

Carroll County Commission on Aging & Disabilities Meeting

Meeting Date: July 27, 2022

Start Time: 10:00am

Location: Virtual on GoToMeeting Platform

Chairperson: Jim McCarron

Vice-Chair: Carol Wheatley

Topic	Discussion
Attendance – Appointed COAD members in bold	Dan Andersen, Dan Bowler , Lindsay Davis, Jeff Degitz, Doc Doxzen , Cathy Gilleland, Lauren Hickey, Brian Keseling, Diann Linton, Jim McCarron , Sharon McClernan, Rich Ottone, Commissioner Ed Rothstein, Cheryl Steinbacher , Leslie Wagner, Ashley Walker, Carol Wheatley , 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, OHQC - 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. Cathy Gilleland introduced herself as an invitee of Carol Wheatley.
Establishment of a Quorum – Jim McCarron	A quorum was established with ten voting members present.
Approval of Minutes – Jim McCarron	Jim requested approval of the May 2022 minutes as submitted. Lou Yeager motioned, and it was seconded by Carol Wheatley. With a vote, all were in favor to approve as submitted.
Commissioner’s Comments – Commissioner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thank you for the work of the Commission. • Make sure that you share with your community where the hot weather shelters are open. • 4H & FFA Fair begins next week - 125th year. Will issue a proclamation next week at the Cake Auction.

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Ed Rothstein	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will attend the Maryland Association of Counties conference in August. Can speak of our needs and hear best practices from other jurisdictions. If you know of something we are doing well or that we need more support, let the BOCC know. • Beware of scams. Recently participated in a Facebook Marketplace scam but was able to stop it before he lost money. Contacted the Sheriff's Office for them to investigate. Also there are 401k online scams currently.
Bureau of Aging & Disabilities	<p><u>Senior Centers Update – Rich Ottone</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Farmers Market coupons are being distributed this week at each of the centers. Book of seven coupons valued at \$35 can be used at participating farmers markets in Carroll County and throughout the state. Paperwork is completed to verify self-reported qualification. This free program is provided in partnership with MDoA and the Department of Agriculture. If there are any extra after this week, they will visit local senior living complexes to provide. • Westminster, South Carroll and North Carroll senior and community centers were early voting locations and South Carroll hosted the primary election on July 19th. This did have an impact on those visiting the centers. There were less users, especially at South Carroll. Congregate meals were still provided with limited activities. Will replicate the set-up in October and November for the general election. • Senior Day at the 4H & FFA Fair will be Thursday, August 4th with entertainment, arts and crafts projects with judging and ribbons awarded and refreshments. • Drive-through flu clinics are being planned for the first week of October. Not sure if the COVID vaccine will be offered. <p><u>Program Updates – Rich Ottone</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Staff: Lindsay Davis is the new Office Associate. Nicole Gibson was hired as the new full-time Home and Community Based Program Supports Planner. Julie McGraw is a part-time Case Manager in Maryland Access Point. Sarah Ruiz will begin August 18th in the Vaccination Outreach position. She will work closely with the health department in assisting individuals in receiving vaccinations/boosters and with resources to enable them to do so. • Vacancies: Applications are being reviewed for the Coordinator of Case Management in Veteran Services. The part-time Program Coordinator position in the Veterans Services Program has been posted. They will be

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	<p>trained as a Veteran Services Officer.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In partnership with Carroll Community College, there will be a free class on “Dementia and Alzheimer’s Basic Skills for Caregivers.” Saturday, July 30th from 9am to 12pm at Carroll Community College. Call the college to register at 410-386-8100. • Transitioning to Medicare Part 1 and 2 continues to be offered virtually once a month. An in-person seminar will be held in September at the Westminster branch of the library. • Maryland Access Point Information & Assistance staff are visiting the older adult housing complexes to assist with applying for Maryland Energy Tax Credits. <p><u>AARP Age Friendly Community Initiative Update – Rich Ottone</u> The Request for Proposal was released and closed on June 29th. While several entities submitted questions (which were answered), no one submitted an application. We are now permitted to utilize other resources such as making direct contact with individuals or entities that may be interested in submitting an application. If you are aware of anyone who may be interested refer them to Gina. Lou and Dan Andersen requested copies of the RFP and asked if it could be shared with the COAD group.</p>
<p>Old Business</p>	<p><u>Currently COAD Openings – Leslie Wagner</u> Veterans and Finksburg. Continue to share among your networks and meetings that you attend.</p> <p><u>Maryland Alliance of Disability Commissions Update – Carol Wheatley</u> Carol received notice that the two individuals that coordinate and run the meeting are unable to continue. They are looking for interested parties to take on this alliance. Typically, they meet once a year but are interested in meeting more often. Brian Keseling is interested and will speak with Carol for the contact information.</p>
<p>New Business – JimMcCarron</p>	<p><u>Rec & Parks Update – Jeff Degitz</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The BOCC took action on salaries for those positions they were unable to fill at Piney Run. The effect was immediate, and they are now fully staffed. The Gate House is open and collecting fees and the Boat House is now open seven days a week. • Ribbon cutting at the 2nd Story Stroll at Leister Park in Hampstead with books and activities. There is one located at Deer Park, and they are looking to open another in the South Carroll area. Great partnership with the library and at Leister Park, with The Partnership for a Healthier Carroll County. • July 12th there was a ribbon cutting at the new Westminster Veterans Memorial Park. It can now be fully

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<p>Area Reports – COADMmembers</p>	<p><u>Mt. Airy – Diann Linton</u> The Mt. Airy Fireman’s Carnival is next week. Oscar Baker, a former member of COAD, passed away earlier this week at the age of 100.</p>
<p>Public Comment</p>	<p><u>Lou Yeager</u> Meeting with a LtCol who is interested to provide funding through fundraising efforts to assist Veterans with PTSD. Reach out to Lou if you are interested in partnering with his organization.</p> <p><u>Sharon McClernan – Lifebridge</u> They have noticed downward trends for patients in the ED to receive life-saving treatment for stroke. Initiative with the health department and The Partnership for a Healthier Carroll County to educate the adult children of older adults and their grandkids on the signs and how to treat. She would like to do a presentation and have the Commission assist in getting materials out. Interested in having some join the task force. They have already reached out to CCPS to coordinate education for students.</p>
<p>Next Meeting Date</p>	<p>Next meeting is Wednesday, September 28, 2022, at 10am. Virtual meeting information will be provided prior to then.</p>