**CULPEPER TEAM – February 2022 - zoom meeting minutes**

**MISSION OF AGING TOGETHER** – *AGING TOGETHER THROUGH PARTNERSHIPS CONNECTS PEOPLE TO COMMUNITIES AND TO RESOURCES TO IMPROVE QUALITY OF LIFE AS WE AGE.*

**VISION** – AGE FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES THAT ACTIVELY ENGAGE, VALUE AND SUPPORT OLDER ADULTS

**Team role/charter:** Forum for local organizations/individuals to focus on support for older residents and to address needs/solutions that go beyond what any one organization can do on its own

February re-cap (9 attended): Liesa Dodson (Renaissance), Sgt. Caruso (Culp PD); Sarah Berry (Culp Human Services); Denise Caswell (Trinity Senior Village); Christy Ludlow (AT Board/CLAC/Rapp-at-Home); Melanie Shumate (SafeinHome); Samantha Whitesides (Parks Dept.); Ginny Biggs & Sarah Gillespie (AT)

Member Updates:

* Safe-at-Home works in all 5 counties helping individuals with disabilities – live independently.
* Group discussed latest snow/power outages and how to reach isolated seniors. VDOT has an emergency list; Fire Dept. has a winter preparedness flyer; Public Works plows the streets; REC has a list (oxygen users too); Senior Center checks on members; DSS has a list to check on & provides whatever is needed; working closely with the Police & Sheriff’s Office. A Shelter was open at Company 11 during the snow storm. Key is to “check on your neighbors”.
* Aging Together & Rapp-at-Home BOD member, Christy Ludlow, announced they have 250 members and are opening up their village program FREE to community seniors.
* Trinity Senior Village is accepting admissions but no outreach at this time. Facetiming families.
* Culpeper Human Services reminded everyone about free medical equipment at the Full Circle Thrift Shop. VFW also helps with equipment and takes donations. They are hiring a new APS worker at virginia.gov and Indeed.com. They help through crisis situations so please contact them if you know of a situation.
* [SeniorCareAuthority.com/locations/roanoke-va/](https://www.seniorcareauthority.com/locations/roanoke-va/) also works in crisis - helping families decide on best options and resources for aging family members. Local number is [540-820-6761](tel:+15408206761)
* The Harbors at Renaissance offers Assisted Living & Memory Care. Shared room available for $2100

AT Updates:

* **Sarah Gillespie** – the new “Volunteer Driver Recruitment Coordinator” was introduced. She will work 30 hours with Aging Together and the Regional Transportation Collaborative. She is excited to learn about resources in our areas and speak to folks about volunteering their time to drive seniors to appointments, etc.
* Ginny is confirming with Generations Central for hosting the **5 Over 50 Watch Party** in Culpeper. RRCS is confirmed as the Culpeper Watch Party Sponsor (see 5 Over 50 sponsor opportunities on agingtogether.org
* Check out the upcoming **Veterans Free Screening of “Dear Sirs**” - hosted by the State AARP, February 19 – 21 (details on AT facebook page & website)
* At website will soon offer a **Team Access Page** for members to look up information on webinars, AT events & activities and also post your flyers to. Everyone will be given a log-in code once its’ up & running.
* Ginny announced she is **retiring** at the end of April! A new County Resource Specialist will be on board and introduced at the March team meeting.

Next ZOOM team meeting – **Thursday, MARCH 3, 2022 at 9:30 am**