



ARLINGTON COMMISSION ON AGING

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**Meeting Summary
March 15, 2021**

PRESENT: Linda Kelleher, Cheryl Beversdorf, Linc Cummings, Herschel Kanter, Naci Powell, Jim Ruff, Cynthia Schneider, Martha Villanigro-Santiago, Andrea Walker

EXCUSED: Delegate Alfonso Lopez, Jim Richardson,

ABSENT: Chloe Burke, Kate Chutuape, Carol Patch, Juan Carlos Velazquez, Sophie Shen, William Way

STAFF: Rachel Coates, Helen King, Maimoona Bah-Duckenfield, Jim Baker

GUESTS: Jose Aramayo-Pefaura, Angela Chadbourne, Tom Daly, Claire Jacobson, Joan McDermott, Jim Morris, Erica Wood, Wendy Zenker

I. Call to Order /Welcome

Chair Kelleher welcomed Commissioners and guests to the virtual meeting held directly after the 2021 Community Forum. She thanked ADSD staff for their efforts in producing a very successful first meeting of this type. Helen King noted that 107 people registered for the virtual Forum, with 94 participating at the opening session and 74 returning for the post-breakout final session.

II. Consideration of the Proposed FY 2022 Area Plan for Aging Services, including Fee Scale Waiver Requests and Proposed FY 2022 County Budget

Rachel Coates distributed and described the fee scale waiver that Arlington requests annually from the Virginia Department of Aging and Rehabilitative Services (DARS) for programs using state funds. The waiver is requested because costs are higher in Arlington than in the rest of the state. The adjusted fee scales are based on 60% of the Area Median Income, which increased 4% this year. The scales are used to determine the suggested contribution for the homemaker (personal care) services and the home-delivered meals program.

Commissioners unanimously approved the proposed fee scale.

III. New Business

Chair Kelleher encouraged commissioners to do informational and budget meetings with County Board members to call to attention the ongoing needs. Under current rules, Commissioners can meet with up to two County Board members for this purpose. Chair Kelleher asked Commissioners interested in participating prior to the April COA meeting to contact her.

Commissioner Beversdorf reported that Arlington Independent Media would be taking a 22% reduction in the proposed budget and requested the support of the Commission on Aging through a letter to the County Board.

Commissioner Villanigro-Santiago strongly encouraged all commissioners to attend a Dementia Friendly Awareness session. The training could be offered on-demand or as the topic of an upcoming Commission on Aging meeting. Chair Kelleher agreed to add this to the next Executive Committee meeting.

IV. Old Business - None

V. Announcements and Public Comment

Ms. Bah-Duckenfield updated Commissioners and guests on the newly formed Long-Term Care Residents Committee, which is still in search of a Chair and Co-Chair. The next meeting will be

held on Friday March 19th and will feature reports from Committee Liaisons to each of our 14 facilities.

Commissioner Kanter noted the next virtual meeting of the Legislative Committee was set for Monday April 5th at 9 a.m.

XII. Adjournment at 1:15 p.m.

NEXT MEETING:

Monday, April 19, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.