

BI-Monthly Agenda

Wednesday, January 24, 2024 | 1:00 p.m.
Advisory Committee on Aging

- I.** Welcome Govind Hariharan, Co-chair
 - A. Discussion of evacuation plan and instructing attendees on what to do if sick, injured, or in need of restroom.
- II.** Introductions Govind Hariharan, Co-chair
- III.** Action Item Govind Hariharan, Co-chair
 - A. Minutes – May 24, August 23, & December 6, 2023
 - 1. Darlene Kimes makes motion to accept minutes, Julie Arnold seconds. Minutes approved unanimously.
- IV.** Area Plan on Aging Becky Kurtz
 - A. Public Hearing

January 24, 2024
Area Plan Public Hearing
Harry West Conference Room
Agenda
1:00pm

- Welcome [Becky, 5 min]
 - Sign-in
 - Sign-up area
 - 2 separate sign-in sheets with name, contact information, and affiliation/purpose of attending the hearing
 - Blurb with how to provide comments/Seats in the back of the room
 - Senior Managing Director overview of Atlanta Regional Commission
- Purpose of Public Hearing and Area Plan [Sharise, 5 min]
 - The hearing will be divided into 2 parts: Public Hearing and Direct Services Provided
 - Goals of the Area Plan
- Review A&IS Annual Report [Sharise, 5 min]
- Area Plan SFY 2025-2028 Survey Results [Sharise, 5 min]
- Public Comment [All, 15 min]
 - Verbal: speak up to 3 minutes
 - Timekeeper
- Ms. Davis, participant at DeKalb Atlanta Senior Center
 - Discussed issues resolving conflict with staff and management at DeKalb Atlanta Senior Center and requested resources for navigating changes to services.
- Von Tran

- She spoke about her experience as an immigrant and as a service provider to older Vietnamese adults. She thanked ARC/AAAs for providing the services they do, emphasizing how needed they are.
- Christina G.
 - She spoke about bringing youth to teach seniors about tech and watching intergenerational exchanges. She praised the One2One program for connecting youth and seniors and shared that she wished that more similar opportunities were more widely promoted.
- Victoria Huynh
 - She spoke about her experience as a Georgia AAPI hub organizer who works with a variety of partners across the AAPI communities in Georgia. She focused on 3 priorities: data desegregation, resources and funding, and limited English proficiency. She suggested that researchers break out AAPI into the different ethnic groups and migration histories that influence one's ability to navigate services. She suggested that ARC think about ways to engage AAPI organizations and communities that are not currently plugged into existing funding streams. She reminded ARC that surveys and similar engagement should be offered with interpretation or translation services.
- Rainie Jueschke
 - She spoke about her experience as an Executive director for ISDD, providing evidence based kinship support services. She thanked ARC for providing support for kinship services but emphasized that seniors raising children face more complex and more prevalent needs surrounding housing and food access.
- Tammy Brewer
 - She spoke about her role at a placement company and praised the waiver programs but urged for a more rapid delivery of services for those waiting.
- Jo-Ahne Penney
 - She shared a story about an older woman she met who inspired her and changed her perspective of aging.
- Juna Martin
 - She shared her experience as an outreach manager for Georgia library services and discussed the free audiobook and braille library services
- Margaret yeller
 - She spoke about being the chairperson for the Atlanta center for self sufficiency and the need for working with seniors returning to the workplace. She asked that more resources be directed there.
- Sadika Gibson
 - She spoke about an upcoming caregiving event and emphasized the need to support caregivers through AAA programs.
- Closing Remarks [Becky, 5 min]

Direct Services Public Hearing
Harry West Conference Room
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Immediately following the Area Plan Public Hearing (at 1:00pm)

