

Carroll County Commission on Aging & Disabilities Meeting

Meeting Date: September 28, 2022

Start Time: 10:00am

Location: Virtual on GoToMeeting Platform

Chairperson: Jim McCarron

Vice-Chair: Carol Wheatley

Topic	Discussion
Attendance – COAD members in bold	Dan Andersen , Dan Bowler, Lisa Carroll, Lindsay Davis, Cheri Ebaugh, Lauren Hickey , Diann Linton , Jim McCarron , Tara McMullen , Rich Ottone, Ed Rothstein, Celene Steckel, Cheryl Steinbacher , Gina Valentine, Judith Walker, Carol Wheatley , Lou Yeager
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, OHCQ - 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 seven voting members present.
Approval of Minutes – Jim McCarron	Jim requested approval of the July 2022 minutes as submitted. Lauren Hickey motioned, and it was seconded by Diann Linton. With a vote, all were in favor to approve as submitted.

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<p>Commissioner's Comments –</p>	<p>Commissioner Rothstein wished everyone a belated Rosh Hashana. He also reminded everyone that school was officially back in session and that buses are out. He asked everyone to be mindful and practice safe driving and leave earlier if need be. Safety is always a concern.</p>
<p>Bureau of Aging & Disabilities</p>	<p><u>Senior Centers Update – Rich Ottone</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hosting Flu Shots Next Week. They will be drive and go starting with Mt. Airy kicking things off October 4th. • The flu shot clinics have been very successful the last few years, with last year being the best so far. • The clinic will also include Covid-19 Boosters and Pneumonia vaccines and staff will be assisting with paperwork. • 9 and up are welcome to receive their flu shot, and no pre-registration is necessary. • The Senior Centers will remain open during the clinics and grab and go meals will still handed out. • Attendance is at 70% of pre-pandemic numbers. • Carroll County is doing better than most counties, but we are continuing to rethink of ways to bring people back in. • Offering early voting at the South Carroll and Westminster Senior Center. • South Carroll will also be used for Election Day. • Centers will stay open during voting but will be offering limited activities. There will be no Pickleball at South Carroll Senior Center during early voting. • Covid Vaccines are being offered we every Wednesday from 3:30-6:30 at the Westminster Senior Center. <p><u>Program Updates – Gina Valentine (Including Bobbie's Updates)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bobbie is currently visiting the Maryland Durable Medical Facility and will share information at the next meeting. • The facility loans equipment for pediatric patients. • The Family Caregiver Conference will be held November 5th from 9-2 at the Westminster Senior Center. A flyer for the conference will be provided to the group. • Please call our Agency to register for the event. • BOAD held our shredding events and medication drop off last week.

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<p>Old Business</p>	<p><u>Currently COAD Openings –</u> A. Current COAD Openings</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Veterans Service Officer starts October 13th and there is still one Veterans position open. ii. Finksburg – Still open, pass names to Gina. They must be veterans.

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<p>New Business – JimMcCarron</p>	<p><u>A. Rec and Park Update – Jeff Degitz</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • November 4th will be the annual Pickleball Tournament for Veterans at the Old North Carroll High School. • October 4th will be the Japanese Drumming at the Carroll Arts Center from 12-1:30. • October 14th will be the Dine & Movie Fright Night serving Spaghetti and “eyeballs”. • Adaptive Kayaking is being offered at the Patapsco River for those in wheelchairs. Wheelchair friendly trails are also available. <p><u>B. Nominations for Chair & Vice Chair</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please send nominations to Gina. The vote will take place at the November meeting and take effect in January. <p><u>C. Discussion about Returning to In-Person Meetings</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gina suggested that we have in-person meetings with the option for hybrid. • Louis would like the option for hybrid so that he does not have to travel to the meeting or risk getting sick. • Dan would like to go back to in person meetings. • Celene likes the idea of Hybrid. <p><u>D. Announcement</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lauren – New Windsor – Saturday Music on Main from 1-7. • Taneytown’s Fall Fest is coming up. • Carol – Genealogy Society is offering a Cemetery clean up and preservation workshop. • 9 VA graves have been done and paid for through the VA. • Documentation is needed for the VA to pay. • Carol – Art show and Halloween Costumes for disabled children. Their wheelchairs will be used to look like vehicles.

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Area Reports – COADM Members	<p><u>Carol Wheatley – COAD Members</u></p> <p>a. Needs in your area</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Lauren – There has been an increase in water bills. The grants are now paid off and the residents are angry at the increases.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Celene: Those needing assistance with Water Bills should be reaching out to HSP for help with payment plans. • Celene will share the flyer from LIHWAP. • Lauren is letting town council know about the issue. • Some residents are seeing quarterly bills of \$800-\$1,000. • Some residents have had to move out of town due to the cost and nothing seems to be being done. • Louis suggested Habitat for Humanity for small repairs of leaks.
Public Comment	No comment.
Next Meeting Date	Next meeting is Wednesday, November 23rd, at 10am. Virtual meeting information will be provided prior to then.