



# Fulton County Commission on Elder Affairs

General Meeting Summary | August 12, 2022

**Attendance:** Board Members - 8; Senior Services Staff - 2, Visitors - 9

**Motivational Thought: Learning Life Lessons: *Lessons in life will be repeated until they are learned. Sometimes, that can take a while. “A smart man or woman makes a mistake, learns from it, and never make that mistake again.” Roy Williams “Learn from the mistakes of others. You can’t live long enough to make them all yourselves.” Eleanor Roosevelt***

## **Monthly Information Feature:**

Topic: **Senior Transportation:** Presenter-Penelope Greer, Fulton County Senior Services

Highlights-- Fulton County has two plans for senior transportation: Transdev (bus) and Uber/Lyft. There are three criteria (60 yrs of age or older, Fulton County resident and a need for service) Fares remain the same at \$1 per leg. Described limitations and needs, especially the need for more qualified drivers. Chairperson asked for assistance in developing a resource list of other transportation providers.

## **COEA Officer & Committee Highlights**

**Chairperson Ray** – M. Ray reported that Neighborhood Centers are expanding. Most participants still wear masks. Have begun to take field trips.

**Health & Wellness** – B. Cayce reported that a draft of the Dementia-Friendly resolution has been developed and will be presented to the Board of Commissioners after meeting with Senior Services

**Senior Services** – L. Adams reported that there is still concern about a few problems at New Horizons. Community garden has vegetables.

**Safety & Security** – R. Bailey reported recommended measures in an active shooter situation. (Identify exits, drop (get low), and identify direction/source of gunfire.

**Technology** – No report.

**Civic Life** – M. Ray advised about title theft protection with REAACT. She also gave alert about Monkeypox in Georgia.

**Programming** – M. Ray reminded the group about the upcoming webinar on Sept. 29. Speaker from Social Security has been confirmed. Flyers will be sent out week of August 15 for distribution.

### **Department of Senior Services Updates**

K. Rashied-Henry reported that the Fulton Senior Farmer's Market program has begun distributing vouchers for produce. Next will be 9/14, and 9/15. Other details on website. Mandatory mask-wearing is back in effect. Senior Services will receive American Rescue Plan grant of \$592,532 for home-delivered meals and transportation. A virtual open house will be conducted by Senior Services on August 22 (10am-11am). New protocols for Monkeypox are forthcoming.

### **Decisions approved:**

The November meeting was moved from November 11 to November 4 due to holiday.