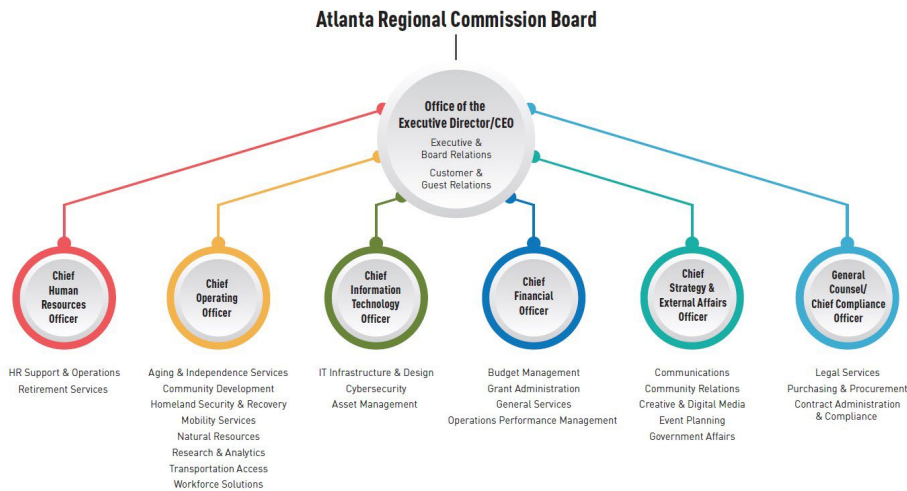
- Welcome [Becky, 5 min]
- Purpose of Public Hearing on Direct Services [Sharise, 5 min]
- Public Comment [All, 15 min]
 - Verbal: speak up to 3 minutes
 - Timekeeper
- Rainie Jueschke
 - She suggested that AAAs should be able to provide direct services if they're qualified to do so, but specifically invoked kinship care programs as important places for leeway/flexibility due to changing circumstances.
- Victoria from AAPI hub
 - She re-emphasized the importance of language access, especially for AAPI populations, in relationship to one's ability to access services.
- Christina
 - She discussed the need for greater marketing/community engagement to get information about services to other

groups, wondering if AAAs have the necessary connections to effectively get the word out about their programs.

- Tamika Day (DAS/DHS)
 - She spoke about being a program consultant for DAS and offered her assistance.
- Closing Remarks [Becky, 5 min]

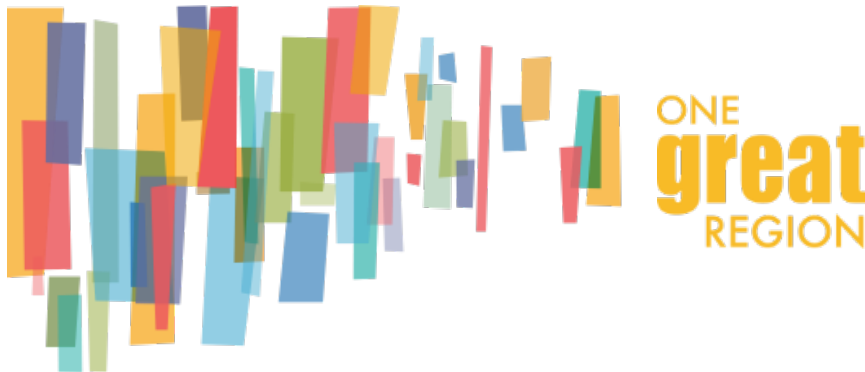
B. Area Plan on Aging – Action Item

Sharise Thurman Byrd



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What is the Area Plan on Aging?

Purpose

- Required of all area agencies on aging (AAA) by:
 - Federal Older Americans Act and
 - Georgia Division of Aging Services (DAS)
- 4-year plan for delivery of aging services for our area
- Approval by DAS enables ARC to:
 - Continue our role as AAA for metro Atlanta (10 county Planning and Service Area)
 - Receive federal and state grants for aging services
 - ▶ Funds are distributed according to statewide formula

