

## Carroll County Commission on Aging & Disabilities Meeting

Meeting Date: January 24, 2024

Start Time: 10:00am

Location: Westminster Senior and Community Center

Chairperson: Jim McCarron

Vice-Chair: Lauren Hickey

Topic	Discussion
<b>Attendance</b> – COAD members in bold	<b>James McCarron</b> , Bobbie Lawrence, <b>Lisa Shepet</b> , Rich Ottone, <b>Cheryl Steinbacher</b> , <b>Lauren Hickey</b> , <b>Pat Dodd</b> , Victoria Parks, <b>Michelle Jacobs</b> , <b>Marisa Cooke</b> , <b>Commissioner Vigliotti</b> , Cathy Baker, Victoria Parks
<b>Acronyms</b>	<b>AAA</b> - Area Agency on Aging, <b>ADA</b> - American’s w/Disabilities Act, <b>ADL</b> - Activities of Daily Living, <b>AIP</b> – Aging in Place, <b>BCC</b> – Board of County Commissioners, <b>BOAD</b> - Bureau of Aging and Disabilities, <b>COAD</b> – Commission on Aging and Disabilities, <b>CDSMP</b> – Chronic Disease Self-Management Program, <b>CTS</b> – Carroll Transit System, <b>CIL</b> - Center for Independent Living, <b>DSS</b> – Department of Social Services, <b>FFP</b> – Federal Financial Participation, <b>HSP</b> – Human Services Programs of Carroll County, <b>LTAC</b> – Long Term Advisory Council, <b>LTCOP</b> - Long Term Care Ombudsman Program, <b>M4A</b> - Maryland Association of Area Agencies on Aging, <b>MAP</b> - Maryland Access Point, <b>MASCC</b> – Mt. Airy Senior & Community Center, <b>MDH</b> - Maryland Department of Health, <b>MDoA</b> – Maryland Department of Aging, <b>MFP</b> -Money Follows the Person, <b>MOU</b> – Memorandum of Understanding, <b>MWOA</b> - Medicaid Waiver for Older Adults, <b>NCSCC</b> – North Carroll Senior & Community Center, <b>NED</b> - Non-Elderly Disabled, <b>NFCSP</b> - National Family Caregiver Support Program, <b>OAA</b> - Older Americans Act, <b>OHQCQ</b> - Office of Health Care Quality, <b>SALS</b> - Senior Assisted Living Subsidy program, <b>SCSCC</b> – South Carroll Senior & Community Center, <b>SHIP</b> - State Health Insurance Assistance Program, <b>SIP</b> - Senior Inclusion Program, <b>SMP</b> - Senior Medicare Patrol, <b>SPDAP</b> - Senior Prescription Drug Assistance Program, <b>TSCC</b> – Taneytown Senior & Community Center, <b>VTV</b> – Village to Village, <b>WEAAD</b> – World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, <b>WSCC</b> – Westminster Senior & Community Center.
<b>Call to Order/Introductions</b> – Jim McCarron	Jim McCarron called the meeting to order. Expressed appreciation for the New Year Breakfast and welcomed everyone to the start of the meeting.
<b>Establishment of a Quorum</b> – Jim McCarron	A quorum was established.
<b>Approval of Minutes</b> – Jim McCarron	November 29 <sup>th</sup> , 2023, meeting minutes approved (Steinbacher/ Hickey).
<b>Commissioner’s Comments</b> –	Commissioner Vigliotti welcomed group. -Pleasure to be with everyone, hope everyone had a wonderful weekend.

