

Senior Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes Thursday, May 21, 2015  
2:00 PM, CA Headquarters

Call to Order

Members/Liaisons present/excused/absent

Roger Chang, Paul Verchinski, Sharonlee Vogel, Kathryn Sunderman, John Eberhard, Arleen Tate, Michelle Miller

Excused/Absent: Rusty Toler, Bernice Kish, Jean Salkeld, George Laniano, Mary McGraw, Peggy Hoffman

Guests: Jerry B, resident from Kings Contrivance

Approval of Agenda: approved as amended

Approval of minutes: April 2015, approved

Chair's Report: no report

New Business:

-Discussion of Transportation options for seniors in Howard County and region; John Powell, Howard County Office of Transportation- discussion moved to another month as Mr. Powell did not show up.

-Letter of support endorsing a Diabetes Prevention Program – Arleen Tate would like the SAC to write a letter of support for a diabetes prevention program. Celebration Church will be applying for grants. A motion was made and seconded, to write a letter in support of the program. Motion approved. Michelle will work with Arleen to write the letter.

Old Business:

Approval SAC Fiscal year 2015 Annual report: motion made and seconded, to send the 2 page Annual Report and add to the implementation matrix on status of Older Adult Plan to the CA Board. Motion approved.

Liaison Reports

Office on Aging, Peggy Hoffman: Peggy sent an email announcing Courtney Barkley, of the Office on Aging, who will become the liaison to the Columbia Association Senior Advisory Committee as of June 2015.

Michelle Miller: CA

Update Older Adult Plan: UMBC Erickson School - Milton Matthews and Michelle met with representatives from the Erickson School to initiate a conversation about working closer together in the future. We discussed possible training ideas, and help recruiting a part-time staff person. Erickson would like collaboration with the Office on Aging, so we do not duplicate efforts. Michelle will update the SAC when she has more information to share.

-Columbia Association's (CA) free weekly Lakefront Wednesdays Lunchtime Concert Series begins June 17 with the first of nine performances at Lake Kittamaqundi in Downtown Columbia.

- Hobbits Glen Clubhouse: Columbia Association (CA) will celebrate the official opening of the new Hobbit's Glen Golf Club Clubhouse and COHO Grill with a grand opening event on Sunday, May 31, from 1:30 to 4:30 pm at the golf club. A ribbon-cutting ceremony will precede the event and is scheduled to take place at 1:15 p.m.

Mary McGraw, The Village in Howard

Sharonlee Vogel: HC and MD Commission on Aging

-State Commission on Aging: Going back and looking at the County's that were in hold harmless category for about 10 years. What hold harmless means, that the Counties who had decreased aging population funding remained the same. Now State is taking a look at that process.

-State legislature is looking at clarifying the definition of a Continuing Care Retirement Community and to define bed size. Want individuals to contact state legislators to have definition clarified.

Howard County Commission of Aging – volunteered to work on a project and liaison with Montgomery and Baltimore Counties to develop process for departmental level Office on Aging.

Meeting Schedule: Next meeting: Thursday, June 18, 2015; 2:00 pm, CA Headquarters

Adjournment