

Carroll County Commission on Aging & Disabilities Meeting

Meeting Date: September 22, 2021

Start Time: 10:30am

Location: Virtual on GoToMeeting Platform

Chairperson: Jim McCarron

Vice-Chair: Carol Wheatley

Topic	Discussion
Attendance – COAD members in bold	Dan Andersen , Jeff Degitz, Dave Drezner, Kristen Harvey, Lauren Hickey , Brian Keseling , Diann Linton , Jim McCarron , Rich Ottone, Cheryl Steinbacher , Suzanne Swisher, Gina Valentine, Commissioner Steve Wantz, Carol Wheatley , James Whitney, Lou Yeager, Marisa Zaccagnini
Acronyms	AAA - Area Agency on Aging, ADA - American’s w/Disabilities Act, ADL - Activities of Daily Living, AIP – Aging in Place, BCC – Board of County Commissioners, BOAD - Bureau of Aging and Disabilities, COAD – Commission on Aging and Disabilities, CDSMP – Chronic Disease Self-Management Program, CTS – Carroll Transit System, CIL - Center for Independent Living, DSS – Department of Social Services, FFP – Federal Financial Participation, HSP – Human Services Programs of Carroll County, LTAC – Long Term Advisory Council, LTCOP - Long Term Care Ombudsman Program, M4A - Maryland Association of Area Agencies on Aging, MAP - Maryland Access Point, MASCC – Mt. Airy Senior & Community Center, MDH - Maryland Department of Health, MDoA – Maryland Department of Aging, MFP -Money Follows the Person, MOU – Memorandum of Understanding, MWOA - Medicaid Waiver for Older Adults, NCSCC – North Carroll Senior & Community Center, NED - Non-Elderly Disabled, NFCSP - National Family Caregiver Support Program, OAA - Older Americans Act, OHQCQ - Office of Health Care Quality, SALS - Senior Assisted Living Subsidy program, SCSCC – South Carroll Senior & Community Center, SHIP - State Health Insurance Assistance Program, SIP - Senior Inclusion Program, SMP - Senior Medicare Patrol, SPDAP - Senior Prescription Drug Assistance Program, TSCC – Taneytown Senior & Community Center, VTV – Village to Village, WEAAD – World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, WSCC – Westminster Senior & Community Center.
Call to Order/Introductions - Jim McCarron	Jim McCarron called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.
Establishment of a Quorum – Jim McCarron	A quorum was established with eight members present.
Approval of Minutes – Jim McCarron	Jim requested approval of the July 2021 minutes as submitted. Dan Anderson made the motion and Lauren Hickey gave second for approval. All were in favor to approve as submitted.
Commissioner’s Comments – Commissioner	Expressed appreciation for the Seniors on the Go Expo. It was well done, a good time, and followed best practices for the current COVID situation. Please continue to use best practices as the number of COVID cases is on the rise. Mike Robinson, Sr has is the new director of Fire/EMS. He brings years of experience to the table. Mike previously

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<p>Steve Wantz</p>	<p>worked in Baltimore County & also serves as teacher at the Fire Academy in Emmitsburg. Please be mindful that seniors may be asking questions about the precautions being taken at our Senior Centers. Some are frustrated & believe the actions are too stringent, but we are keeping the current protocols in place for now.</p>
<p>Presentation – James Whitney, Assistive Technology Technician, MDOD (Maryland Dept of Disabilities)</p>	<p><u>Presentation on MDTAP (Maryland Technology Assistance Program) --- James Whitney</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program through the Maryland Dept of Disabilities (MDOD) that brings assistive technology to those with disability. • Provides consults over the phone, online, or in-person. • Provides demonstrations of equipment. • Can loan equipment out for 30-days, so clients can try before they buy. • Will help clients find a vendor & guide them financially on the purchase of equipment. <p>Available equipment include utensils, canes, speech devices, hearing devices, etc... For more information contact: James Whitney 410-554-9276 james.whitney1@maryland.gov</p>
<p>Bureau of Aging & Disabilities</p>	<p>Current BOAD Operations – Gina Valentine:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fully operational (8-4:30 M-F) – appointments are not required but are preferred. • Walk-ins taken as availability allows. • If social distancing is not possible, you may be asked to wear a mask. <p>Senior Centers’ Operations – Rich Ottone:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Masking is requested when 6ft of social distance is not possible. • The policy may be reviewed in the future but will remain for now. • Trying to maintain a balance between those who don’t want to mask and those who are concerned when others don’t mask and still maintain attendance at the centers. • Attendance did drop after the masking request went into effect but has come back up since then. • Custodial position available M-F 10-6:30, please refer those interested to the Carroll Co Gov Website to apply. • Praised Hashawa’s kitchen staff for their patience and preparing many quality meals for the Expo. • SIP has 2 new staff members: Richard Wetzel (Program Specialist) & Arlene Hughes (SIP Aide). • Flu shots available at Senior Centers as a Drive-Thru Clinic the week of October 4th thanks to Finksburg Pharmacy and the vaccine available will be the one geared towards seniors.

