

# AGE-FRIENDLY SOCIAL PARTICIPATION WORKGROUP MINUTES



Date: 06/22/2020

Time: 09:00 AM

Facilitators: Ruth Coleman and Pat Sasse

## In Attendance

Ruth Coleman

Ann Benjamin

Terri Hansen

Barbara Scher

Kathleen Krintz

Seema Agarwal-Harding

Colleen Konstanzer

Andrew Mojan

Pat Sasse

Jeannie DeCray

Jim Sanders

Manuel Evangelista

Malarie Burgess

## Minutes Approved

First: Andrew Mojan

Second: Pat Sasse

## Announcements:

- Manuel: in regard to technology, he will be coordinating with Cisco and a programmer to have a virtual town hall regarding technology safety.
- Finalizing the survey monkey questions
- Suggestions for upcoming speakers

## Old Business:

- Marcia Pruzan shared the Economic Benefits of Older Adults and it is in our google.doc

## New Business:

The group reviewed the survey questions that were developed. The following suggestions/comments were made:

- Pat: allow people to screen themselves out with the first survey monkey question. Also she has the list of the Foundation Center Contacts.
- Jim thought that we could create an email list using the organizational data base by location and size. Suggested we could get the contact list from the Census group within the County, which is a more extensive list than the one we currently have.
- Terri stated the census groups would likely have email addresses for these organizations. Persons responsible for the Census works in the Department of Community Resources so the initial email will come from Terri.

- Ruth asked if anyone in the group has contact information, please add to the sheet or send information to Ruth or Pat.
- Jim: Leadership and ACS has lists.
- Pat said that many of the contacts came from ACS.
- Ruth went over the Survey Questions and showed draft. Questions were modified according to group consensus. An explanation of Age-Friendly and the vision statement will be on the survey.
- Seema suggested to be more inclusive as to the type of people we are trying to serve. Guidelines need to be clearer. Where are the gaps and find better ways to fill the gaps.
- It was decided to ask the responding organization to tell us what they do so that we will have repository, a resource for contacts to use in the future.
- Ruth will finish the editing and resend the link to make sure the survey is ready to be sent out.
- Jim you should test the survey before sending to a large number of people. There are a lot of opened ended questions.

Terri discussed that everyone has made changes because of COVID-19. The Office on Aging and Independence is now doing virtual programming and plans on continuing after we are able to reopen our buildings.

Ruth wanted to know if the group had suggestions for speakers they would like to hear from.

- Andrew suggested Tracy Manning PHD, and Audrey S – staff development of the Aquarium who recently retired.
- Jim is a big advocate of bench marketing, Montgomery County and also DC (Village on Capitol Hill is the largest). AARP has a lot of success stories. Promoting concrete examples.
- Terri: when inviting speakers invite the other workgroups that would also benefit that group.

Andrew has added some articles into the google doc.

## Homework Assignments:

1. Review updated survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HVFYSBK>  
Jim will forward guidance on how to translate the questions to have more multiple-choice questions instead of open-ended questions.
2. Research other potential jurisdictions to invite to share at future meetings by looking at award winners on AARP or WHO websites. Andy will invite researcher from UMD.
3. Terri will be contacting staff involved with Census database and see if they can share their data base with us. We will let you know the status of this as we get more information.
4. Learn from other Countries and what they did and had success.

## Next Meeting:

07/27/2020 – 3:00 PM - (will be a WebEx invitation will be sent before the meeting).