

**MINUTES  
COMMISSION ON AGING  
Bykota Senior Center  
Classroom A, First Floor  
Tuesday, February 21, 2017**

**Present:** Cyndy Allen, Virginia Billian, Frances Bond, Don Gabriel, Allan Hirsh, Roy Moreland, Sheila Roman, Marlene Siegel, Sherita Thomas, Melody Truffer, Cathy Ward

**Excused:** Bill Lambert, Eula Marshall, Mabel Murray, Anne Perry

**Staff:** Phyllis Myers, Laura Riley, Joanne Williams

**I. The Meeting Came to Order at 9:10 a.m.**

**II. Announcements/Acknowledgements**

- Eula Marshall had surgery
- Bill Lambert sick
- Mabel had surgery

**III. Approval of the Minutes**

- Allan Hirsh spoke to Councilwoman Vicki Almond's Chief of Staff, not Baltimore County's Chief of Staff
- Fran Bond should have been excused at December's meeting instead of absent
- Minutes approved as corrected

**IV. Old Business**

USM Forum Recap

- 40th anniversary of USM
- 535 people attended the forum
- USM did not have a specific agenda
- the Commission plans to invite Elizabeth Weglein, President of USM, to a Commission on Aging meeting

Meetings with County Council Representatives/Elected Officials

- Sherita suggested contacting local elected officials regarding healthcare cost

## Villages

- Everyone received a handout explaining Villages; Sheila plans to tweak it a little and Commission on Aging members can refer this concept as another resource when outreaching in senior centers and local communities
- Sheila gave an update on the Jacksonville Village; she will invite John Donohue of Jacksonville to a Commission on Aging meeting

## V. New Business

### BCDA 2017 Initiative

- “Reimagine Aging” is the 2017 BCDA Initiative; focusing on getting rid of the aging stereotype
- Commission members can nominate someone they might know who is older and is breaking the aging stereotype
- The initiative will be the theme of the Senior Solutions Conference and programs/activities in the senior centers
- The Senior Solutions Committee has reconvened to start preparing for the 2017 Conference
- March 9<sup>th</sup> BCDA will have a kickoff event for the Reimagine Aging initiative. Tony Sarmiento, Executive Director of Senior Service America, Inc. is the speaker. Also, the film “The Age of Love” will be shown. It is a documentary about 70-90 year olds speed dating

### Placement Agencies

- The Commission discussed how placement agencies such as A Place for Mom and Dad, are recommending facilities that may be unfit for older adults to live in; lots of facilities are unlicensed and not regulated; placement agencies are also unregulated

## VI. Director’s Updates

- Meeting with Debbie Phelps, Chair of the Baltimore County Public Schools Foundation to talk about possible partnership
- Vision 20/20 BCDA’s strategic plan; focusing on where the agency is heading in the categories of technology, marketing, caregiving, partnerships, facilities, efficiencies and enhancing employee engagement
- Handout – BCDA’s new Vision, Mission Statement and Values

## VII. Meeting Adjourned at 10:35 a.m.