

Attachment C Notice of October 2024 COA Meeting

FAIRFAX AREA COMMISSION ON AGING (COA)

Pennino Building – Room 200/206
12011 Government Center Pkwy, Fairfax, VA

DRAFT MINUTES

Wednesday, September 18, 2024, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Cathy Cole (Chair/At Large), Jim Kirkpatrick (Springfield), Sharron Dreyer (Franconia), Joe Heastie (Providence), Irv Katz (Mason), Diane Watson (Mt. Vernon), Cathy Muha (Vice Chair/Sully), Mike Perrel (Braddock), Manisha Maskay (City of Fairfax), Kay Larmer (Dranesville)

Commissioner Absent: Joanne Collins (Secretary/Hunter Mill)

County Staff Present: Tara Turner, Beth Ann Margetta, Katie Jantzi, Linda Hernandez-Giblin, Becky Mitchell, Fairfax Area Agency on Aging; Trina Mayhan-Webb, Teebe Negasi, Kathleen Thomas, DFS: Adult & Aging Division; John Ruthinoski, Kelsey Brewster, Data Analytics Unit

County Staff Remote: Katie Jantzi, Fairfax Area Agency on Aging; Kelsey Brewster, DFS: Data Analytics Unit

Guests: Supervisor Dan Storck, Jane Edmondson, Kayleen Mark, City of Falls Church, Kate Chutuape, Arlington Commission on Aging.

Call to Order: Chair, Cathy Cole called meeting to order at 1:01pm.

Commissioner Roll Call:

Chair Cathy Cole called the roll, and commissioners participating in-person stated their name and district representation.

Review of the Agenda: Sharron made a motion to adopt the agenda. Kay seconded the motion and the Agenda was adopted without objection.

Approval of the minutes: Review of the July 16, 2024, minutes. Irv made a motion to approve the minutes. Diane seconded the motion. Members voted unanimously to approve the Minutes as amended.

Public Comment: No public comment.

District Host: Mason, Supervisor Dan Storck

- Supervisor Storck highlighted the importance of this commission and thanked everyone for their participation. He noted the success of the new Lorton Community Center, particularly the many activities of Lorton Senior Center.

AAA Director's Report: Tara Turner, Director, Fairfax Area Agency on Aging

- Tara noted the “No Findings” report of the recently concluded Department of Aging and Rehabilitative Services Governance, Financial, and Program Monitoring Review, which is the result every county aims for. There were several “best practices” noted and recommendations which she said the staff can easily address and institute. Tara alerted all members to the “National Healthy Aging Symposium” on September 26, which can be attended via Zoom after registration.

Presentation – Adult and Aging Identika Market Research and Awareness Campaign: Findings Report, John Ruthinoski, Manager, Data Analytics Unit, Department of Family Services

- John briefed the final results of the recently completed “Adult and Aging Identika Market Research and Awareness Campaign.” John agreed to analyze the marketing data to cross tabulate the information/services of importance (slide 11) with the slide 12 findings (where respondents go to find the information). This may provide more insights into whether people look at different places for different services/information. Copies of the slides were provided to all present.
- Discussion with COA commissioners.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion - SHAPE the Future of Aging visioning for the new year

- Cathy Cole talked about the importance of a Vision Statement, asking what would we like to see at the end of SHAPE. What is our North Star? Discussion followed and members were asked to come up with ideas and proposals for the next meeting.

Report Outs

- Initiatives Development Committees provided updates on progress and actions to date.

NEW BUSINESS

COA secretary –

- Jim will serve as interim secretary.

Commissioner Updates –

- Despite being a form of discrimination, ageism is often not taken seriously and it is even considered one of the last socially acceptable prejudices. Cathy Cole made a motion to investigate the feasibility of holding a Summit on reframing how we reference aging.

Details would include financing the event, desired audience and identifying sessions/subjects. Irv, Manisha, Sharron will work on feasibility. Mike Perel seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Announcements:

- 9/20/24 NVAN Legislative Breakfast
- 9/26/24 National Aging Symposium, virtual. Cathy Cole recommended each SHAPE chair attend one session to add to their SHAPE work.
- 10/16/24, COA Meeting (in person) – Providence is host

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn meeting was unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 3:15pm.

Minutes prepared by Jim Kirkpatrick, COA interim Secretary.