

Carroll County Commission on Aging & Disabilities Meeting

Meeting Date: March 11, 2020

Start Time: 10:00 am

Location: Shipley Room #2, East Pavilion of Carroll Hospital, 291 Stoner Avenue, Westminster

Chairperson: Jim McCarron

Vice-Chair: Dan Andersen

Topic	Discussion
Attendance	Dan Andersen, Dom Blessing, Dan Bowler, Larry Burbank, Val Cioeff, Jeff Degitz, Doc Doxzen, David Drezner, Art Frotton, Lauren Hickey, Heather Hughes, Diann Linton, Jim McCarron, Rich Ottone, Commissioner Ed Rothstein, Cheryl Steinbacher, Celene Steckel, Leslie Wagner, Carol Wheatley, Marisa Zaccagnini
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, MDH - Maryland Department of Health , FFP – Federal Financial Participation, LTAC – Long Term Advisory Council, 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, WEAAD – World Elder Abuse Awareness Day.
Call to Order/Introductions - Jim McCarron	Jim McCarron called the meeting to order and everyone introduced themselves. Jim shared congratulations to Celene Steckel as the new Director of Citizen Services and Gina Valentine as Bureau Chief of Aging & Disabilities. Cheryl Steinbacher, the new Commission member for Manchester/Hampstead, was introduced. The only commission vacancy is adult with disabilities or a representative of adults with disabilities
Commissioner's Comments – Commissioner Ed Rothstein	Commissioner Rothstein shared the county's position on the coronavirus. They don't won't to be overactive, but proactive in their handling of the pandemic. The Veterans Claims Clinic & Resource Fair scheduled for March 19 th at Carroll Community College has been postponed. University of Maryland system is postponing classes beginning Friday, as well as other colleges. They don't know the effects this will have on academics or the 2020 Census. On social media he recommends sharing information from a reputable source such as the health department or CDC. The county will be updating their website regarding closures. There is a great collaboration between local agencies. Large meetings at the hospital have been cancelled and their visitor policy has been updated. The Carroll County Health Department has up-to-date information and links on their website. They have also opened a hotline, 410-

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	876-4848. VA Health Care has sent out their expectations and Gilchrest has cancelled their Welcome Home Veterans event.
Establishment of a Quorum – Jim McCarron	A quorum was established with twelve members present.
Approval of Minutes – Jim McCarron	Jim requested approval of the January 2020 minutes as submitted. Lauren Hickey motioned 1 st and Dan Bowler 2 nd for approval. All were in favor to approve as submitted.
Presentation – Jeff Degitz, Director, Carroll County Department of Recreation & Parks	The senior population is the fastest growing demographic in Carroll County. Changes to their programming is important, therefore, feedback from groups such as COAD is imperative. New line of programming includes EPIC – Experienced People in Carroll (ages 50+) – CC Riders for bicyclists; Nature Centers; Volunteering. Their adaptive recreation program is not just for youth but adults. Dan Bowler and the Freedom Center can assist in promoting Rec & Parks adaptive recreation programming and are looking forward to partnering with them. The homeschooling population is challenging to reach, and they are working on reaching that group more effectively. To get more information about all their programs check out their website, program guide and Facebook page, which can be shared. The addition of a dedicated marketing person due to restructuring within their department has made a positive difference. Registration for programs can be made online. The use of Ambassador groups such as Veterans, homeschooled and individuals with disabilities is a possibility. They do have a capital project form online as well as forwarded to the local municipalities. Rec & Parks is interested in collaborating with the municipalities such as having links between the county and municipality’s website. Jeff is interested in attending the Maryland Municipality League meeting and can provide a presentation on their programs.
Old Business – Jim McCarron	<u>Carroll Together/AIP Sub-Committee Update</u> – Dan Andersen reported they are preparing a presentation to the Board of County Commissioners within the next three months. They meet each month and have been working on an AARP designation as an Age-Friendly Community.
New Business – Jim McCarron	<u>COVID19 Update</u> – Celene Steckel shared that contingency plans for aging and disabilities services and senior centers are being reviewed and updated. The Bureau of Aging & Disabilities is in constant dialogue with the health department as to whether the senior centers should close. They have emergency meal kits, as well as freeze-dried meals at the centers. There is information regarding the virus being shared at the centers as well as online. There is a heightened level of cleanliness and germ reduction at the centers and with staff. The clients they serve have

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	<p>emergency contingency plans approved by their health care providers that encompass home provisions. Lauren shared that Right at Home is also following Carroll County Health Department’s recommendations and taking all precautions necessary while emergency plans are being implemented. Lorien Mt. Airy and Birch Manor are the only skilled nursing facilities in Carroll County that have ventilators. The Governor has also shared guidelines that are more restrictive on visitors in long term care facilities, allowing only those that are essential. Social distancing is still an approved method in lessening the spread of the virus. Cancellations at local parks and of pavilions have been ongoing. Carroll Hospital has added tents outside of their ER.</p> <p><u>Director of Citizen Services and Bureau Chief of Aging & Disabilities</u> – Celene Steckel is the Director of Citizen Services and Gina Valentine the Bureau Chief of Aging & Disabilities. Currently Gina is handling both her previous position’s responsibilities and Bureau Chief while they look for her replacement. In the meanwhile, Celene will be overseeing Guardianship. Moving forward, any BOAD issues that would have been directed to Celene, please forward to Gina.</p> <p><u>Seniors on the Go Expo</u> – Volunteers are needed for setting up the booth, manning the day of the Expo, and cleaning up. A volunteer sign-up sheet was distributed. Considering the COVID-19 pandemic, there is a contingency plan being developed and will be shared as soon as necessary.</p>
<p>Bureau of Aging & Disabilities – Celene Steckel</p>	<p><u>Census 2020</u> – Carol Wheatley asked if there was a print format of the Census 2020 survey for those citizens who are hard of hearing. Celene shared that the survey cannot be printed from the website, but instead, a paper survey will be mailed to the public in April. The Complete Count Committee is also working on getting paper copies of the survey to have at the libraries and senior centers.</p> <p><u>Legislative Session</u> – There is a bill that has been introduced that will increase funds for the Senior Assisted Living Group Home Subsidy. Currently there is a \$650 cap and the proposal recommends an increase to \$1,500. There would be no additional funds to Carroll County, but less people served. Carroll County has 17 slots available with 14 served. Only a few assisted living in the county participate.</p> <p><u>Alzheimer’s Association</u> – Will be having their Longest Day Walk in Westminster on Saturday, June 20, 2020. It will begin at the Westminster Senior & Community Center and loop to the Farm Museum. Registration can be made online. Lauren will forward the link to Leslie to forward to the group.</p>

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	<p><u>NAPIS Data</u> – The federal government is changing the way the states are reporting their data and it will now be a performance-based system. The current data collection vendor is AIM and Celene believes that they are the most cost-effective system with the new reporting. Staff will be trained.</p>
<p>Area Reports – COAD Members</p>	<p><u>Doc Doxzen, Manchester</u> – Municipalities are doing a great job with Rec and Parks. <u>Marisa Zaccagnini, Health Department</u> – If you have COVID-19 questions or concerns phone the call center 8am to 5pm Monday through Friday at 410-876-4848. Marisa’s program is developing screening questions for home visits.</p>
<p>Next Meeting Date</p>	<p>The next meeting date is Wednesday, May 13, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at Shauck Auditorium in the East Pavilion of Carroll Hospital, 291 Stoner Avenue, Westminster.</p>