



Atlanta Regional Commission

Advisory Committee on Aging
Wednesday, January 25, 2023
1:00pm – 2:30pm
Meeting Minutes

Attendance:

Co-Chair, Dr. Romona Jackson Jones

Robert Alexander

Bob Reeves

Wayne Stokes

Liane Levetan

Tammy Brewer

Mildred Schmelz

Rosa Marroquin

Darlene Kimes

Julie Arnold

Govind Hariharan

I. Welcome Romona Jackson-Jones

- Co-Chair, Romona Jackson Jones, called the meeting to order at 1:00pm.

II. Public Comment Period Romona Jackson-Jones, Co-chair

- No registered public comment was recorded.

III. Committee Roll Call – Becky Kurtz

- Roll Call of Board Members was taken by Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) staff, Becky Kurtz, Managing Director, of Aging & Independence Services Department.
- Quorum was present.

IV. Managers Update – Becky Kurtz, Managing Director

- Aging & Independence Services 2023 Initiatives
 - Explore partnerships with health care payers to expand service populations
 - Dependent on funding availability and federal/state policy decisions
 - Improve Workflow Efficiencies
 - Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC) staff reorganization to improve customer responsiveness/efficiencies
 - Implement "Live Beyond Expectations" Strategic Framework
 - Complete Community Engagement activities in all 10 counties
 - Analyze learnings and determine strategies towards implementation • Expand service provision
- Utilizing COVID-19 grants

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- Increase consumer access through Empowerline outreach
- FY 23 State Aging Services Grant Amendments
 - Recent new awards:
 - Culturally appropriate information and assistance
 - Latin American Association
- Pilot: development of the Villages model
 - CADRE, Inc (East Point)
 - <https://www.vtvnetwork.org/>
- CO-AGE 2023 Priorities
 - HCBS Funding
 - Status - On Thursday, March 9th, the House passed their FY 2024 budget, HB 19. They allotted \$5,464,800 for Home and Community Based Services! This is a \$1 million increase from last year!
 - Improvements to Assisted Living Communities
 - Issue -Current laws prohibit Medicaid funding to residents in Assisted Living and large Personal Care Home facilities.
 - Ask - Remove restrictions against Medicaid benefits in Assisted Living Communities and larger Personal Care Homes.
 - Status - The CO-AGE advocacy team is in talks with the Georgia Department of Community Health, which oversees Medicaid, to determine what direction to take regarding the improvements to assisted living communities' priority.
 - Teledentistry
 - Ask - The Georgia Council on Aging (GCOA) and the Coalition of Advocates for Georgia's Elderly (CO-AGE) recommends that legislation to establish Teledentistry under the umbrella of Telehealth will benefit those who have little to no access to oral care in rural areas as well as in remote settings (outside of the dental office), such as long-term care communities, hospitals, domestic violence shelters, community clinics, and the home bound.
 - Status - The Teledentistry bill, HB 441, was not heard during Crossover but the bill sponsors are still discussing how best to move the legislation forward. The advocacy team is on standby for their recommendations.
 - Work and Save
 - Ask - Legislation would create the state-run program for caregivers and working Georgians to have an opportunity to



- offer employees a benefit of a retirement savings. The Georgia Council on Aging (GCOA) and the Coalition of Advocates for Georgia's Elderly (CO-AGE) recommends that legislation be passed to create a formal Work and Save program for the state of Georgia.
- Status - While the Work and Save bill did not make it through Crossover, significant progress has been made in introducing the concept of Work and Save to the Georgia Legislature.
- Federal appropriations (Federal Fiscal Year 2023) - FY23 started October 1, 2022
 - Appropriations bill passed December 20, 2022
 - Slight increases to these funds that come to the AAA:
 - Older Americans Act
 - Supportive Services (IIIB)
 - Congregate Meals (IIIC-1)
 - Home Delivered Meals (IIIC-2)
 - Wellness Education (IIID)
 - Family Caregiver (IIIE)
 - Falls Prevention Education (ARC has applied)
 - AmeriCorps Seniors
- Selecting a new co-chair
 - By Jan 31
 - Let Becky or Kim know if you have an interest in serving
 - Non-ARC Board members only
 - February: We'll start tapping shoulders!
 - March: Public (non-Board) members receive nominee slate
 - Elect a new co-chair at March 22 ACA meeting

V. Action Items

- Review Minutes from July 27, 2022, September 28, 2022, & December 7, 2022
 - Quorum was present and all meeting minutes were approved.