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	<p>Program Updates---Gina Valentine:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medicare Part D Open Enrollment Oct 15th-Dec 7th call the BOAD to schedule an appointment 410-386-3800. • Transitioning to Medicare Part 1 & 2 Sessions offered virtually once/month. A flyer will be emailed with dates. • AEDs in all Sr Centers have been repaired or replaced. • Caregiver Support Program offered virtually on the 2nd Tues of every month from 4pm-6pm • Grandparent Support Program offered virtually on the 2nd Wed of every month from 5pm-7pm • The Caregiver Grant (\$500/year) may be able to help those in need afford assistive technology. • If interested in either support programs or Caregiver Grant contact Mary Jane Overby at 410-386-3800. • Increase in calls about Food Stamps—many were given additional assistance during the state of emergency, those extra benefits have now ended, and the monthly amount received has decreased significantly. • Vehicles for Change—If you know a veteran in need of a car, please have them contact the BOAD for an application ASAP. Applications must be submitted by the end of September. There are 2 vehicles available for Carroll County and 10 State-wide. There is a cost associated with this vehicle that the Veteran’s Services Program may be able to assist with. <p>FY2022 Area Plan Update – Gina Valentine:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All revisions have been submitted and approved by the MDOA.
<p>Old Business – JimMcCarron</p>	<p><u>Partnership with Carroll PHO – Gina Valentine</u> All is going great! Ashley provides Outreach/Referrals in Primary Care Offices and communicates upcoming events from BOAD and connects them to our services.</p> <p><u>Durable Medical Equipment Warehouse – Dan Andersen</u> No report.</p> <p><u>Seniors on the Go Expo Recap– Gina Valentine</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thank you to Diann, Jim, & Larry Burbank for staffing the COAD table. • Thank you to the Commissioners for attending and for supporting the event. • About 900 were in attendance and 80 vendors. • Previous years 1800-2000 attended and there were 130-140 vendors.

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<p>New Business – Jim McCarron</p>	<p><u>Rec & Parks Update—Jeff Degitz</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently updating the Land Preservation Plan, for more information visit www.ccrecpark.org and select “2022 Land Preservation Plan”. • Therapeutic Recreation Specialist position still open. No applicants to date. If you know of anyone interested, please refer them to the county website to apply. • Looking for volunteers for the Photo Ambassador Program—to take a set number of pictures per month to be used by the department. Please refer those who are interested to complete an application. <p><u>Current COAD Openings ---</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Looking for veterans & an individual with a developmental disability to join. • Larry Burbank may be interested in joining as a Veteran. • Jim sent someone to apply, but the application has not come through as of today. <p><u>Nominations for Chair and Vice Chair for 2022 --- Gina Valentine</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Send nominations to Gina & Leslie by November 17th. • It sounds like there is an option to vote online and still remain in compliance with the open meetings act.
<p>Area Reports – COAD Members</p>	<p><u>Manchester/Hampstead – Cheryl Steinbacher</u> Not much to report. Residents are happy that the Senior & Community Center is open.</p> <p><u>Mt Airy – Diann Linton</u> Currently accepting nominations for a new mayor.</p> <p><u>Taneytown—Jim McCarron</u> People are glad to see the Senior & Community Center is returning to normalcy, as they like to gather. Redistricting meeting will be held at TSC @ 7pm on 9/22/21. (Each community will have their own meeting at their Sr Center, except for North Carroll, which will be held at the Hampstead Library).</p> <p><u>Finksburg—Lou Yeager</u> There are concerns about a pest control company going door-to-door in the area and are not wearing facemasks.</p>

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	<p>There is currently no mask mandate in the County. However, you may ask the salesman to wear one, if they will not, then don't open the door for them.</p> <p><u>Carroll Together – Gina Valentine</u></p> <p>No meeting today.</p>
Next Meeting Date	<p>The next meeting date is <i>tentatively</i> scheduled for Wednesday, November 24, 2021 at 10:00am. However, this is the daybefore Thanksgiving and may be rescheduled since it is so close to the holiday. Please keep an eye out for further confirmation. Meeting information will be shared prior. This is expected to be a virtual meeting.</p>