Commission on Aging & Disabilities Meeting

Meeting Date: July 13, 2016

Start Time: 10:30 am

Location: Bureau of Aging & Disabilities Library

Chairperson: Robert Coen Vice-Chair: Ed Leister

Topic	Discussion
Attendance	Kimberly Boucher, Val Cioeff, Bob Coen, Jan Flora, Karen Gauvin, Commissioner Howard, Erin Inman, Christine Kay, Diann Linton, Hermine Saunders, Celene Steckel, Patty Whitson, Brad Zebal
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. CTS – Carroll Transit System, CIL - Center for Independent Living, DHMH - Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, FFP – Federal Financial Participation, LTCO - Long Term Care Ombudsman, M4A - Maryland Association of Area Agencies on Aging, MAP - Maryland Access Point, MFP -Money Follows the Person, MOU – Memorandum of Understanding, MWOA - Medicaid Waiver for Older Adults, NED - Non-Elderly Disabled, NFCSP - National Family Caregiver Support Program, OAA - Older Americans Act, OHCQ - Office of Health Care Quality, SALGHS - Senior Assisted Living Group House Subsidy program, SHIP - State Health Insurance Program, SIP - Senior Inclusion Program, SMP - Senior Medicare Patrol, SPDAP - Senior Prescription Drug Assistance Program, VTV – Village to Village
Call to Order and Approval of Minutes- Robert Coen	Bob Coen welcomed everyone and introductions were made. Bob Coen requested approval of the May 2016 minutes as submitted. Hermine Saunders motioned 1 st and Karen Gauvin 2 nd for approval. All were in favor to approve as submitted.
Citizen Services & Bureau of Aging & Disabilities- Gina Valentine & Patty Whitson	<u>Citizen Services, Christine Kay</u> - Christine provided an update regarding the reorganization of Citizen Services including the decision to replace the Deputy Director position with 2 Bureau Chief positions. Danielle Yates was recently selected as the Bureau Chief of Housing and Community Connections and Celene Steckel was introduced as the new Bureau Chief for Aging & Disabilities. Celene will begin this new role effective July 14 th . Christine also shared that the offices for the Project Coordinator and Long Term Care Ombudsman staff were moved from Stoner Avenue to Distillery Drive. Christine stated that the office moves will not impact the program function, services or populations served.
	Bureau of Aging & Disabilities, Patty Whitson – The Maryland Department of Aging recently approved the BOAD's Area Plan. The Medicaid Waiver program coordinator position has been filled. Christie Mattingly will begin her new role as the program coordinator on July 14 th . This will leave a waiver program specialist position open to be filled. The Freedom Center will continue to be co-located with the BOAD in FY17. The first quarter of the Federal Financial Participation (FFP) time study has ended. The BOAD will soon find out the amount of their reimbursement which is for Medicaid related activities. The Veterans Program grant amount from DSS (monies from the Kahlert Foundation) increased by \$25,000; the total grant amount is now \$80,000 and will be effective August 1 st . There had been a proposal to eliminate SHIP funding nationwide; however, last week the House subcommittee voted to maintain level funding for SHIP and Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) and increase funding for many other Older Americans Act

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	programs. Flyers for two upcoming conferences were distributed. Building a Better Future for Yourself will be offered on Saturday, September 17 th from 8:30 am-12:30 pm and Building a Better Future for Your Child will be offered on Saturday, October 15 th from 8:30 am-2:30 pm. Both conferences will be held at the Westminster Senior Center.
	Senior & Community Centers, Patty Whitson- Senior Center newsletters were distributed. Farmers Market vouchers are being distributed at all five senior centers. The last distribution will occur on Friday, July 15 th from 10:00am -12:00 pm at the Westminster Senior Center. Eligible individuals will receive a total of \$30 in vouchers that can be used at local farmers markets to purchase fruit, vegetables, herbs and honey. Several of the senior centers are celebrating anniversaries this month. The annual Senior Day at the 4-H Fair will be held on August 4, 2016 at the Carroll County Ag Center. Plans are in place to apply for a Senior Center Operating Grant that, if awarded, would be used to hire a part-time Health Promotion Coordinator to work on bringing evidence-based programs to the Senior Centers. A new custodian has been hired and is scheduled to begin on July 14 th .
Old Business	<u>Update on Revised By-laws, Patty Whitson</u> - The revised COAD bylaws will be presented to the Board of County Commissioners for approval on Thursday, July 21 st .
New Business	Commissioner Howard spoke to the Commission members about developing strategic goals and measurable objectives. Joint Training for the Maryland Commission on Aging and Local Commissions on Aging, Bob Coen- The joint training for the Maryland Commission on Aging & local Commissions on Aging is scheduled for September 22, 2016 from 9:00 am- 2:30 pm at the North Laurel Community Center. Each local Commission is invited to send two people to the training. If you are interested in attending, please contact Bob Coen.
	Aging in Place Survey, Dr. Diane Martin- To date, approximately 800 AIP surveys have been collected. Approximately 27,000 adults over the age of 60 live in Carroll County. The goal is to obtain surveys from 20% of this population from each Carroll County zip code by the end of the year. Dr. Martin also shared the survey statistics to date, additional information is available upon request. A community update presentation is tentatively scheduled to take place at McDaniel College on November 8, 2016. More information will be provided as it becomes available.
Area	Mc Daniel college will host the 2 nd Annual State of Aging Conference on Tuesday, August 9 th from 8:00-4:30.
Reports/Announcements	Information and registration forms were distributed.
Next Meeting Date	The next meeting date is Wednesday, September 14, 2016 at 10:30 am at the Bureau of Aging & Disabilities Library