

Commission on Aging Meeting

Meeting Date: February 11, 2015

Start Time: 10:30 AM

Location: Bureau of Aging and Disabilities Library

Chairperson: Lorna Rice

Vice-Chair: Ed Leister

Topic	Discussion
Attendance:	Patty Whitson, Hermine Saunders, Lorna Rice, Mary Ann Straughn, Ed Leister, Oscar Baker, Gary Kerns, Gina Valentine, Vivian Daly, Madeline Morey
Call to Order and Approval of Minutes – Lorna Rice	Lorna requested approval of the January 2015 minutes as submitted. Gary Kerns motioned 1 st and Mary Ann Straughn 2 nd for approval.
Citizen Services & Bureau of Aging and Disabilities – Gina Valentine	<p>Gina Valentine –Public transportation in Carroll County will be called Carroll Transit System (CTS). The website is http://carrolltransitsystem.com. Transition from CATS to CTS will take place over the President’s Day/Valentine’s Day weekend with CTS starting on Tuesday, February 17, 2015.</p> <p><u>Maryland Access Point (MAP)</u> statewide funding ends 6/30/2015 which is a \$100,000 loss for Carroll County’s Bureau of Aging and Disabilities (BOAD). Federal Financial Participation (FSP) is program for Medicaid related services would allow all services provided to be billed. Numerous contract delays at Maryland Department on Aging (MDoA) for the program make it unlikely FSP billing will start by 7/1/2015 (FY 16). Carroll County’s Bureau of Aging and Disabilities (BOAD) has monetary reserves available to cover shortfalls for a period of time. MAP funds are used for staffing, training, and marketing. A required portion of 15% (\$15,000.00) went to the Freedom Center, our partnered Center for Independent Living (CIL). Staffing cuts in 2009 of 21% make the BOAD a very lean agency. The growing senior population will put more stress on the agency. The presentation to the BCC by Lorna and Ed was very helpful in making the Commissioners aware that our services are needed and our agency must be made whole. The acting Secretary on Aging, Rona Kramer, is aware of the issue with MAP and that it must be resolved before 7/1/15, especially for agency that are not prepared for the funding loss and our reserves will not last for long. Funding reductions for FY15 saw \$11,400+ in cuts. Cuts were applied to the Senior Care Program, Guardianship Program, and the Senior Assisted Living Group Home Subsidy (SALGHS). MDoA anticipates more cuts for FY16 to be handed down to local agencies. Cuts to could be more than \$400,000 which is approximately \$13,000 for Carroll County. If funds are cut again, it will affect our programs. MDoA doesn’t take cuts because it could impact Federal reimbursements.</p> <p><u>Community First Choice (CFC)</u> is being reimbursed and referrals are steadily coming into the agency. CFC includes young disabled and they are seeking our services with the youngest at 22 months. Our Information and Assistance office is also seeing young clients in their 20’s, 30’s, & 40’s for services. The demand and volume is abundant. When FFP billing starts it will be an opportunity to bring in more funding but it probably won’t start until January 2016.</p> <p>Our <u>Veteran Coordinators</u> are very busy. Our agency received it’s 1st referral for the Veteran Directed Home and</p>

Community Bases Services Program. Referrals come from MDoA and can generate up to \$20,000 in revenue for 5 individuals without restrictions on how the funding is spent. The path for referrals must come through Perry Point VA Medical Center then to MDoA and then to the BOAD. Our agency can do reverse referrals. If you know someone who might qualify for this service, please contact Gina or Jim Hillman at 410-386-3800.

Please discuss budget or other issues with your local Senator or Delegate.

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<p>Senior and Community Centers – Patty Whitson</p>	<p>e-mail: warren.miller@house.state.md.us</p> <p><u>Patty Whitson</u> – Ann Palmisano is the new Assistant Manager of Mt. Airy.</p> <p>Some funding to the <u>Federal Meal Program</u> has been cut. Currently meals (at the Senior Centers) cost \$3.48 which is very low compared to other counties who pay \$5-6.00 per meal. The average donation for meals last year was approx. \$2.20. Money from donations has been carried over helping to finance this year.</p> <p>Upcoming <u>Senior Center classes/events</u> include: Strokes, Hypertension, Law Day (5/1/15), Blood Pressure Screenings, Living Well Workshop, Income Tax Prep., Shredding Events, and Free Breast Screenings</p> <p>Expo talks: diabetes, strokes, Medicare Savings, services provided by the Freedom Center, blood pressure screenings, and podiatry screenings</p>
<p>Seniors on the Go Expo</p>	<p>A signup sheet for 2 hour shifts will be sent from Vivian via email for manning the COAD Expo Booth. Shifts will cover 8:30 AM through 2:30 PM.</p> <p>Samples of custom printed items were reviewed. They included: pens, Post-It notes, magnetic business cards, and a Credit Card Magnifier. The magnifier was chosen. The cost for 1500 quantity is \$0.21 each and a \$20.00 setup charge (freight is included.) The color will be blue with white print. The vote was 6 to 0 to purchase the magnifier. Lorna volunteered to supply a bag of hard candy on Expo day. As done in previous years, there will be a drawing for a free lunch at each Senior Center. Vivian will supply the jars and drawing slips. Vivian will contact members who need to supply a photo for the booth. Hermine will send a photo to Vivian via email.</p>
<p>Commissioner Presentation review</p>	<p>Lorna, Ed, and Madeline met with the <u>Board of County Commissioners (BCC) on Thursday, February 5, 2015 in Open Session</u>. Topics included: Aging in Place (AIP), Public and Private Partnerships, and Budget Priorities (including the loss of MAP funding). Ed provided the BCC with a packet that included Maryland AIP communities and various state and local statistics (a digital copy can be provided by Vivian upon request).</p> <p>Lorna and Ed appreciated the support of Gary Kerns, Jan Flora, Gina Valentine, and Patty Whitson attending the session.</p> <p>Follow link to view 2/5/15 afternoon Open Session http://carrollcountymd.igm2.com/Citizens/SplitView.aspx?Mode=Video&MeetingID=2113&MinutesID=1865&FileFormat=pdf&Format=Minutes&MediaFileFormat=ismv</p> <p>It was suggested that each COAD member meet with and/or contacting their Commissioner during the budget cycle to stress the importance of funding for the Bureau of Aging and Disabilities. Madeline will provide talking points to each member.</p>

Bylaws	<p><u>Bylaws</u> were distributed via email to all members for review prior to the monthly meeting. Members not in attendance forwarded suggestions/comments to Lorna and Vivian for this discussion.</p> <p>Suggested changes to the Bylaws are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Article III, Section 1, add language that the COAD is the Governing Body of SIP. 2. Article III, Section 1, b., add “and or/partnership development”. 3. Article IV, Section 1, membership composition to reflect the addition for SIP requirements. 4. Article IV, Section 1 add language to allow exceptions for members living outside of Carroll County. 5. Article V, Section 2, Add a member with a developmental disability (fulfilling SIP Governing Body membership requirement). 6. Article V, Section 2, Add a member who has a family member with a developmental disability (fulfilling SIP Governing Body membership requirement). 7. Article V, Section 2, a., remove the requirement for a member with nutrition knowledge. 8. Article VIII, Section 1, remove “Chief” and add “Director of Citizen Services and/or Bureau Chief of the Bureau of Aging and Disabilities” 9. Exhibit A, Commission on Aging and Disabilities roster needs updating. Correction to Oscar Baker’s term(s).
Membership	We are still in need of members from Taneytown and Union Bridge.
Next Meeting Date	Next meeting date is Wednesday, March 11, 2015 at 10:30 AM in the BOAD Library.