



COMMISSION ON ELDER AFFAIRS

Meeting Summary – July 18, 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; shared quote by the late Hermon Cain - success is not the key to happiness, happiness is the key to success; Chair charged members to love what they do.

III. Review/Approval of Minutes

- a. Minutes were emailed July 12, 2024 to COEA members; Motion to approve the minutes with correction reflecting two visitors during the June 2024; no second; July 2024 minutes not approved
- b. 12:33pm, motion to reopen the vote to approve minutes
 - i. Moved to reopen June 2024, seconded and carried
 - ii. Motion to approve June 2024 meeting minutes, seconded and carried

IV. Guest Speaker – Jill Hollander, Elder Abuse and Fulton D.A. Updates

- a. Hiring coordinator for multidisciplinary team; COEA members will be asked at a future meeting to participate
 - i. Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) – pulls various professions from law, medicine, banking, housing and other industries to discuss emerging cases and ensure awareness of trends targeting seniors
- b. Program updates – ongoing speaking engagements (Phoenix, AZ) to informing the general public regarding animal cruelty and elder abuse

and how to identify force of control; working with Clerk of Superior Court Office to educate senior population on title theft

- i. COEA posed question to explain title theft; Jill Hollander provided the following resource:
<https://www.fultoncountyga.gov/news/2022/10/03/happenin-g-in-fulton-react-online-property-fraud-notification-tool>
- ii. Question regarding transcript of conference; speaker agreed to bring back presentation to a future COEA meeting

V. Senior Services Updates

- a. Transportation policy change approved by the Fulton County Board of Commissioners effective October 1, 2024; 8 one-way monthly trips; new cost shares based on Federal Poverty Guideline (249% or below = \$1 cost share per ride; 250% or higher = \$4 cost share per ride)
 - i. COEA question posed regarding trip reduction and impact to seniors; how can the Commission on Elder Affairs advocate; conversations with the City of Atlanta
 1. Senior Services will capture feedback from Commission members
 - ii. COEA questioned dissemination of information regarding policy changes
 1. Senior Services is conducting a massive mailing project to inform all 7,000 plus registered riders of the new programming changes
 2. Changes are reflected on the Fulton County website; flyers will also be posted at multipurpose senior facilities
 - iii. COEA question regarding factors considered in recommendations to the Board of Commissioners
 1. Senior Services presented multiple options for Board consideration over a period of time
- b. Senior Services provided mid-year updates (see Appendix A)

- i. Question – out of the numbers of completed services, what percentage of senior needs were not met, i.e. how many seniors were not able to receive services

- 1. Senior Services will review this question and respond at a later meeting

VI. Committee Updates

- a. Advocacy – Marsetta Ray
 - i. GA CoAge meeting underway at the Rumford Center, Macon, Georgia; COEA is a voting organization and has 7 votes
 - ii. July designated as Social Wellness Month by the National Institutes of Health (NIH)
 - iii. Elections are November 5, 2024; COEA members are encouraged to understand issues and platforms at all levels of government
 - iv. Committee is always looking for ways to learn about technology cost options
- b. Elder Abuse
 - i. No committee report
- c. Dementia Education and Awareness
 - i. No report
- d. Health and Wellness
 - i. No report

VII. Unfinished Business

- a. Discussion regarding in-person September meeting

II. New Business

- a. Bylaw review and updates
 - i. Copy provided to COEA members
 - ii. Floor opened to amend bylaws or recommend changes
 - 1. (Marsetta Ray) Section 1 – Regular Meeting currently shows the 2nd Thursday; recommended to correct and reflect new meeting date 3rd Thursday of each month

iii. Chair moved second review of bylaws to the August meeting

III. Public Comments

- a. Guest (Ben Howard) shared comments regarding recent Board of Commissioners meeting and public comments; recommended to invite Maggie [McCullum] to a future Commission on Elder Affairs meeting to discuss senior transportation, meals and home repair; expressed opinions regarding transportation policy changes
- b. Guest – question to Senior Services Department and caregiver grant availability to the public

IV. Announcements

- a. No announcements

V. Adjournment

- a. Meeting adjourned 12:41 pm



**2024 mid-year
FULTON COUNTY
SENIOR SERVICES STATS**



160,256 TRIPS
TAKEN BY SENIORS



12,300
VOLUNTEER HOURS
PROVIDED



3,188 MEALS
INDIVIDUALS RECEIVED
CONGREGATE AT THE
NEIGHBORHOOD
SENIOR CENTERS



1,169
PARTICIPANTS
IN MULTIPURPOSE
PROGRAMMING



45,400
HOME-DELIVERED
MEALS SERVED



IN PARTICIPATION
IN ADULT DAY
HEALTH PROGRAMS



5,866 CALLS
RECEIVED THROUGH STARLINE



2,200 SENIORS
RECEIVED IN-HOME SERVICES