

Commission on Aging and Disabilities Meeting

Meeting Date: May 13, 2015

Start Time: 10:30 AM

Location: Bureau of Aging and Disabilities Library

Chairperson: Lorna Rice

Vice-Chair: Ed Leister

Topic	Discussion
Attendance:	Ed Leister, Oscar Baker, Gary Kerns, Karen Gauvin, Julia Cardeaux, Elizabeth MacDougall, Larry Burbank, Hermine Saunders, Jan Flora, Val Cioeff, Gina Valentine, Gail Jones, Lorna Rice, Bob Coen, Patty Whitson, Vivian Daly
Introductions	Julie Cardeaux is a parent of a 21 year old son who will be attending one of the disabled adult agencies in Westminster. She is observing the COAD today. All attendees introduced themselves to Ms. Cardeaux.
Call to Order and Approval of Minutes – Lorna Rice	Lorna requested approval of the March 2015 minutes as submitted. Ed Leister motioned 1 st and Hermine Saunders 2 nd for approval. All were in favor to approve as submitted.
Guest Speaker, Advance Directives and the Guardianship Program– Gail Jones	<p><u>Gail Jones</u> from the Bureau of Aging and Disabilities Guardianship Program briefly discussed the <u>Public Guardianship Program</u>. The Director of the Bureau of Aging is the court appointed guardian of individuals over the age 65 who do not have anyone available to make decisions for them or who a judge feels is unable to make decisions for themselves. Family members aren't always appointed because a judge decides, at a required hearing, who will act in the best interest of each individual. All medical decisions are made by the Public Guardian as well as other life decisions such as housing, clothing, food, social activity, etc... A Guardian is equivalent to a parent to a child relationship minus financial decisions. A copy of <i>Guardianship and Its Alternatives: A Handbook on Maryland Law</i> was provided to the group. The difference between the Public Guardian and Power of Attorney is finances. The Public Guardian does not handle finances however they have full power over everything else and the power can only be revoked by a judge. Power of Attorney can be revoked by the individual as long as they are deemed competent to do so. Copies of the <i>Full and Limited Maryland Statutory Power of Attorney</i>, which are acceptable and must be honored by financial institutions, were also handed out.</p> <p><u>Advance Directive (AD)</u> – is a legal document in which the signer gives directions or designates another person to make decisions regarding the signer's health care if the signer becomes incapable of making such decisions. Choosing the person who follows your instructions is called an “Agent”. Choose your Agent wisely as someone who will follow your instructions and give your AD to your doctor as doctors are required to honor your AD. Copies of a Medical Advance Directive were provided to the group. Anyone can fill them out, an attorney is not necessary. A copy of the document should be taken with you if you go to the hospital. A small card that explains where your Advance Directive can be found was provided to carry in your wallet. If you live in two states (or more) make sure your AD is valid in each state, or have one for each. Some states require they be notarized, Maryland doesn't. To contact Gail Jones call 410-386-3800 or email gjones@cag.carr.org</p>

<p>Citizen Services & Bureau of Aging and Disabilities – Gina Valentine</p>	<p>The County has not yet adopted the FY 16 budget. We are still awaiting decisions about funding for additions or changes to positions (employment). <u>MAP Update</u> –the Maryland Department on Aging (MDoA) has decided to “bridge-fund” Maryland Access Point (MAP) for FY 16 in the amount of \$75,000. The Federal Financial Participation (FFP) which will allow our agency to bill for Medicaid related activities is set to start January 1, 2016. When FFP starts MAP funding will stop as Federal Funds can’t overlap. <u>Living Well</u> will offer a Diabetes Self-Management Program this summer at South Carroll Senior Center. <u>Ombudsman</u> – will be implementing new regulations. One new regulation focuses on eliminating /remedying conflicts of interest (i.e. some areas have an Ombudsman working as the Guardian). Carroll doesn’t have this conflict. <u>Community First Choice (CFC)</u> – again the BOAD is experiencing delays with Services Plans, specifically for children. DHMH has been contacted but no response yet. <u>Area Plan</u> – Every four years an Area Plan is required by the Administration on Community Living and MDoA. As required a public hearing was held and a needs assessment survey was conducted. 20 individuals attended the Public Hearing and 483 surveys were completed. The survey identified the following as the top needs: healthcare, financial assistance, transportation, housing, and food. Senior Care, Assisted Living Subsidy, State Health Insurance Program (SHIP), Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP), Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act (MIPPA) have separate application processes and are not included in this year’s Area Plan. Some funding has been reduced however “hold harmless monies” in the amount of \$24,038 are being provided to supplement federal programs under the Older Americans Act.</p> <p>Volunteers to review the Area Plan are: Jan Flora, Elizabeth MacDougall, and Karen Gauvin. Danielle Yates will contact volunteers.</p> <p>Patty Whitson had Senior Center flyers and newsletters available. Find all information about the 5 Senior Centers by clicking on Senior and Community Centers in the lower left side at http://ccgovernment.carr.org/ccg/aging/</p> <p>The Board of County Commissioners is issuing a Proclamation for Older Americans Month on Thursday, May 14th at 10:00 am at the beginning of Open Session at the County Office Building. Each Senior Center is having a luncheon on Wednesday, May 27, 2015. If you are interested in attending any one of the luncheons contact Vivian.</p>
<p>Community Services/Senior Centers – Patty Whitson</p>	<p>Old Business</p> <p>Madeline Morey will be requesting approval for the COAD Bylaws on 5/28/2015 at 10:00 am. Please attend if possible to support the changes.</p> <p>The following COAD appointments are open: Taneytown, Union Bridge, and Manchester. During the 2015 review of the Bylaws, the Older Americans Act should be reviewed to see what is required regarding membership for the COAD.</p> <p>Vivian will contact Dr. Diane Martin from McDaniel College to request a review of the needs assessment thus far and further discuss the COAD and Aging in Place.</p>
<p>Announcements</p>	<p>Annually, on/around May 1st, the Senior Centers have attorneys come to them to help seniors with Medical Powers of Attorney and Living Wills.</p> <p>Larry Burbank had 150 attend the Smart Driver course this year. Thank you to Chick-fil-a for supporting the COAD booth</p>

	with coupons as the Expo. The COAD may take the month of July or August off for summer vacation. To be discussed once we find out which month Dr. Martin can attend.
Next Meeting Date	Next meeting date is Wednesday, June 10, 2015 at 10:30 AM in the BOAD Library.