

COMMISSION ON AGING MEETING MINUTES

August 12, 2020

→ via ZOOM videoconferencing ←

NOTES

- The meeting was conducted via ZOOM videoconferencing due to concerns related to COVID-19. The Commission attendance met the standards needed for a quorum.
- Prior to the July meeting the Area Agency on Aging conducted a Public Hearing to request the Commission's support of the proposed 2021 Older Americans Act Area Plan. After hearing the proposal, presented by Jay Leak, the Commission on Aging voted unanimously in support of the proposal.

MINUTES

- Karen Weber, Chair, asked if there were any corrections needed to the May minutes. – there were none:
The Chair called for a motion to approve the May 13 minutes. Pam Shernuk made the motion to approve minutes as submitted. Katy Hoffman seconded the motion. Motion passed.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS LIAISON – COMMISSIONER HANZLICK

- Absent

DIRECTOR OF HUMAN SERVICES (HSD) – DEBBIE COLLINS

- Acknowledged and thanked Katy Hoffman and Chuck Nigro for their work and nine years length of serve.
- Thanked Rusty for the work he has done on the COA Outreach program.
- A grant was received for rent assistance for the Outreach program of the department.

DIRECTOR OF AREA AGENCY ON AGING (AAA) – DAN GOODMAN

- We have received approval from the BOCC for \$250,000 to begin a new program similar to the state funded "Senior Care Act".
 - Dan Goodman thanked the COA, the BOCC, especially Commissioner Klika and Hanzlick.
- Dan recognized the AAA management team for producing 2 emergency area plans and the upcoming Older Americans Act Area Plan.
- KDADS will no longer publish the *Explore your Options* information book, Ed Schulte, I&RA specialist, has been researching, editing the book for Johnson County.
- We are checking references for new Nutrition Program Manager.

➤ FAREWELLS:

2011 - 2020:

- ◆ **Chuck Nigro** along with Patti Rule helped improve advocacy by the COA.
 - ◆ **Katy Hoffman** active in COA as Chair of the Peg Deaton Leadership in Aging Award became the 1st female in the JoCo Silver Haired Legislature (SHL) in many years. Peg Deaton fought for Katy's appointment.
 - ◆ **Rusty Ryan**, a former Peg Deaton Leadership in Aging Awardee. He was Chair of the COA Outreach committee. He had the distinction of presenting in a funeral parlor,
- AAA services are continuing with the exception of congregate meal sites which are closed at this time.
- CHAMPSS
 - Home Delivered meals - 5 hot meals
 - I&RA (Information & Referral Assessments) - no change
 - CM (Case Management) over 30 people diverted from NF (Nursing Facilities) a 10% increase - new normal.
 - Grants - State and Federal
 - KDADS support
 - CARE assess - - Rules & Reg Fed will go back to face to face.
- How can we get the money to pay for the postage to send EYO's out to all caregivers?

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Legislative Committee: Pam Shernuk, Chair. The COA Executive Committee reviewed the COA 2021 Legislative Platform, and made one change, adding back the request for full funding of the Senior Care Act (SCA). After the primary election we will send the 2021 platform and a letter letting the legislators know the legislative breakfast has been canceled.
- Pam Shernuk called for a motion to approve the 2021 Legislative Platform. John P. Smith made the motion to approve the COA platform as submitted. Dale Warman seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**
- The Executive Committee also discussed the Legislative Breakfast and decided to cancel both September and October breakfasts.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Election Committee, Paula Hurt, reported that in reviewing the election procedure in the By-Laws that there could not be an election at this time because the terms end August 31st, not August 20th the day of our meeting. In place of the Election Chair, Andrea Leavitt introduced the COA members vying for the Chair or Vice Chair. The new term for COA appointed members is September 1st.

This is the slate of officers, Andrea introduced as the 2020-2021 COA candidacy: She also asked for floor nominations, there were none.

Chair: Pam Shernuk, Rob Givens

Vice Chair: Paula Hurt, John P. Smith, Rob Givens

REPORT ON THE CHAIR - KAREN WEBER

- Expressed praise and gratitude for Katy Hoffman, Chuck Nigro, and Gene Lipscomb for their 9 years of service with the COA and Rusty Ryan for his work with the Outreach committee. Thank you, Volunteers!

OLD BUSINESS

- None at this time

NEW BUSINESS

- None at this time

OPEN FORUM

- Dan thanked both Katy and Chuck for their time with the COA. They are not going far as both are Silver Haired Legislators.
- Dan thanked Rusty for his service.
- The search for a kitchen is on-going.

MEETING ADJOURNED

- COA Meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Reminder: The COA Executive Committee has decided that the COA meetings will continue to be via ZOOM.

Next Meeting via ZOOM

Wednesday, September 9, 2020 @ 9:00 AM

Election of Chair & Vice Chair to be held

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