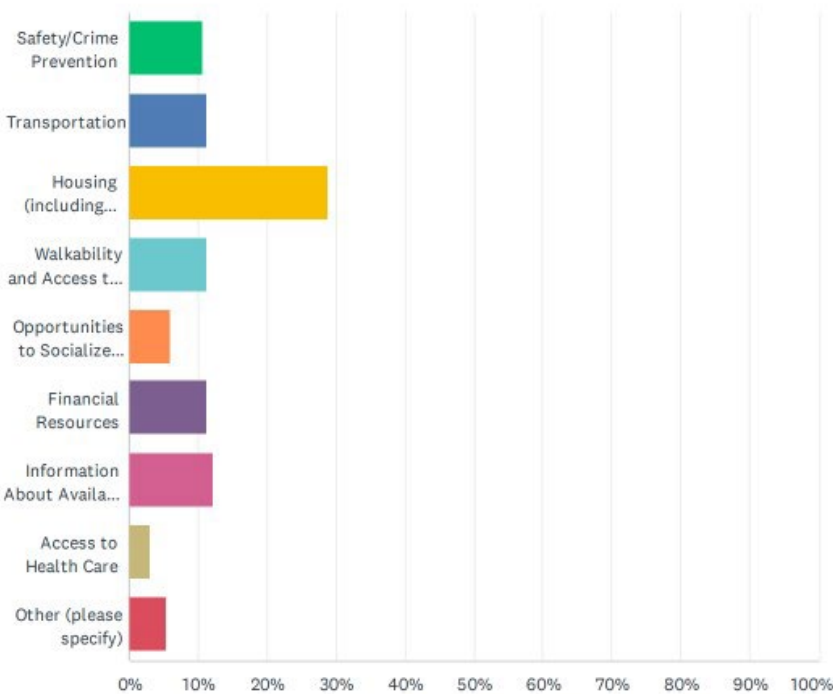


Area Plan on Aging Survey Results

- Survey distributed to provider network clients, partners, and email distribution lists
- 133 respondents from January 9-January 16
- Highlighted results that follow focus on target areas for coming year & resident appraisal of current services

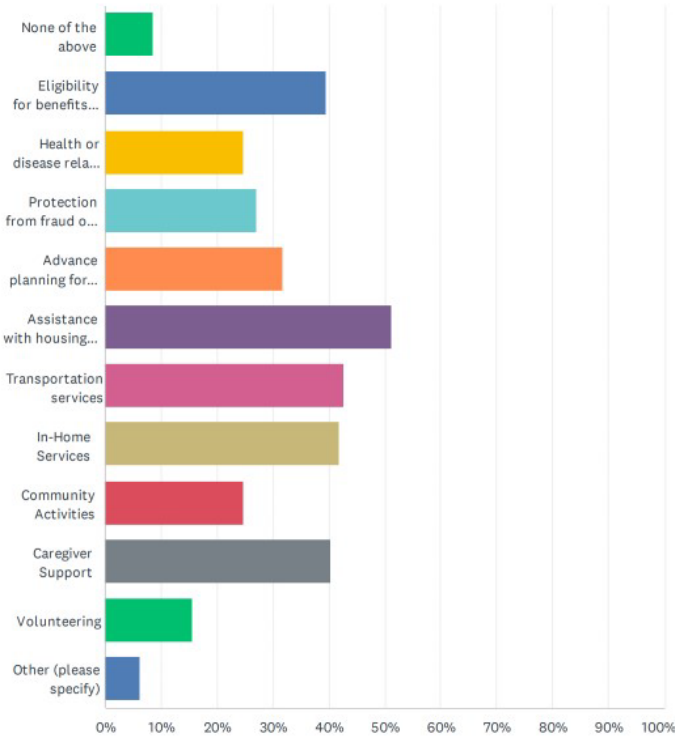
Q1 What is the greatest challenge to growing older in the metro Atlanta area?

Answered: 132 Skipped: 1



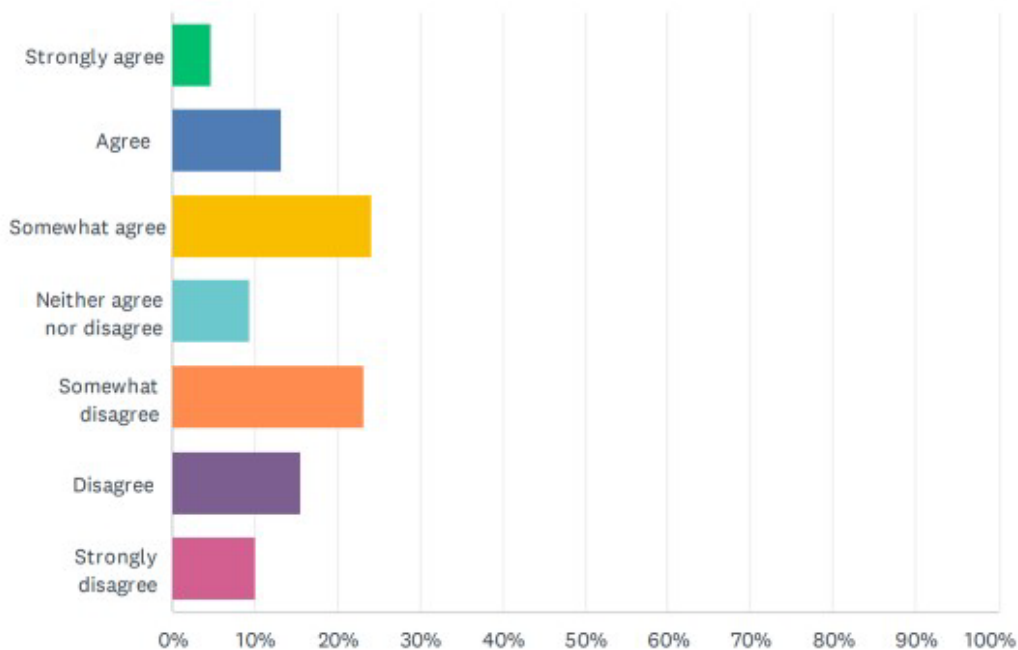
Q4 In the past year, have you or someone you know had a need for advice or information in any of the following areas? (check all that apply)

