



Fulton County Commission on Elder Affairs

General Meeting Summary | June 10, 2022

Attendance: Board Members - 8; Senior Services Staff - 3, Visitors - 2

Monthly Information Feature:

Topic: “Senior Advocacy.” Debra Stokes, Executive Director – Georgia Council on Aging

- The GA Council on Aging was established by the governor and legislature in 1977. It consists of 20 Board members appointed by the governor.
- The Council recommends and researches issues related to seniors and advocate with state government for action.
- CO-Age is a coalition of individuals and organizations who serve as members in conjunction with the Council. Individual membership is \$10/year, \$100/organization.
- All members may recommend issues for the Council to approve as a priority to submit to legislature.

COEA Officer & Committee Highlights

Chairperson Ray – COEA still seeking chairperson for Communication Committee to get information out to the public. Requested that Rosalind Elliott and Jill Lindsey serve on committee. Chair Ray is working with Senior Services to arrange a meeting with Fulton County Board Chair Rob Pitts to discuss COEA concerns. Committee Reports follow:

Health & Wellness – B. Cayce reported on the Veteran’s Homecare Benefit in detail. It is for 65+ or disabled/homebound vets.

Senior Services – L. Adams reported that conditions at New Horizons have improved. There are still issues with transportation. Following up on Site Council review processes.

Safety & Security – R. Lyles-Bailey reiterated the need for remaining alert to surroundings. M. Ray requested info on active shooter instructions when Safety and Security is discussed in October.

Technology – L. Walker is monitoring the intervals required by IT posting to site. Will be posting the flyer for upcoming workshop.

Civic Life – M. Ray reported on the increase in shootings with danger to seniors. U.S. House passed Red Flag bill and passed on the Senate for approval. She also reported on the Affordable Connectivity Program for internet access by low-income and federal assistance recipients.

Programming – M. Ray reported the 2022 Calendar has already been submitted. The July meeting feature will focus on Diabetes Prevention and Control. The Senior Housing workshop is on track for June 29.

Department of Senior Services Updates

- Adult Day (M-F); programming is onsite and virtual; Providing respite and home-delivered meals. Conducting assessments and bringing on new participants.
- Fulton County has requested \$1.8 mil from American Rescue Plan.
- Incontinence products are available by contacting StarLine.

Business Items Recommended:

- Going forward, COEA members will have time during meetings to give updates on the entities they are representing, i.e., districts, Council on Aging, North and South Fulton Senior Services.
- All members are requested to participate in the Senior Housing Workshop on June 29 at 10:30 am and ensure at least two other individuals attend.

Action Items:

- 1) Develop/Acquire COEA stationary – Ray
- 2) Attend virtual workshop - All