

GROWS Advocacy Committee report: 5/25/21

Topics:

- 1) The Advocacy Committee is drafting a letter that has the objective of spreading awareness of GROWS to organizations that intersect in the Older Adult Service Provider and Caregiver space.
- 2) At the May 27th CoA meeting, The Speaker is Stuart Butler on Rethinking Care for Older Adults, excerpts from meeting with the Convergence Center for Policy Resolution and Harford Foundation.
- 3) **The CoA Task Force** to counter social isolation and loneliness in Montgomery County (SILoS) Public Forum was on May 18th from 10 to 11:30am. Speakers included Dr. Liz Necka from NIA, NIH, Lynda Flowers, AARP, and Scott Code from Leading Age. **The replay can be seen here:** <https://youtu.be/kUv0ANDpj2w>
- 4) **CoA, Public Policy Committee:** The County Budget is adding \$200,000 to the Senior Center Budget, Medical Adult Day Care is getting a 3% increase, and there is a \$5,000,000 extension to Ride On and Free Metro Bus. Adult Protective Services is getting one new employee.
- 5) **CoA, Communications Committee:** is working on Seniors Today and...there is a new name for Seniors Today.

Please check and promote the GROWS calendar for great educational and networking events. Promote the GROWS directory and website in your regular emails and correspondence.

The next GROWS Advocacy committee meets monthly on Zoom the 4th Tuesday of the month at 1pm.