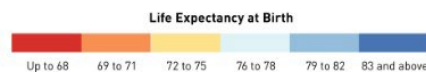
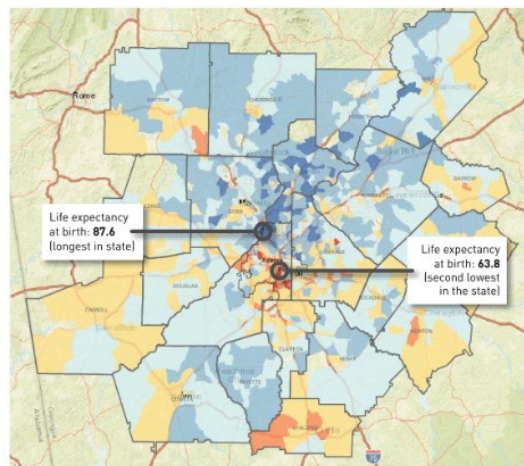
VI. Presentations

A. Live Beyond Expectation – Arin Yost

Research + Community Engagement Fellow (Lead for America)

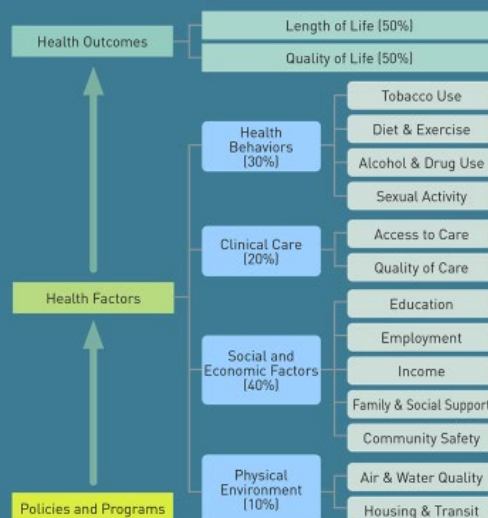
- Regional Strategic Plan – 2020 - 2025.
- Identify and address the inequities that create disparities in life expectancy

- Engage with regional, state, and national stakeholders to bolster current partnerships
- Develop new relationships and collate existing and new resources to support a long-term vision that all who live in the Atlanta region can lead long and healthy lives no matter where they live.
- Life expectancy in Sandy Springs/Vinings is 87.6 years and is 63.8 in the Bankhead/English Avenue area of Atlanta.
 - That's a 24-year difference.



Source: U.S. Small-area Life Expectancy Estimates Project, 2010-2015

Life Expectancy
Depends on
Where You Live



County Health Rankings model © 2014 UNPHI

County Health
Rankings Model:
Health Factors for
How Well and
Long We Live

ARC's Aspirations with LBE

- Identify and reduce inequities that create disparities in life expectancy and quality of life
- Build organizational and community awareness of disparities
- Build capacity to address disparities
- **Long-term aspiration:** Bring lower life expectancy areas up to the regional average life expectancy and improve quality of life along the way

Lowest Life Expectancy by County in the 10 County Region

County Name	Census Tract	ZIP Code(s)	Neighborhood/ Area Name	Life Expectancy
Cherokee	13057090601	30115, 30114	Phillip Landrum Memorial Highway & Hickory Flat Highway	75.6
Clayton	13063040414	30297, 30236	Old Dixie Way/Holiday Hills	71.4
Cobb	13067031308	30126, 30168	Veterans Memorial Highway/ Mableton Parkway	73.2
DeKalb	13089021913	30083, 30087	Stone Mill Run	68.4
Douglas	13097080404	30180, 30187, 30134	Veterans Memorial Highway & Brewer Road	72.5
Fayette	13113140406	30214, 30238	Wellington Manor	77.3
Fulton	13121002300	30314, 30318	Bankhead/English Avenue	63.6
Gwinnett	13135050435	30047	Beaver Ruin Road & Lawrenceville Highway	73.7
Henry	13151070113	30281	Cochran Park	72.1
Rockdale	13247060102	30012, 30013, 30052, 30039	Hi Roc Shores	75.6

