



## COMMISSION ON AGING

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### COMMISSION ON AGING MEETING

Minutes  
March 16, 2015

**PRESIDING:** Peter Brunner, Chair

**Members Attending**

Angela Boyter  
Roxanne Farrar  
Deborah Fleischmann  
Julia Mattis  
Ted Meyerson  
Andrew Monjan  
Eletta Morse  
Carolyn Rimes  
Sang K. Shin  
Sharonlee Vogel  
Laureen Wylie

**Not Present**

Barbara Catlin  
Susan Hailman  
Bob McLaughlin

**Office on Aging**

Jennie Rittenhouse

**Call to order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm.

**Approve Agenda**

Pete Brunner requested that the discussion of the Legislative Breakfast be moved to follow the discussion of a Legislative Affairs Committee. Sharonlee Vogel requested that MDCOA be added to the agenda. Sharonlee moved to accept the amended agenda and Roxanne Farrar seconded the motion. Motion was approved. *All in favor. Agenda accepted.*

**Approve Minutes**

Sharonlee Vogel moved to accept the minutes of the previous meeting and Laureen Wylie seconded the motion. Motion was approved. *All in favor. Minutes accepted.*

**Chair's Report**

Pete Brunner began the meeting with a membership update. Angela Boyter's appointment was confirmed by the County Council. Sharonlee Vogel will be reappointed for another term. Jan Horan will be filling the vacancy left by Ted Meyerson when Ted's term expires in May. He also informed the Commission that a portion of the COA budget could be used to pay attendance fees at local conferences dealing with issues on aging. These could be approved on a case by case basis. The question arose on a program identified by Angela Boyter.

## **Office on Aging Report**

### **Master Plan**

Jennie Rittenhouse reported that the Master Plan is still undergoing edits; the Department hopes to receive it back from the contractor this week.

### **Facilities Update**

#### **Bain**

Repairs are nearing completion at the Bain Center and plans are being made to reopen the center to the public on Monday, March 23. Weekend and evening hours will resume in April as some additional repairs and flooring replacement will take place after regular business hours.

#### **Ellicott City**

Once an occupancy permit is received, the annex is ready to open. The Office is hopeful the permit will be received in the next week.

The Ellicott City Plus program will be relocating to the Church of Nazarene on Route 99 in Ellicott City the week of March 23. This will allow time for smooth transition and will allow the Plus program to run uninterrupted while renovations are completed on the main Ellicott City Senior Center.

### **Staff Update**

The Office has been given permission to move forward in the hiring of three positions; a Supports Planner for the Community First Choice Waiver program, a Nutrition Specialist for Glenwood Senior Center, and a Senior Center Plus Assistant at Glenwood. These positions are largely grant funded; the vacancies for an Administrator, Administrative Support Staff, and Senior Center Plus Assistant Director are not being filled.

### **Formation of a Legislative Committee**

Pete Brunner and Bob McLaughlin met to discuss the formation of a Legislative Committee and agreed that the focus would be on local issues, not state or federal legislation.

It was agreed that this Committee will move forward in requesting a meeting with the County Executive. Following that meeting, the Committee may pursue a meeting with the County Council.

A meeting of the full committee (Bob, Pete, Julia Mattis, Angela Boyter, Sharonlee Vogel) will take place before the April Commission meeting. Sharonlee agreed to contact the County Executive's office to schedule a meeting between the Executive and the committee.

The Commission also discussed the annual legislative breakfast. Ted Meyerson shared the difficulties in finding a date that works for such a large group and the challenge in getting a commitment to attend. After the newly formed legislative committee begins meeting, it will determine if the event needs to be restructured for 2015.

### **MDCOA Report**

Sharonlee Vogel reported that the MDCOA has set a date and location for this year's training summit. The Summit will be held September 24 at Chesapeake Community College. Potential topics include an update on the village movement, updates on Community First Choice and Maryland Access Point (MAP). More information will be presented to the Commission as it becomes available.

Members of the state Commission are also writing, as individuals, to support a death with dignity bill. Ted Meyerson shared that the State Advisory Council on Quality Care at the End of Life has chosen not to support this legislation.

**Old Business**

A question was raised regarding an update on the disparity in projections for new/incoming students provided by County government and the school system. Pete has not received any update from Planning and Zoning but knew DPZ was planning to address the issue with County administration.

Andrew Monjan shared that he had discussed at presentation to the COA with the LHIC coordinator and the presentation will be scheduled for April or May.

Sharonlee reported that the group discussing a presentation on CCRCs and retirement options will present at the April meeting.

**New Business**

None

**Adjournment**

Ted Meyerson motioned to adjourn. Sharonlee Vogel seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:35pm.

Recording Secretary: Jennifer Rittenhouse

Next Meeting: April 20, 2015, Ellicott City Senior Center Annex, 7pm