

Town of Lexington Council on Aging Board Meeting
Feb 5, 2020
2:30-4:00PM
Lexington Community Center

Present: Bonnie Teitleman, Ellen Cameron, Betty Borghesani, Julie -Ann Shapiro, John Zhao, Sudhir Jain, Gerry Howell, Sandra Shaw, Jyotsna Kakullavarapu, Camille Goodwin
Staff: Michelle Kelleher, Hemali Shah, Melissa Interest, Christine Dean, Sharon Gunda

Public Comments: None

Approval of January minutes

Dementia Friend training by Carla Koehl from Artis

Staff Reports:

Michelle Kelleher

- Uber/Lyft training
- Valentine Day luncheon has 17 student volunteers
- Stage and Seekers- Rivers School Program to connect student with seniors for 7 week history project

Hemali Shah-Assistant Director

- No one applied for financial aid \$5,000 from Dana Home Grant available for respite

Melissa Interest-Director

- Veteran's Services adding Carlisle to service area, no impact on staffing

Christine Dean-Director Community Center

- 2/25 Community Center Open House includes: Community Center, Visitor's Center, Police, area providers, teens looking for jobs, volunteer ops, etc.
- 2/10 Registration for summer camp at Community Center
- 2/26 annual Partner's meeting – program advisors share ideas, plan
- 3/2 Registration for spring adult and lifetime programs
- 3/4, 3/5 consultant to do community needs assessment for Recreation, day and focus groups and public forum
- 2/26 Shifting Gears, DMV presentation on aging, safe driving, parking
- Age Friendly working group
 - Met 2/3 to discuss actions to undertake
 - Committee members looking at other towns senior parking programs with goal of recommending senior parking for Lexington; Newton, Waltham, Watertown, Medford, Maynard

New Business

- Camille Goodwin resigned from Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee; Rich McDonough nominated

Liason Reports

Minuteman Senior Services Gary Fallick leaving Board; all meals on wheels drivers now have formal report for case managers if concerned about a senior at risk

Ombudsman training for ombuds volunteers, contact MMSS if interested

Transportation-Sudhir Jain mentioned Lexpress bus route change to enhance efficiency

MBTA to design bus lane to Alewife T stop from Route 2

2/13 senior sign up for Ride

1240 Rides monthly for Lexington seniors; 191 single rides, 74 average 4 Rides monthly, Rides can be late

FCOA-Sudhir Jain notes \$13,000 donations received, thank you notes sent

Commission on Disability-Bonnie Teitleman- award given to teen who is living with Tourette's. COD wrote letter to Selectmen on goals, priorities; streetscape accessibility and safety

Human Services Committee-Betty Borghesani- will go to 5 members meeting 6 times annually; goal: improving communication

Recreation Committee Julie Ann Shapiro-no update

Housing Authority-no update

Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee- Rich McDonough has been invited to apply

Mental Health Task Force-3/20 Julie Hackett meeting at Cary Hall

Vision 20/20 Jyotsna no Kakullavarapu- to change name to Challenges and Opportunities for Lexington, working with transportation to bring people; Susan Barrett may help

Lexington Center Committee Sandra Shaw- new streetscape to improve safety and accessibility, bumpout curb cuts, new benches, lighting, add seating and plantings from Spring 2021-fall 2023

Next meeting of COA : March 4, 2020 2:30 PM Community Center