Present: Cyndy Allen, Don Gabriel (via phone) Bill Lambert, Eula Marshall, Roy Moreland, Al Muehlberger, Mabel Murray, Sheila Roman, Marlene Siegel, Sherita Thomas, Melody Truffer

Absent: Virginia Billian, Frances Bond, Lisa Budlow, Cathy Ward

Staff: Dayna Brown, Phyllis Myers

I. The Meeting Came to Order at 9:05 a.m.

II. Announcements

- The Baltimore County Commission on Aging (COA) Meeting in December will be held at the Basta Pasta restaurant in Timonium; meeting begins at 11:30 a.m., followed by the Commission’s annual luncheon.
- COA members were reminded of the County’s snow policy—there will be no meeting if the Baltimore County Public Schools open late or are closed.
- Fran Bond is ill, and Mabel offered to send a card from the Commission Members

III. Guest and Presenter Michelle Mills, Chief of Individual and Family Services

Michelle gave an overview of the Seniors In Need Program:

- Michelle distributed a pie chart which showed the distribution on dollars spent in FY2019 for the program. The funds are primarily raised from the proceeds from the Power of Age Expo; eligible clients aged 60 and older receive a one-time only grant of up to $500 to help pay for items such as utilities, eviction notices, eye glasses, and dental work;
- The Baltimore County Department of Aging (BCDA) outreach workers help clients with financial planning to possibly avoid future financial crisis and also assess for any other services the client may need;
• Sherita will check with T Rowe Price for grant money to donate to Seniors In Need fund and Michelle will create a proposal; BCDA may create a brochure explaining seniors in need fund for outside donations and fundraising events;
• The demographics for the Seniors In Need individuals will be discussed at the January 2020 meeting.

IV. Guest and Presenter – Ethel Rasmussen, BCDA Communications Director

• Ethel shared the sponsorships and number of attendees at the Power of Age Expo 2019
• There were 32 paid sponsors this year; WMAR was one who aired a TV segment regarding Expo
• Approximately 6,000 people attended. The stream of attendees was steady until 5 p.m. The parking lot reached capacity at 10:30 a.m.; Commission on Aging members suggested marking shuttle stops in the parking lot to help CountyRide drivers and attendees locate their vehicles
• CountyRide made pickups from senior housing facilities and senior centers
• The Timonium Fairgrounds are again proposing a later date in October next year to work around holidays and other events at Timonium fairgrounds

Ethel also discussed the Living Longer, Living Well Summit

• The conference is being held on Wednesday, November 20, 2019, at the Gordon Center for the Performing Arts which replaces the annual Advocacy conference that was geared toward professionals in the field of aging. This summit is now geared toward older adults with information on how to live longer and live well; there is no charge for the use of the facility
• The cost is $20 and includes a continental breakfast, lunch and a snack bag; Sponsorship totaled $7,000 for this event
• Commission on Aging members are invited guests and there is online registration available along with paper form until Friday, November 15th; COA members were asked to give their registration to Phyllis at the end of the meeting if they planned to attend

V. Approval of the Minutes

• Minutes approved as submitted

VI. Old Business
• December’s luncheon meeting will be brief; new business will pick up again in January

VII. New Business

Commission on Aging Start Time

• No change; meeting will continue to start at 9 a.m.; exploring options for a virtual meeting when the weather is bad

Commission on Aging Relevance

• Question—What role has the Commission on Aging played and what is its role in the future; to be discussed at the January meeting

VIII. Director’s Updates

• Dayna encourage COA members to go on line and take the Age Friendly Baltimore County Survey
• Donna Neuworth to attend the January meeting

IX. Meeting Adjourned at 10:37 a.m.