Fairfax Area Coordinating Council for Aging and Adults with Disabilities Social Connection Committee Meeting Wednesday, June 4, 2025 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Fairfax County Government Center, Conference Room 8 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA

1:00 pm - Call to Order - Carolyn Cukierman, Committee Chair

Vote to Admit CCAAD Members with Pre-Approvals for Virtual Participation – Carolyn Cukierman

Approve Summary Notes from May 7, 2025 Meeting - Carolyn Cukierman

Updates

SHAPE (Shape the Future of Aging) CARE Mobile Committee members sharing

Actions

CCAAD Pilot – Updates, new Partners, Reports Planning for CCAAD Pilot Partners 2nd Quarterly Meeting

Discussion

CCAAD Strategic Plan Future remote meetings / schedule

Next Steps

Develop Steps and Assignments to Accomplish Committee Actions - Carolyn Cukierman

Adjournment

<u>Schedule</u>

Pilot Partners 2nd Quarterly Meeting: Thursday, June 12, 2025 – Virtual Next Committee Meeting: Wednesday, July 9, 2025 - Virtual **Schedule Change -** August 20, 2025 Committee Meeting – In Person | September meeting cancelled Pilot Partners 3rd Quarterly Meeting: Thursday, September 11, 2025 – Virtual

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Committee Goal

To enhance the lives of older adults and adults with disabilities by increasing social connectedness and decreasing social isolation

Objective 1: Gather and disseminate information to CCAAD members and others about the role social connectedness plays in the well-being of older adults and adults with disabilities <u>Action Steps:</u>

- Locate existing data that demonstrates that social connections among older adults and adults with disabilities is a positive social determinant of health.
- Locate existing data that defines the impact and extent of social isolation among older adults and adults with disabilities.
- Identify existing research that defines the causes of social isolation among older adults/adults with disabilities

Objective 2: Educate CCAAD members and others about social isolation prevention strategies including existing programs and solutions for gaps in services in the Fairfax Area <u>Action Steps:</u>

- Learn about existing programs and services that support social connection for older adults and adults with disabilities
- Identify gaps in social connection programs in the Fairfax Area and help create solutions
 - Identify what barriers exist to eliminating social isolation among older adults and adults with disabilities in the Fairfax area
 - Are there equity barriers?
 - Are there any technology barriers?
 - Explore partnerships among community-based organizations to fill the gaps
 - Explore the use of volunteers to fill gaps