

Bloomington Commission on Aging

August 11, 2020, 4:30-6 pm- meeting minutes

Present: Phil Stafford, Jack Kahn, Kelsey Haislip, Jennifer Burns, Jenny Donegan, Yonda Snyder, staff liaison Sue Owens.

No minutes for July. Sue will send her notes for July to Phil and the Commission can approve them at September meeting.

No Liaison Report, but Sue noted the need for material for CoA newsletter or ideas for a Facebook post.

Added NCOA survey to old business as second item.

1. Old Business:

Provider Roundtables

We conducted roundtable debrief – recap of notes and discussion from three zoom roundtables and what to do with this information.

Needs vs problems

- Define problems before landing on solutions
- Phil provided discussion notes summary with problems and solutions highlighted for quick identification.
- Most of the problems identified in small groups also had solutions discussed. Transportation was the only exception.
- Major problem: Social isolation. Not clear to what extent this is driven by pandemic. Also not clear how much of isolation discussion was more about disconnectedness instead of loneliness? Survey could help define the problem better. One suggestion was to survey and do follow up communication to providers.
- Jack suggested that meetings continue. Discussion that if this were to happen would need compelling agenda to keep people engaged. Presentation/program vs open-ended discussion and networking.

Two tasks moving forward:

- How to support cross-agency communication and collaboration – we can organize a more regular zoom meeting of providers with special topics as content.
- Getting information from seniors in the community.

Survey discussion

- NCOA will be good start but will require legwork.

- Other survey resources to help identify problems: local Digital Equity Survey and CASOA info from Area 10.
- Formed survey committee: Yonda, Jenny D, and Jack.
- Use NCOA survey to establish contact channels with seniors and to build an email database.

Need to report out small group results to round table participants. Phil will revise the document into a report for participants before the next meeting.

2. New Business

Elections

- Elections are supposed to happen each year.
- Phil would prefer to step down as chair as next year he will be President of the Historical Society Board.
- Called for somebody to step forward as chair. No response.
- Call for nominations
 - o Send nominations to Sue
 - o Sue will email to Commissioners
 - o September meeting - formal nominations
 - o October meeting - election of officers
- Officers: Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary
- No nominating committee
- Individuals can nominate themselves
- Need to communicate this information to absent members by sharing minutes early.

Dementia Friendly Conference

- Planning has begun for 2021 conference next spring. Founders group meets on a regular basis. Desires commission participation.
- Phil would like to see continuation of input gathering for community development work
- Surveys could be part of the input

Confirmed that next meeting will be via Zoom.

Meeting adjourned at 5:42