Answered: 129 Skipped: 4



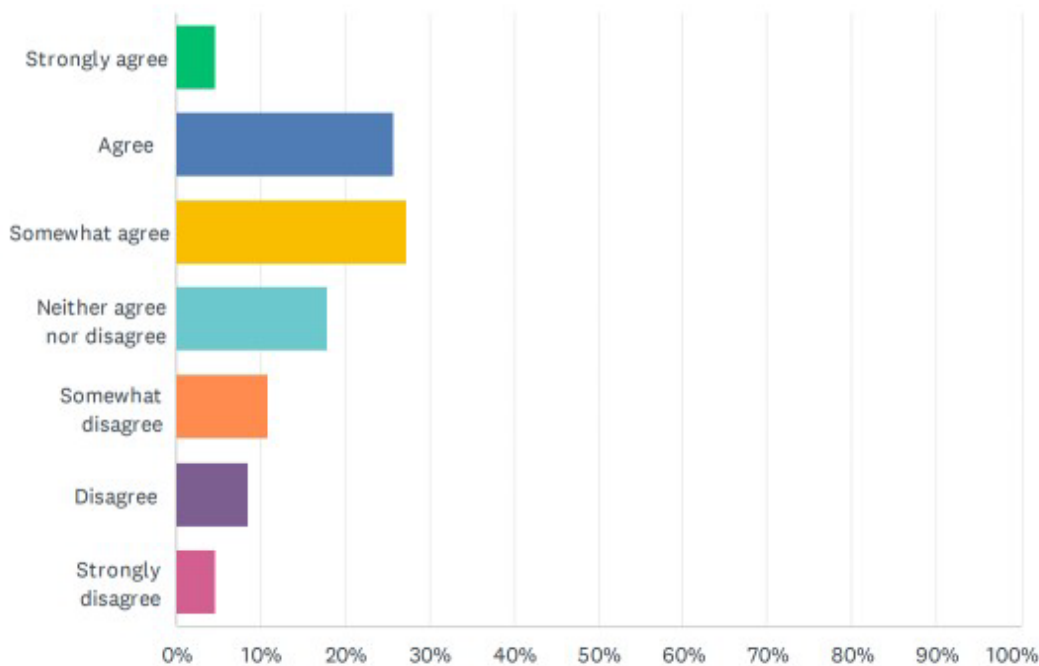
Q8 I feel that there is a good understanding of how to request services as an older adult or for an older adult in my community.

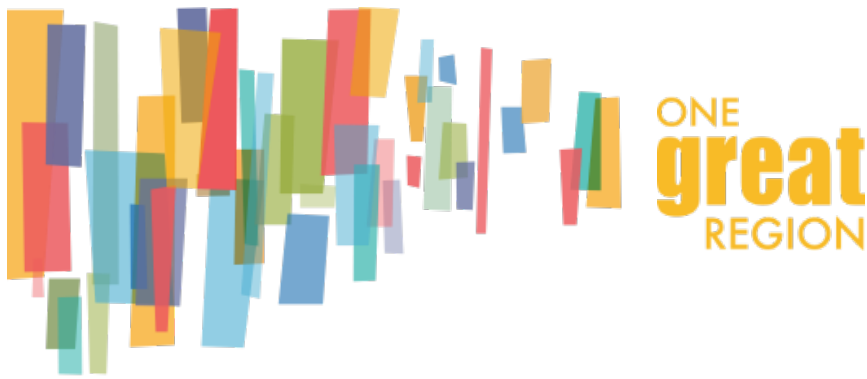
Answered: 129 Skipped: 4



Q12 I feel that the activities in my community appeal to a diverse population of older adults.

