

COMMISSION ON AGING MEETING MINUTES

July 8, 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 this 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 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

- COVID-19 update.
 - The board will uphold the State's regulation that everyone wears a mask in all public places, excluding those residents with health or other exceptions.
- BOCC is looking at the 2021 budget.
 - There is a movement to turn the AAA into a free-standing department. County staff are working on a report to present to the BOCC on July 16.
 - The County has received CARES (disaster) funding. BOCC is working on a disbursement plan for CARES funds.
 - Getting Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is still a large problem. This comes out of CARES funds and we do not charge for it.
- Questions for the Commissioner
 - Are there any guidelines for nursing and independent living facilities?
 - The CARES funds are not being regulated and can be used for other purposes
 - The County has a consultant, Dr. K. Rich, KU geriatric specialist, to assisting county nursing facilities with purchasing needed equipment.
 - What does the future hold for those in nursing facilities, as they are restricted from seeing their loved ones? How long will this last?
 - Older adults are at high risk, so they are being highly protected. Some of the restrictions have been lifted.

Director of Human Services (HSD) – Debbie Collins

- Human Services is slowly opening its doors,
 - We did not close down, and we have continued all our services as of Monday, except Catch-a-Ride.
- Questions for the Director of Human Services:
 - Has the virus impacted the staff? No, but I cannot reply due to HIPPA regulations.
 - Can Transit help in anyway? We were able to get our critical clients alternate transportation.

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

- Aging Services has continued services.
 - Many are working remotely.
 - We have been able to get our meals out. Some changes have been made to home-delivered meals program. At this time, we are delivering frozen meals on Monday and hot meals on Wednesday and Friday.
 - Dyani Kallauner, Nutrition Program Coordinator, reported that on July 20th we will begin our regular delivery service. Many of our volunteers came back.
 - Dan recognized AAA management team for producing 2 emergency plans and 1 OAA (Older Americans Act) Area Plan.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Peg Deaton Leadership & Aging Award: Katy Hoffman, Chair, announced that Kim Mann will be taking over as Chair of the committee at the August 12th meeting. Katy will finish her 9th year August 31st!
 - There was discussion on whether to cancel this year's award and/or how to present the award safely.
Gene Lipscomb was recommended by general consensus. Karen Weber called for a motion. Rob Givens made a motion to award Gene Lipscomb the 2020 Peg Deaton Leadership & Aging Award. Rusty Ryan seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. There was some discussion about how and when to present the award.
- 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.
 - After the primary, we will send them this legislative platform along with a letter explaining that we have canceled the breakfast.

REPORT FROM THE CHAIR - KAREN WEBER

- Expressed praise and gratitude for Katy Hoffman, Chuck Nigro, and Gene Lipscomb for 9 years with the COA.

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.
- 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, August 12, 2020 @ 9:00 AM

Election of Chair & Vice Chair to be held

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