Approaches to Reduce Disparities

- **Practice:** provide **services and programs** that address unmet needs
- **Policy:** work with governmental, philanthropic, educational, nonprofit, and business leaders to **improve or amend policies that create inequities** and **advance policies that promote equity**
- **Place:** focus on locations, within each county, **where residents experience the most inequity**

Implementation To-Date

- Inventoried ARC work programs and alignment opportunities
- Researched factors impacting life expectancy and disparities between high and low life expectancy tracts
 - For county snapshot files, visit: <https://atlantaregional.org/aging-health/aging-health-planning/live-beyond-expectations-strategic-plan-2020-2025/>
- Mapped baseline of how ARC-funded services overlap with lower life expectancy areas
- Convened advisory committee of internal ARC staff and external partners (ongoing)

- Annual Process Evaluation & Nex Steps
 - Summarize qualitative & quantitative data
 - Convene existing partners, residents, and coalitions
 - Co-design and implement intervention strategies based on community's priorities
 - Implementation task milestones completed
 - Output measures related to strategies by location

○ Specific measures to be determined

- Examples:
- # people in lowest life expectancy tract engaged
- New resources developed
- Policy and system changes
- Zoning reform
- Funding formula changes
- Medicaid expansion
- New public transportation option

10-County presentation with priorities and themes – See hyperlink

 [2023-01-25 ARC LBE Community Results Summary ACA Mtg.pptx](#)

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B. ARC Aging & Independence Services Dept – Sharise Thurman Byrd
Discussion of SFY 23 Update to the 2021-2024 Area Plan on Aging
Present Issue Summary:

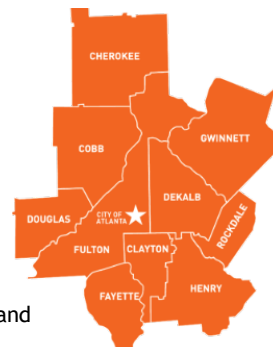
Co-Chair, Dr. Romona Jackson Jones acknowledged Area Agency on
Aging Director, Becky Kurtz, to read the Issues Summary document,

- Resolution authorizing submission of the FY 24 Update to the State Fiscal year 2021-2024 Area Plan on Aging and the State Fiscal 2024 Funding Request and the response to the Coronavirus Funding Requests.
- Request for funding for \$25M for aging services and programs
- Advisory Committee on Aging approvals is needed for the Area Plan on Aging submission
- Motion was approved for the FY24 Area Plan Update and the Issues Summation. Motion 2nd and all approved; no opposition.



What is the Area Plan on Aging?

- Foundational document for ARC's Aging & Independence Services as the "Area Agency on Aging" (AAA)
 - 10-county metro area
- 4-year plan for delivery of aging services
 - Required by the federal Older Americans Act
 - Contains statedetermined goals, objectives, and measures for serving older persons
 - Each AAA develops strategies to meet these goals, objectives, and measures



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What is the FY 24 Area Plan on Aging Update?

- Application to the Georgia Division of Aging Services (DAS) for grant funding
 - One "multi-funded" grant made up of numerous federal and stateaging servicesgrants
 - For the State Fiscal Year (July 2023- June 2024)
- ARC provides update to DAS on its progress on the Plan's goals

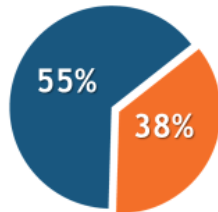
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FY2022/FY2023/FY2024 Comparison

FY22 Planning Allocation
\$22,575,135*

Federal - \$12,397,695

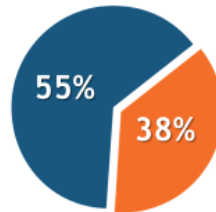


State - \$8,684,077

*Minimum Match - \$1,493,363 7% match

FY23 Planning Allocation
\$23,630,700*

Federal - \$13,108,452

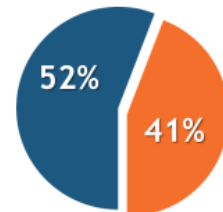


State - \$8,944,577

*Minimum Match - \$1,577,671 7% match

FY24 Planning Allocation
\$25,580,478*

Federal - \$13,419,436



State - \$10,535,647

*Minimum Match - \$1,625,394 7% match

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VII. Announcements Becky Kurtz

A. Upcoming ACA Committee Meeting – March 22, 2023

VIII. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 2:30pm.