Commission Members Present:
Dr. Rose Maria Li, Chair
Dr. John Haaga
Joy Hatchette, JD
The Honorable Benjamin Kramer
Barry Liden, JD
Dr. Jay Magaziner
Dr. David Roth
Diane Ty, MBA, MA

Commission Members Absent:
Paula Blackwell, MBA, MHA
Dr. George Rebock
The Honorable Kathy Szeliga
Dr. Allen Tien

Maryland Department of Aging (MDoA):
Secretary Rona Kramer (Non-Voting Representative)
Lisa O’Connor (Staff to Commission)

Welcome and Introductions:
Dr. Rose Li welcomed everyone and introduced new Commission Member, Diane Ty.

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:
The minutes from the September 21, 2022 meeting were approved as presented.

MDoA Updates:
Secretary Rona Kramer reported the following...
❖ During COVID, we had a 500% increase in delivered meals
  ▪ Some nutritional guidelines were waived to cover needs
❖ Maryland participated in the Restaurant Initiative Program during COVID
  ▪ Restaurants worked with local Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) to help feed those in need of meals
❖ The MDoA created Caregiver Service Corp
  ▪ MDoA partnered with the Maryland Department of Health to reduce the usage of emergency services, for non-critical needs
  ▪ MDoA assisted seniors in receiving COVID vaccines
• The MDoA’s Senior Call Check program now has 1,100 participants
• The Durable Medical Equipment (DME) Program is thriving
  ▪ Several tours have been provided to Legislators, AAA Directors, staff, and health care professionals
  ▪ We plan to add a collection container at the Montgomery County Landfill
• MDoA is introducing GaitBetter to our AAAs
  ▪ GaitBetter is a fall prevention program using VR technology
• Secretary Kramer thanked everyone for their hard work and continued dedication to the Seniors of our beloved State

Chair’s Remarks:
Dr. Rose Li reported the following...
• Dr. Li reviewed and discussed suggestions for enhancing support for innovative programs
  ▪ Engage Legislators
  ▪ Increase Public Awareness
  ▪ Work with Providers
  ▪ Employ Evaluation/Metrics/Analyses
  ▪ Leverage Non-State Funding
  ▪ Implement Steps to Facilitate Transition to New Administration
• Dr. Li introduced proposed areas of emphasis for 2023, accompanied by a review of previous years’ accomplishments and initiatives

New Business:
Nothing to report.

Adjournment:
The meeting adjourned at 12:13 pm.