



# COMMISSION ON ELDER AFFAIRS

## Meeting Summary – June 20, 2024

### **I. Roll Call**

- a. Meeting called to order: 11:33 am
- b. Quorum – Board Members Present (6), Absent (6), Vacant (1)
- c. One member from the public was present. One (1) Senior Services staff present.

### **II. Motivational comment**

- a. Provided by Chair; charge and reminder to COEA members to keep moving forward

### **III. Review/Approval of Minutes**

- a. Minutes were emailed June 17, 2024 to COEA members; Minutes read aloud; motion taken, carried and approved

### **IV. No Guest Speakers**

### **V. Senior Services Updates**

- a. Recapped Older Americans Month success; participation in the Georgia Healthy Aging Conference
- b. July – Seniors Farmer's Market hosted by four senior multipurpose facilities; vouchers will be provided; farmer – Georgia Roots Farm
- c. Senior Medicare Wellness Days launched; department is currently actively enrolling seniors throughout the County; in partnership with Grady Health system to assist seniors in participating in their annual wellness visit

### **VI. Committee Updates**

- a. Advocacy – Marsetta Ray
  - i. GA CoAge meeting will be held July 18, 2024 at 9:30am at the Rumford Center, Macon, Georgia

- ii. LIHEAP applications still open for utilities and gas through July 31, 2024; Ms. Ray did not call to inquire if funds are still available, pending response from Fulton Atlanta Community Action Authority (FACAA)
  - iii. Noted June is Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month
  - iv. OAA expires this year; U.S. Senator Mike Braun (Indiana) - indicated commitments and reauthorizing the act; both Senate and House have signed off support; expected to be reauthorized
  - v. August 12 – 14, 2024, the GA Gerontology Society will host a conference "Aging Better Together" in LaGrange, GA
- b. Elder Abuse
- i. No Update
- c. Dementia Education and Awareness – Beth Cayce
- i. In honor of the June is Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month, the committee met with Roswell Rotary; introduced Dementia Friends Training and exploring restaurant training; naturally occurring retirement communities (NORC) and training;
  - ii. 5 champions trained to date
  - iii. Johns Creek joined the coalition and began training in their area (includes Chamber of Commerce, one school and churches)
  - iv. Committee sent out a one-pager infographic with report and minutes with June
  - v. Informed members that assistance is available if the file is needed
  - vi. Next meeting is August 2024
  - vii. Chair asked if additional efforts are needed from the COEA and link to the Dementia Friendly website
    - 1. Beth Cayce – interested in this being a Countywide effort; if there are other parts of the County where organizations or individuals are interested, then Beth will follow up
    - 2. [info@dementiafriendly.com](mailto:info@dementiafriendly.com)
- d. Health and Wellness
- i. No report

## **VII. Unfinished Business**

- a. Requested motion to hold in-person September meeting
  - a. Chair asked for members to discuss location and convenience

- b. COEA Secretary shared that Mills or any other County facility is available;
  - c. Chair inquired about the Government Center buildings and availability; will place on July agenda to discuss location
- b. Linda Adams – senior at the Atrium needing transportation to New Horizons
- a. COEA Secretary referenced summary attached to the Senior Services update and resources provided for the senior in need of transportation also shared that any senior interested in utilizing transportation to a center can contact their neighborhood center and register as a participant; seniors can use one form of transportation (Uber/Lyft or Transdev)
  - b. Ms. Adams – further discussed shared rides available during the week and not weekend in addition to the need for center programming
  - c. Chair requested the COEA secretary to provide more information on the Home Delivered Meals process, intake process and waitlist; other avenues available for seniors and safety nets that can support seniors; Chair asked if seniors are informed of the length of expected wait time; to be added under New Business in July

## **II. New Business**

- a. Recommendation by Marsetta Ray to review bylaws and update once each year; meeting dates have changed over time; to be added under New Business in July; copy of Bylaws to be distributed to the COEA members

## **III. Public Comments**

- a. Guest (Leroy McGee) posed question regarding home delivered meals; a meal in the Greenbriar committee inquired about meals that ended in January 2024; COEA secretary requested senior's contact information and the team will follow up
  - i. Secretary explained additional funding available through ARPA program; funding ended and seniors were alerted that meals would end December 31, 2023; seniors were informed of STARline contact number if meals are still needed

- b. Guest (Ben Howard) shared comments regarding senior transportation, meal referrals and COEA webpage requiring updating

#### **IV. Announcements**

- a. No announcements

#### **V. Adjournment**

- a. Meeting adjourned 12:22 pm