

Carroll County Commission on Aging & Disabilities Meeting

Meeting Date: March 26, 2025

Start Time: 10:00am

Location: Virtual

Chairperson: Jim McCarron

Vice-Chair: Lauren Hickey

Topic	Discussion
Attendance – COAD members in bold	Lauren Hickey, Jim McCarron, Cheryl Steinbacher , Bobbie Lawrence, Rich Ottone, Lois Romeo, Jason Martin, Gina Valentine, Dave Drezner, Tim Briggs, Patricia Baker , Maggie Rauser, Cheri Ebaugh, Louis 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, 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	Lauren Hickey called the meeting to order. Tim Briggs – Baltimore Metro Council initiative in attendance . Released a transportation needs survey and wants feedback. It has been shared with the Veterans Advisory Council and Commission on Aging and Disabilities.
Establishment of a Quorum – Jim McCarron	No quorum was established. Dan Martin resigned his membership. Did not accept renewal.
Approval of Minutes – Jim McCarron	Cheryl Steinbacher motioned to approve January 25 th minutes. Gina Valentine seconded. Minutes approved without objection.
Commissioner’s Comments –	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioner not in attendance, no comment.

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Bureau of Aging & Disabilities	<p><u>BOAD Update- Gina Valentine</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bureau operating business as usual amid federal funding cuts; no word yet on how it impacts BOAD• Legislative Services proposed a \$2.5 million decrease in senior care funding for this fiscal year; recommended dementia navigation decrease from \$2.5 million to \$1.2 million permanently; this recommendation has been rejected• Last week the senate recommended \$900k cut but has since been rejected• Veterans Celebration is Sunday, May 4th from 12noon-4pm• Aging Your Way Expo is September 10th from 9am-2pm• Attended Veterans Treatment Court in Baltimore yesterday with Bobbie Lawrence <p><u>Senior Center Update- Rich Ottone</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Possibility to run out of shredding space at the shredding events so come early• Senior Centers attendance has increase in March and more meals are being served• Farmers Market program is changing; register online on May 15th• North Carroll Senior Center has filled the Assistant Manager position; promoted Sean Uhler; now looking for a custodian• Volunteer recognition month end of April; Older Americans month in May <p><u>Program Updates – Bobbie Lawrence</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grandparents Support Conference- Saturday March 29, 2025, 9am-2pm; topics include social media red flags, legal matters, ager and guilt• Hands on Skills class/conference in April at Carroll Community College• Met with the Baltimore Sun for new resource guide development• MAP- INA visiting older housing complexes – renters tax credit• Spring shredding events in May at all Senior Centers
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	<p><u>Rec and Parks</u> –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No update; no one in attendance
Old Business	<p><u>Currently COAD Openings</u> –</p> <p>A. Current COAD Openings</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Manchester – application approved ii. Mt. Airy – Cheri Ebaugh might have someone in mind for a representative iii. Sykesville iv. Responsibilities include attending meetings, identify gaps in services in their locations and share information v. Members have to be a Veteran and be a Carroll County resident <p>B. <u>MD Alliance of Disability Commissions Update-</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No new comments, meeting held bi-monthly. Dave Drezner attended meeting in January; next meeting is in April
New Business – JimMcCarron	No new business.
Area Reports – COADMmembers	<p><u>COAD Members</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cheryl Steinbacher: met with mayor of Manchester, Linda Smith; tried to meet with mayor of Hampstead Christopher Nevin Lauren Hickey- Vietnam Wall traveling memorial August 9-15 in New Windsor. The Lions Club is starting a beautification project in New Windsor. Carnival season is coming up.
Public Comment	Lauren Hickey motioned for the meeting to be adjourned. All in favor. Meeting adjourned
Next Meeting Date	Next meeting is Wednesday, May 28 th , at 10am.