assisted living, quality of nursing home care, etc. It could be written in bullet format like talking points, with important data as appropriate. It would describe what COA does and how we interact with county, state, and federal officials.

Each committee, including PPC, will draft a section describing its scope and function. PPC members agreed that the section should spell out how COA and PPC is beneficial to County elected officials. Stephanie agreed to take the lead on an initial draft for the PPC section for review by the Executive Committee and Commission in September.

**Working with other County Commissions on Aging** – The committee discussed progress on reaching out to other county Commissions on Aging and coordinating activities where appropriate. Mort drafted a letter to the State Department of Aging asking for contact information for other county commissions on aging. Odile had been unsuccessful in getting the information despite numerous attempts.

**Communication with the State’s Attorney’s Office** – Mort reached out to the State’s Attorney’s Office to ask about their priorities for the 2019 General Assembly. To date, the Montgomery County State’s

Attorney's Office has yet to hear from the statewide association of state's attorneys about legislative priorities.

**Meeting Adjourned: 10:48**