

Howard County Consumer Affairs Advisory Board Meeting Minutes for January 7, 2015

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Richard Green at 7:05 p.m.

- Present: Richard Green, Sue Rogan, Ashlyn Hood, Felicia West
- Absent: Katherine Bornstein, Jerome Jackson

Minutes of the November 2014 meeting – approved as read

Administrator's Report - Becky provided the Board with OCA statistics for the first half of FY2015, and RBA results.

Election of Officers – Because the December meeting of the Board was cancelled, the annual election of officers did not take place. The Board decided to hold the election at the February meeting in order for Board members to consider their interest in serving as Chair or Vice-Chair.

Location of Board Meetings – Becky advised the Board that if there are no other events planned at the Bain Center the nights that the Board meets, the center is kept open and staffed just for the Board's meeting. This expense is born by the Office on Aging. In order to avoid that expense, the Board voted to move its future meetings to the Office of Consumer Affairs conference room.

Upcoming Events / Announcements

- National Consumer Protection Week - March 1-7. OCA staff is in the process of deciding what activities or outreach efforts it will pursue.
- Money Matters Fair - March 14 at Long Reach High School. The event is sponsored by Making Change and OCA is on the planning committee. OCA will help staff the Department of Citizen Services table and working on a presentation that will highlight various scams and frauds that target various age groups.
- Money Smart Week – April 18 to 25. Sue suggested that OCA plan something for that week.
- Green Fest – April 18 at Howard Community College
- Howard County Housing Fair – April 25 at Long Reach High School

Other Business

- Felicia requested an update of the Board's expenditures for the year so that the Board can decide how to spend the remainder of its budget.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD WILL BE ON FEBRUARY 4 AT 7:00 P.M.
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