

**MINUTES**  
**COMMISSION ON AGING**  
**Bykota Senior Center**  
**Classroom A, First Floor**  
**Tuesday, September 19, 2017**

Present: Cyndy Allen, Virginia Billian, Frances Bond, Don Gabriel (by phone), Allan Hirsh, Bill Lambert, Eula Marshall, Mabel Murray, Sheila Roman, Marlene Siegel, Melody Truffer, Cathy Ward

Staff: Phyllis Myers, Laura Riley, Joanne Williams

Excused: Roy Moreland, Sherita Thomas

**I. The Meeting Came to Order at 9:08 a.m.**

**II. Announcements**

- Anne Perry resigned
- She now lives in Baltimore City
- There will be a presentation for Anne at the October 17<sup>th</sup> meeting

**III. Approval of the Minutes**

- Minutes approved as submitted

**IV. Old Business**

Villages

- Handout - Draft of Villages fact sheet
- COA members read and discussed the fact sheet
- John Donahue of the Jacksonville Community to attend the next COA meeting
- The COA role is part of the educational process only
- Phyllis to make corrections/changes and make the draft final

**V. New Business**

December Luncheon Meeting

- The annual December luncheon meeting is usually held at Christopher Daniel Restaurant, however it is now closed
- The following restaurants were suggested for the December Luncheon Meeting: Basta Pasta, Michaels, Blue Stone and Pepper Mill
- Phyllis will call for availability

#### Medical Marijuana

- Cathy shared information with the Commission on how medical marijuana locations are slowly entering into communities

#### Area Agencies on Aging

- Handout entitled – Area Agencies on Aging, Local Leadership in Aging and Community Living
- The handout explains what Area Agencies on Aging are and what they do; there are 600 in the country and 19 of them are in Maryland
- BCDA is an Area Agency on Aging

### **VI. Director's Updates**

#### The Power of Age Expo

- The Expo is October 4<sup>th</sup> and October 5<sup>th</sup>
- Cyndy encouraged COA members to attend Expo for the opening ceremony on Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at noon in addition to walking around and thanking the vendors for being part of Expo; booth rentals help support the Seniors In Need fund
- Laura passed around a sign-up sheet for COA members to volunteer to staff the Seniors in Need booth

#### Commission on Aging Mission Statement

- Joanne asked COA members to come up with a mission statement that complements BCDA's Mission statement using Section II of the COA bylaws
- Allan also suggested putting BCDA's mission statement in the COA bylaws

#### BCDA Fact Sheet

- Handout – BCDA fact sheet that COA members can use when visiting senior centers or being asked to speak on behalf of the Commission on Aging

## Administration on Community Living (ACL)

- ACL is the advocate for seniors at the Federal level which oversees the Administration on Aging
- Joanne was prepared to show COA members a short video from the ACL website, however, due to technical difficulties, it could only be heard
- Phyllis will send the link to COA members to view

## **VII. Meeting Adjourned at 10:25 a.m.**