



# COMMISSION ON ELDER AFFAIRS

## Meeting Summary – March 2023

- I. **Attendance:** Board Members Present (11); Board Members Absent (2)  
Senior Services Staff (5), Visitors (1)

II. **Senior Services Updates**  
**Multipurpose Centers**

- Hybrid model in place
  - In-person programming with regular operational hours (Monday – Friday) available
  - Virtual programming via Zoom and workshops also available Monday – Friday
  - Breakfast and Lunch provided daily
- Collaboration with Behavioral Health underway to provide beneficial webinars for seniors
- Healthy Aging Assessments ongoing
- We are currently in the planning phase for Older Americans Month

**Neighborhood Senior Centers**

- Group trips for Neighborhood Senior Center participants will return to 4 trips a month beginning in April

**Adult Day Health Programs 2023**

- 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, home, and weekly wellness calls to check in on registered participants
- Caregiver Support Meeting-Every 3rd Wednesday 3:00pm-4:00pm
- The Helene S. Mills Adult Day Health Program reopened to participants on March 6, 2023. The program is accepting new participants
- Adult Day Health Program applications are available upon request. For Information on the Fulton County Adult Day Health Programs, please call 404-612-1300 or visit [www.fultoncountyga.gov](http://www.fultoncountyga.gov)
- General Updates - Kinship Care event “Act of Love” event scheduled for March 25th from 11am-2pm; Oakhill Child and Family Center located at 2805 Metropolitan Pkwy, Atlanta, GA

- For Senior Kinship Caregivers that are raising children.
- For more information text Kinship Care to 470-845-3936.

### **III. Committee Reports**

- Health & Wellness: No Report
- Senior Services: Transportation and food is a concern at New Horizon
- Safety & Security: Advised all to be aware of surroundings
- Technology: No Report
- Programming: No Report
- Civic Life: No Report

### **IV. Unfinished Business**

- New Meeting Day – General COEA meetings moved to 11:30am, the second Thursdays of each month; approved
- Bylaw review (see Subcommittee Reports)

### **V. New Business**

- Subcommittee Reports
  - Bylaw review:
    - Article 3. Section 1 – Membership: Remove four (4) members. Update to reflect BOC resolution
    - Article 4 – general meeting changed to second Thursday of the month at 11:30 AM
    - Article 5 – Term of Office; update to reflect two (2) consecutive 2-year terms. Move election to November annually. December transitional month for new board members. New members take seat in January
    - Article 7 – update to reflect two (2) members per committee
      - All approved.
  - S. Hilton suggested to diversify seats to enhance representation. L. Onyiliogwu requested Commission recommendations for two (2) additional seats; will present to the COEA and obtain approval prior to requesting BOC approval. Recommendations provided - UGA, GA Tech, Alzheimer Association of Georgia, Open Hands Atlanta
  - Projects Subcommittee
    - Advocacy – Legislature & Funding
    - Elder Abuse – Finance, Scams, etc.
    - Dementia Education Awareness Training & Support

- Health & Wellness: Access to service, support, and other activities
- Senior Homelessness
- All approved.
- New Committees
  - Advocacy
  - Health & Wellness
  - Safety & Security
  - Senior Services
  - Communication & Logistics
    - Non-commission members can participate; All approved

## **VI. Public Comments**

- Comments made regarding correspondence on COEA agenda, Community Development representative attending a COEA meeting, and an itemized list of unfinished business