



COMMISSION ON ELDER AFFAIRS

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Date: April 13, 2023

Time: 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Live via Zoom <https://zoom.us/j/92154181214>

Facilitator: Ann Germany Board Chair

Board Members

Ann Germany, Senior Services North Fulton, (present), Marsetta Ray, Past Chair, South Fulton Senior Services (present) | Beth Cayce, District 2, (present) | Mary Blake, At-Large (present) | Ruth Lyles-Bailey, Parliamentarian, Council on Aging, West (absent) | Stephanie Fiber-Sutton, District 1 (present) | Rosalind Elliott, Vice Chair, District 3 (present) | Linda Adams, District 4 (present) | Sarah Hilton, Atlanta Housing Authority, (present) | Dr. Sandra Wright, District 5 (absent) | Jill Lindsey, District 6, (absent) | Tracie Grant, Fulton Atlanta Community Action Authority (present) | Teresa Pearsall, Fulton Atlanta Community Action Authority (absent) La Tanya D. Walker, Senior Services Representative (non-voting) (present)

Visitors and Staff

Three (3) visitors present | Five (5) senior services staff

- I. Meeting Called to Order: 11:30 a.m.**
- II. Roll Call | Attendance:** Board Members Present (12), Absent (1)
- III. Review/Approval of Minutes:** Stephanie Fiber-Sutton made motion to approve agenda. M. Blake second, all in attendance approved.
- IV. Reports of Officers & Board Members:** No reports provided.
 - T. Grant shared information on LIHEAP Cooling Program. 65+ able to apply. Schedule as follows:
 - May 12th – HJC Bowden Center
 - May 19th – Helene S. Mills
 - May 26th – Harriett G. Darnell Center
 - All times are from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

- Flyer will be made available to members once received
- Ms. Grant will provide LIHEAP specific funding information at next meeting, along with any Fulton County unmet applications

V. Senior Services Update

Multipurpose Centers, Andre Gregory, Program Manager

- Still providing virtual programming via Zoom Mon-Fri, hybrid (onsite/virtual) workshops,
- We are working with Behavioral Health to provide beneficial webinars for seniors,
- Healthy Aging Assessments are still ongoing
- Life Enrichment programming, breakfast and lunch are ongoing Mon-Fri.
- We are currently in the planning phase for Older Americans Month

Administrative

- Contact was made with eight (8) community partners to support COEA Board. Response back from one (1) Ms. Vonetta Dotson, Georgia State Gerontology.
- Soliciting COEA Board support for additional names to contact

Neighborhood Senior Centers, Rafael Patterson, Program Manager

- There is a wait list for in-home services and meal. Services moved under Community Development
 - A list was sent to senior via Community Development stating they are operating the program and to direct inquiries to their department
 - Senior Services previously allocated budget of \$600K for Senior Home Repair was transferred to Community Development. They can be reached at (404) 612-7193
 - Advertisements will be issued under Community Development department
 - Seniors looking for services are always encouraged to contact the STARline for support
 - Rafael Patterson, Program Manager, will contact ARC re: data that shows number of seniors on waitlist. Tier 1 and Tier 2 waitlist requirements will be added to next discussion.
 - Supporting response by Duane Tolson, DSS Administrative Manager

- Quality Assurance Team – collects data from participants (i.e., food, transportation, etc.) and shares information with external teams
- Reports are provided to public to make adjustments
- Expansion of programs are based on participant responses to surveys
- L. Onyilogwu will investigate sharing this data with the Commission and provide if able by next meeting

Adult Day Health Programs, Erica Flack, Program Manager

- Adult Day Health Program hours -Mon-Fri, 7:00am-6:00pm
- Program Admission assessments are ongoing
- The Adult Day program continues to provide virtual classes, home delivered meals, and weekly wellness calls to check in on registered participants.
- Caregiver Support Meeting-Every 3rd Wednesday 3:00pm-4:00pm
- Adult Day Health Program applications are available upon request. For more information, please call 404-613-6000

The Adult Day Health Programs will host Virtual Programs during Older Americans Month. Information can be found on the Department of Senior Services Older Americans Month Schedule /Calendar. Posted on the Fulton County Website. **For Information on the Fulton County Adult Day Health Programs, please call 404-612-1300 or visit www.fultoncountyga.gov**

VI. COEA Committee Reports

- a. Advocacy- Update by Marsetta Ray
 - i. Housing & Security (i.e., rent stabilization)
 - ii. Life Transition Concerns (i.e., long-term care)
 - iii. Protection from phone scams
 - iv. Alzheimer Support for patients and caregivers
- b. Elder Abuse – No Report /Speaker announced by Ann Germany
- c. Dementia Education, Awareness, Training and Support – Update by Beth Cayce -
- d. Health and Well-being – Update by Sarah Hilton – look into technology for that support the overall well-being for seniors. Beth and Sarah to connect and share information
- e. Communications/Logistics – No report

VII. Unfinished Business

- A person does not have to be a COEA member or someone who serves seniors to support committees. All are asked to share in their networks

VIII. New Business

- Reminder that COEA General Board Meetings are the second Tuesday of each month from 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- Tamiya M. Dave (guest) shared she would serve on Advocacy Committee

IX. Speaker: Presentation provided by Jill Hollander, Deputy District Attorney, Fulton County District Attorney’s Office: Elder Abuse and Animal Cruelty (refer to slide presentation for notes). Ms. Hollander shared she would also serve on Committee for Elder Abuse

X. Public Comments

- Public comments were provided by Mr. Ben Howard

Meeting adjourned at 1:02 p.m., Mary Blake made motion to adjourned. Sarah Hilton second. All present approved.

Next Meeting: Thursday, May 11, 2023 at 11:30 a.m., via Zoom