Answered: 128 Skipped: 5





What are we asking of you today?

Ways ARC implements area plan goals

- ▮ Provide long-term services and supports
 - ▮ \$20.6 million to counties and non-profits for in-home and community-based services for older persons
- ▮ Ensure consumer access to information
 - ▮ Empowerline counselors connect individuals to services
 - ▮ > 110,000 times last year
 - ▮ Access to public benefits and private pay options
- ▮ Strengthen the aging network
 - ▮ Building a dementia-capable network
- ▮ Improve quality in provision of long-term services and supports
 - ▮ Demonstrate focus on highest need populations using accurate data

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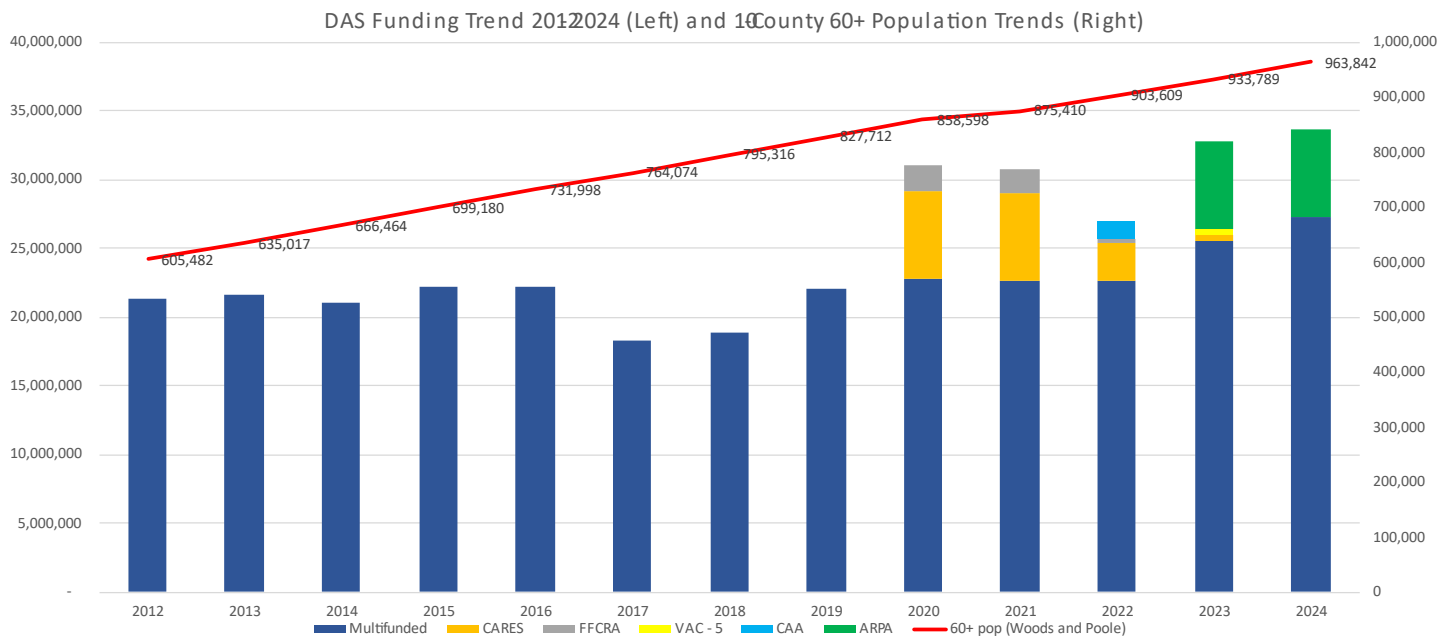
FY 25 – FY 28 Area Plan

This year, the Georgia Division of Aging Services is providing the goals, objectives, strategies and metrics required of all Georgia AAAs:

- Provide long-term services and supports
- Ensure consumer access to information
- Strengthen the aging network
- Improve quality in provision of long-term services and supports

