



Fulton County Commission on Elder Affairs

General Meeting Summary | September 9, 2022

Attendance: Board Members - 7; Senior Services Staff - 3, Visitors - 8

MOTIVATIONAL THOUGHT: Identifying Your Why

“Working hard for something we don’t care about is called stress: Working hard for something we love is called passion.” Simon Sinek. Know your *Why*.

COEA OFFICER REPORT

Chairperson Ray – Reported on Chair and Vice-chair meeting with Senior Services. Topics discussed included:

- Vacancies on COEA Board
- Fulton districts are changing
- Need to address soaring rent rates
- Communication of Fulton initiatives- Access to newsletter will be provided.
- Dementia Friendly Resolution – Developed by B. Cayce
- GCOA membership payment options through DSS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Health & Wellness – No report

Senior Services – L. Adams reported the problem with Transdev transportation of participants. She also expressed concern that Neighborhood Centers seem to be left out of the activities planned for multi-purpose facilities.

Safety & Security – R. Lyles-Bailey encouraged awareness of surroundings.

Technology – No report.

Civic Life – M. Ray advised about increasing numbers of challenges to voter rolls in Georgia and the need to check current status of individual voting status. This is evidence of voter suppression efforts intensifying across the country. She also reported on the recent Fulton program announcement about the senior legal services program.

Programming – M. Ray reminded the group about the upcoming webinar on Sept. 29 and the meeting focus for October which is Safety and Security for Seniors.

DEPARTMENT OF SENIOR SERVICES UPDATES

The Director reported on the transportation problem due to the theft of van parts

rendering 17 vehicles inoperable. She also described the situation with filling COEA vacancies caused partially by Council on Aging no longer operating. They are working to identify other area agencies for seniors.

Erica Flack also described transportation status. She discussed the ongoing virtual open houses offered by DSS; Multi-purpose events on calendar: Bowden's Elder Law Group on September 13; David Williams tribute to Sammy Davis, Jr; and the Fall Festival at North.

DECISIONS APPROVED

Attempt to get Registrations and Elections to do a short presentation on the November election at the October meeting.