



COMMISSION ON ELDER AFFAIRS

Meeting Summary – August 15, 2024

I. Roll Call

- a. Meeting called to order: 11:34 am
- b. Quorum – Board Members Present (9), Absent (3), Vacant (1)
- c. One member from the public was present. Four (4) Senior Services staff present.

II. Motivational comment

- a. Provided by Vice Chair; shared a personal thought about the end of the summer and the best is yet to come.

III. Review/Approval of Minutes

- a. Minutes were emailed to COEA members August 14, 2024; motion taken to accept the minutes and seconded. The minutes were approved.

IV. No Guest Speaker

V. Senior Services Updates

- a. Senior Services update provided and answered questions regarding cognitive assessments during wellness visits and transportation implications regarding alternate adult day sites not closest to a senior's home.
 - i. Vice Chair asked if cognitive assessment provided at wellness sessions can be shared with Dementia Friendly; COEA member asked for wellness media day flyer
 - ii. COEA member asked if transportation can be provided to a senior attending a center not closest to home due to capacity

VI. Committee Updates

- a. Advocacy
 - i. No committee report
- b. Elder Abuse
 - i. No committee report
- c. Dementia Education and Awareness
 - i. Vice Chair reported that 5-6 people are trained as Champions. Dementia Friendly met with North Fulton rotary in June with the goal of training members and local restaurants. Dementia Friends identified Outer Banks, another dementia friendly community in Mid-Florida as a model.
 - ii. Expansion plans with South Fulton and City Representative underway
 - iii. Overall goal is to identify funding for coordinator and create a template that local stakeholder groups can use to establish a Dementia Friendly group in their community
 - iv. Question raised by COEA member Marsetta Ray regarding restaurant training
 - 1. Answer: Restaurant training is an outcome of initial community surveying to determine what sectors can benefit most from training. Restaurant training targets customers, staff and solutions for creating a dementia friendly dining experiences. Additional ideas include working with restaurants establish dementia friendly dining hours and days where establishments can cater to people who need a quieter environment.
 - 2. Reauthorized designation will be an outcome for all industries participating in the Dementia Friendly plan.
- d. Health and Wellness
 - i. No report

VII. Unfinished Business

- a. Senior Services confirmed in-person September 2024 and plans to obtain meal preferences. The Vice Chair inquired of the senior survey status and recommended as a September agenda item. COEA member Stephanie Fiber-Sutton shared information about a home repair nonprofit, interest in serving Fulton County seniors and the Secretary to determine if feasible.

VIII. New Business

- a. COEA member inquired about status of vacancies.

IX. Public Comments

- a. Guest (Ben Howard) shared comments regarding the in-person September meeting hybrid option and transportation.

X. Announcements

- a. No announcements

XI. Adjournment

- a. Meeting adjourned 12:15 pm