

## Maryland Commission on Caregiving

November 02, 2024

10:30 AM -12:00 PM

### Virtual Meeting Minutes

Commission Member Present: Ann Squire, Chalarra Sessoms, Jennifer Eastman, Shalini Arora, Patricia Morris, Kathy Wehr, Larry Bram, Terri Johnson, Theresa Robertson, Yetunde Olobatuyi, Esther Ward

Guests: Dorinda Adams

Welcome & Introduction: Shalini Arora

Review and approval of October's meeting

Motion to approve October's meeting Minutes: Yes

**Member's Application/Expired Terms/Renewals:** Yetunde gave an update on membership status and reported that she has been in contact with almost four representatives from the Governor's office. Jennifer, Molly, Nick and Kimberlee. More information as soon as I hear back from the Governor's office regarding renewal of membership terms.

**National Family Caregivers Month:** The website that was created by Theresa for the purpose of celebrating NFCM is live and ready to go. Shalini reported meeting with DHS communication and shared with them all the caregivers' videos that were developed and created a shared document with dates of when to share to all DHS social media as well as email blast to DHS employees. The dates were spread out for the month of November. Also encouraged Members to promote NFCM in their various organizations.

**Update on the Caregiver's Survey:** Jennifer reported that the survey is almost complete and should be ready before Thanksgiving. She reported the subcommittee continues to meet as needed in finalizing the whole thing. She reported that a script would be developed with the survey as well barcode for people to access the survey.

**Holiday In-Person Get-together:** Theresa shared an invitation in google drive of the upcoming holiday luncheon so people can have the date on their calendar. The date agreed upon by everyone is Friday December 8, 2024, at Light House Bistro in Annapolis. The address is 202 West Street Annapolis MD from 12pm-2pm. Members agreed that the in-person luncheon will serve as our December's meeting. Therefore, there would not be a virtual meeting the day before. Reservation has been made and anyone interested in attending should contact Theresa.

**January's meeting Poll:** Shalini asked if members would want to meet on January 4 or January 7. In the past, January's meeting has always been canceled, especially if Thursday falls on a day after the new year. Jennifer advised that she would send out a poll asking for what day people would prefer to attend the meeting. Until then **the next meeting is scheduled for February 06, 2025, from 10:30am-12 pm.**