

**Commonwealth Council on Aging
Planning and Development Meeting Minutes
April 10, 2013, 2013 9:00 a.m.
Virginia Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services**

Members Present

Robert Blancato, Chair
Beth Barber
Nancy New, RN
Roberto Quinones, Ex Officio
Commissioner James Rothrock

Members Absent

Karen L. Fortier, Esq.
David Farnum
Brenda A. Kelley Nelum
Susan McCammon

VDA Staff Present

Amy Marschean, Senior Policy Analyst

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:10am. A quorum was not present and approval of the September 19, 2012 minutes was deferred to a later date. Mr. Blancato announced that the funding for 2014 Best Practices Awards was secured for 2014 through a carryover of \$7500 and his commitment to raise \$2500. Staff reviewed a draft talking point/fundraising document for the 2015 Best Practices awards. For the Best Practices Awards, the committee previously discussed the goal would be to raise \$50,000 total to cover a five-year period of awards at \$10,000 annually. The committee discussed creating a global donor list for approval by the Council and prior to any solicitation. The Committee members are to provide a list of potential donors to staff by May 1, 2013. A request was made to staff to determine whether donations could be made by credit card.

Mr. Blancato announced that there would be a Community Conversation on Aging in the 8th Congressional District in Old Town Alexandria on May 14 with the Alexandria Commission on Aging. Ms. Barber discussed the press release, invitation to legislators, and flyer she had used in Charlottesville and would provide them to staff. Mr. Blancato will provide staff with the resource and referral information for attendees. Staff will work with Nancy New to hold a conversation in the 7th Congressional District in the coming months.

The meeting ended at 9:55 a.m.