DAS Multi-Funded Grant Trend 2012 – 2024

55% population increase with 10% DAS funding increase

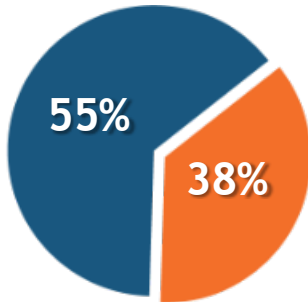


FY2023/FY2024/FY2025 Comparison

FY23 Planning Allocation

\$23,630,700*

Federal - \$13,108,452



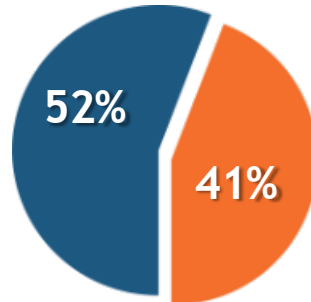
State - \$8,944,577

Minimum Match - \$1,577,671 7% match

FY24 Planning Allocation

\$25,580,478*

Federal - \$13,419,436



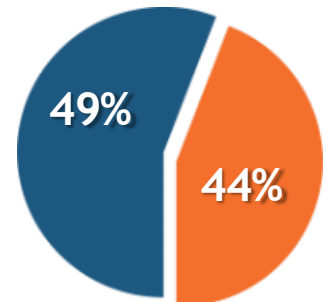
State - \$10,535,647

*Minimum Match - \$1,625,394 7% match

FY25 Planning Allocation

\$27,629,658*

Federal - \$13,586,477



State - \$12,395,522

*Minimum Match - \$1,647,658 7% match

FY 2025-2026 Proposed Grantees

Single County Providers

- Cherokee County
- Clayton County
- Cobb County
- DeKalb County
- Douglas County
- Fayette Senior Services
- Fulton County
- Gwinnett County
- Henry County
- Rockdale County

Multi County / Regional Providers

- Atlanta Legal Aid Society
- Innovative Solutions for Disadvantage and Disability
- Latin American Association
- HouseProud Atlanta
- Meals on Wheels Atlanta

Services to be Funded by ARC

Single County

- Case Management
- Home Delivered Meals
- Congregate Meals
- Homemaker Service
- Personal Care Services
- Caregiver Services (Respite)
- Senior Recreation
- Transportation
- Kinship Care

Across Multiple Counties

- Culturally Appropriate Information and Referral
- Respite Voucher
- Elder Legal Assistance Program
- Kinship Care
- Home Modifications/Repairs

FY 25 – FY 28 Area Plan

- The Older Americans Act requires Advisory Committee on Aging (ACA) review and approval of the Area Plan.
- The ACA recommendation will then go to the ARC Board for its approval.



Questions?

- Sharise reviewed metrics sheet provided in handout
- Greg Elder asked for information about baseline numbers and why some are included. Sharise explains it is due to state requirements.
- Darlene Kimes asks about yes/no options for policy regarding choice of consumers decided by the state. Becky answers, explaining the forthcoming nature of the policy.
- Liane Levetan motions to approve the plan. Julie Arnold seconds. The plan is approved unanimously.

V. Manager's Update

Becky Kurtz

New ARC Board Chair in 2024



Andre Dickens, Atlanta Mayor

January 10 Board Meeting:

- Approved Calendar, including Committee Schedules
- Appointment of ARC Board members to ACA

Federal Highlights

Appropriations

- Still avoiding federal shutdowns
- Continuing resolution to end March 8 for HHS/Labor Bill
 - ▶ Contains Older Americans Act funding for Area Agencies on Aging

Senate Special Committee on Aging


- January 25 at 10am
- Hearing on assisted living and long -term care options
- Dr. Jennifer Craft Morgan, Georgia State University Gerontology Institute, testifying
- https://www.aging.senate.gov/hearings/assisted_living_facilities_understanding_long_term_care_options_for_older_adults

State General Assembly Highlights

 Began January 8

 Coalition of Advocates for Georgia's Elderly (COAGE) priorities

- \$10 Million – Home and Community -based Services (to increase AAA services) in FY 25
- Strengthen multi -disciplinary teams (led by district attorneys; focused on elder abuse)

 FY 24 supplemental appropriations issues:

- Restore 2 of Governor's "disregards":
 - ▶ \$590,000 -- LTC Ombudsman Program
 - ▶ \$1 million -- Alzheimer's Respite

 ACA members receive COAGE membership

- includes General Assembly weekly updates by email



- VI.** Announcements
- A. Upcoming ACA Committee Meeting – March 27, 2024

Becky Kurtz

- VII.** Adjourn

Govind Hariharan, Co-chair