

Senior Advisory Committee
Agenda
Thursday, February 18, 2016
2:30 PM, OWEN BROWN COMMUNITY CENTER

Call to Order

Members/Liaisons present/excused/absent

Introduction of Guests:

Terri Hansen, Howard County Office on Aging

Approval of Agenda

Approval of minutes: January 2016

New Business:

-Transportation for Seniors in Howard County – Terri Hansen

-CA Older Adult Coordinator- Scope of Work – Michelle Miller

Chair's Report:

Liaison Reports

Office on Aging, Courtney Barkley

Michelle Miller: CA

Mary McGraw, The Village in Howard

Sharonlee Vogel: MD Commission on Aging [Howard County's Commission meets next week]

roughly 55% of MDoA funding is from the Federal government, through appropriations under the Older Americans Act and is largely formula-driven. The Department also receives some funding from other sources including general revenues of the state of Maryland and other revenue streams. Howard Office on Aging budget is over half from County revenues, the other half from OAC for specific programs and grants

Public-Private Partnership to Bring Broadband to Western Howard

Howard County Executive Allan Kittleman announced a new public-private partnership that will leverage the power of the Inter-County Broadband Network (ICBN) to bring high-speed Internet service to underserved portions of western Howard County. The initiative will provide the option for residents and businesses to take advantage of wireless broadband, with no data limits, from a private provider.

The ICBN minimizes the requirement for ISPs and carriers to make significant additional infrastructure investments to reach and serve new customers. It also provides cost-effective, high-bandwidth middle-mile capacity to enable private carriers to bridge the last mile through their own investments to Maryland's underserved residents and vulnerable communities.

Moving forward, CA is putting together numbers for what is needed to update facilities. This will be expensive. Those numbers will come to the Board once the evaluation of facilities is complete.

There is a lot of competition for programs out there. Hard work is needed to keep up with and exceed the competition.

CA needs to be involved in the County's review of the New Town Zoning process. The County is looking toward possibly revamping New Town Zoning. CA wants to be at the table.

Around the table for 2 minutes input from SAC members on what they're hearing from Columbia seniors

Meeting Schedule: Next meeting: Thursday, March 17, 2:30 pm, CA Headquarters

Adjournment