

**FAIRFAX AREA COMMISSION ON AGING  
FINAL MINUTES OF MEETING  
Wednesday, June 17, 2015**

**George Mason Regional Library  
7001 Little River Turnpike, Annandale, VA 22003**

**Commissioners Present:** Richard Chobot (Chair), Kay Larmer (Vice Chair), Tom Bash, Eleanor Fusaro, Joseph Heastie, Denton Kent, Bob Kuhns, Bill Shackelford, Carolyn Sutterfield

**Commissioners Absent:** Sharron Dreyer

**Staff Present:** Sharon Lynn, Jacquie Woodruff

**Others Present:** Roberto Quinones, *Commonwealth Council on Aging*; Amy Marschean, *Virginia Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services*; Lucia Mao, *Citizen*; Trina Mayhan-Webb, *Volunteer Solutions*; Theresa Brown, *Volunteer Solutions*; Carol Wright, *Volunteer Solutions*; Jeannine Purdy, *Volunteer Solutions*; Christie Elliott, *Volunteer Solutions*; Tanya Erway, *Volunteer Solutions*; Emily Thomas, *Volunteer Solutions*; Tenia Simmons, *Volunteer Solutions*; Carmen Huffman, *Volunteer Solutions*; Rex Peters, *Department of Housing and Community Development*; Bob Eiffert, *Fairfax County Health Department*; Barbara Antley, *Adult and Aging Division, Department of Family Services*; Jenny Phipps, *Office of Supervisor Foust, Dranesville District, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors*; Phyllis Mayhan, *Guest of Trina Mayhan-Webb*; Carmen Huffman, *Volunteer Solutions' South County Regional Volunteer Assistant*; Ann Marie Johnson, *Volunteer Solutions' Fairfax Regional Volunteer Assistant*

**Call to Order, Adoption of Meeting Agenda, Review and Adoption of Draft Meeting Minutes**

Chair Rich Chobot called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. Carolyn noted the misspelling of Joe's name in the draft minutes. Carolyn motioned that the agenda and amended minutes be accepted. Joe seconded.

**Public Comment**

No public comment.

**Award Presentation to Volunteer Solutions, Commonwealth Council on Aging Best Practices Award – Roberto Quinones and Distinguished Guests from the Virginia Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services**

Sharon provided a quick overview of the many accomplishments of Volunteer Solutions, highlighting the Volunteer IT On-Call and Helping Hands programs. Sharon introduced Roberto Quinones from the Commonwealth Council on Aging and Amy Marschean, senior policy analyst from the Virginia Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services.

Roberto Quinones presented the \$2,000 third-place best practice award to Trina Mayhan-Webb, director of Volunteer Solutions, and the Volunteer Solutions team. Volunteer Solutions connects volunteers to older adults and adults with disabilities in the community, and recruits volunteers for senior centers in Fairfax County. Nine staff members manage over 4,000 volunteers.

Roberto presented an overview of the Commonwealth Council on Aging, an advisory board to the Governor that is comprised of 19 appointed members and five ex-officio members.

Amy provided an update on aging activity from Richmond and across the state, including updates on Virginia's Four-Year Plan for Aging Services and the Governor's Conference on Aging.

**Presentation: Lewinsville Senior Center Update – Rex Peters, Associate Director Preservation, Department of Housing and Community Development**

Rex Peters provided an overview of the Lewinsville Intergenerational Center development project. The center is a public/private partnership that will include independent living, senior center, and childcare center. Building should begin early next spring.

**Old Business**

Fairfax 50+ Community Action Plan discussions were deferred until commissioner updates.

**New Business**

No new business.

**Commissioner Updates**

Carolyn met with Linda Schlekau, champion for the Fairfax 50+ Libraries Initiative. Linda clarified that, although the survey for older adults will be scheduled after a larger community survey, progress can happen before the survey. The Sherwood Regional Library has provided assigned space for Mount Vernon at Home.

Carolyn stated that Carl Varner is partnering with Rebuilding Together. Carl has reported that the new AARP Home Fit Guide has a pocket on the back cover that will allow us to include customized information regarding home modification resources in Fairfax County.

Kay reported that GrandInvolve is active in three schools and hopes to expand to the entire community.

The Fairfax 50+ champion of the Communication Buzz would like the county to join the Word of Mouth Marketing Association, but WOMMA membership fee is \$2500.

Tom expressed appreciation for the staff work on the Creative Aging Festival and the Fairfax 50+ Employment Expo.

Denton reported that the Fairfax 50+ Land Use Initiatives will work with the Department of Planning and Zoning, the Department of Housing and Community Development, and the AAA to host a "Forum on Affordable Housing Regulations in Fairfax County" on September 17 at 2:00 p.m. The featured speaker is Stockton Williams, executive director, ULI Terwilliger Center for Housing.

Joe asked if another detective or staff has been assigned to the Fairfax 50+ Criminal Exploitation Initiative. Sharon stated that Supervisor Herrity plans to speak to the Chief of Police. Rich reported that he has been receiving robocalls and is concerned about older adults being targeted in this manner. Barbara Antley stated that the department is working internally on the exploitation issue through APS. She sees the issue as social as well as criminal. Joe stated that he would like to have the initiative redefined so work can proceed without the original champion.

Joe stated that some initiatives may need small amounts of money and that the COA may want to discuss possible financing approaches.

**Director's Report**

Sharon invited the COA to tour the Area Agency on Aging on July 1.

Sharon stated that the interagency workgroup several years ago launched two interagency initiatives housed within the AAA: Volunteer Solutions and the Adult, Disability, and Caregiver Resources Intake Line.

**Adjournment**

Bill motioned that the meeting be adjourned. Ellie seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.