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	<p>- Reviewed the Blueprint initiative and implementation in school systems. Carroll County Commissioners requesting that adjustments be made to fit the budgeting limits within Carroll County, MD.</p> <p>-Beginning stages of expanding broadband connection to remote areas of Carroll County. Roughly 3k-4k homes without broadband, largely elderly/ farmers and those with disabilities. Estimated 800 houses to be covered by state funding.</p>
<p><b>Bureau of Aging &amp; Disabilities</b></p>	<p><u>Senior Centers Update – Rich Ottone</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Health Department interested in having events across Seniors Centers.</li> <li>• Appointments for tax filing assistance, open now through April. Tax Day is April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024.</li> <li>• Senior Center Attendance continues to rise, Westminster has grown particularly.</li> <li>• Demographics of attendees is beginning to shift, notices the demographic of attendees shifting into one that is more active.</li> </ul> <p><u>Program Updates – Bobbie Lawrence</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kathy wood retired from Aging but will be coming back as a volunteer. Courtney Edwards will be moving into Kathy’s position. Julie McGraw moved into the Program Specialist position within Bureau of Aging and Disabilities. She will no longer be performing case management as she was in her previous position.</li> <li>• Open enrollment ended December 7<sup>th</sup>, staff and volunteers were fully booked.</li> <li>• Grandparents Conference scheduled for March 23rd, 2024 from 9-2pm at the Bureau of Aging and Disabilities.</li> <li>• Veterans Claims Clinic March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024 9am to 2pm South Carroll Senior and Community Center. – Chesapeake Veterans Alliance, Veterans Affairs vendors, and resources on site- open to all county individuals.</li> <li>• February 1- July 15th: Billboard featuring SMP to promote education to prevent Medicare fraud and services offered at BOAD.</li> <li>•</li> </ul> <p><u>AARP Age Friendly Community Initiative Update – Position Open- Bobbie Lawrence providing update</u></p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Michelle Jacobs’ application for COAD has been approved by the Commissioners. The acceptance letter for her to sign will be mailed out to her soon.</li> <li>• OAAPS report – received corrections from MDoA. There were technical issues with the online database that have been fixed. We are in the final stages of submitting our corrections.</li> <li>• The Governor’s budget is out. So far, it looks like our state funding will remain flat. Federal grants – MDoA was notified by the Administration on Community Living that some of their funding formulas for federal funding allocations are out of compliance with ACL. MDoA will adjust and the new funding formula will be implemented in FY2025. We do not yet know how the new funding formula will impact our allocations.</li> <li>• Dementia Navigation Program – per last year’s legislation, the program must be implemented in FY2025. Funding allocations for the program are unknown currently. We are meeting with MDoA’s Program Manager on January 30th to learn more about the planning phase.</li> <li>• meeting with MDoA this Friday to share spending of our current allocations and program highlights.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Old Business</b></p>	<p><u>Currently COAD Openings</u> –</p> <p>A. Current COAD Openings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Manchester</li> <li>ii. Sykesville</li> </ul> <p>B. MD Alliance of Disability Commissions Update-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No new comments, meeting held bi-monthly. Still looking for individual to attend on behalf of the Carroll County Commission on Aging &amp; Disabilities’.</li> </ul>
<p><b>New Business –</b> Jim McCarron</p>	<p><u>A. GUIDE</u> (Guiding an Improved Dementia Experience) – Lauren Hickey</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Initiative with Carroll Hospital system for organizations be established to assist with Dementia and Alzheimer’s.</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carroll Hospital putting in application, due January 30<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>• Funding will allow up to \$2500 in support allotted per patient, with the addition of 24hr hotline, support groups (Dementia/ Alzheimer's)</li> </ul>
<b>Area Reports –</b> COADMmembers	<p><u>COAD Members</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New Windsor: Water pipes are currently being worked on and updated.</li> <li>• Amy Baker: Health Department has employed a peer support specialist for anyone with behavior issues. Narcan cabinets (emergency cases with two dosages) placed at Health Department, DHS, HSP, Night by Night, 7/11 and Walmart.</li> <li>• Cheri Ebaugh: AHC screening tool used in Hospital starting in January. Scoring of safety questions for potential risks. Individuals scoring above an 11 will be referred to a case manager for follow up or if assistance is requested.</li> </ul>
<b>Public Comment</b>	Meeting Adjourned. (Lauren Hickey/ Victoria Parks)
<b>Next Meeting Date</b>	Next meeting is Wednesday, May 22nd, at 10am.