

Carroll County Commission on Aging & Disabilities Meeting

Meeting Date: January 27, 2021

Start Time: 10:00 am

Location: Virtual Meeting on GoToMeeting Platform

Chairperson: Jim McCarron

Vice-Chair: Carol Wheatley

Topic	Discussion
Attendance – COAD members in bold	Dan Andersen , Amy Baker, Larry Burbank, Jeff Degitz, Doc Doxzen , Dave Drezner, Lauren Hickey , Brian Keseling , Bobbie Lawrence, Diann Linton , Jim McCarron , Janine Mobley, Rich Ottone, Heather Robb , Cheryl Steinbacher , Gina Valentine, 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, 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, OHCQ - 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	Jim McCarron called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. A special welcome to new member Brian Keseling who is representing adults with disabilities. He is the Carroll County chapter president of the National Federation of the Blind.
Establishment of a Quorum – Jim McCarron	A quorum was established with ten members present.
Approval of Minutes – Jim McCarron	Jim requested approval of the November 2020 minutes as submitted. Lauren Hickey motioned 1 st and Diann Linton 2 nd for approval. All were in favor to approve as submitted.
Commissioner’s Comments	No report.

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<p>Bureau of Aging & Disabilities – Gina Valentine, Bobbie Lawrence and Rich Ottone</p>	<p>Current BOAD Operations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Continues to assist clients over the phone or virtually.• Only essential needs appointments are in person.• There is a drop box outside of the building.• Staff has been busy fielding calls regarding vaccinations, and they encourage everyone to complete the online interest form on Carroll County Health Department’s website. There will be a mass email distribution today regarding the interest forms and giving an update. Westminster Senior & Community Center will be the central vaccination clinic.• Information & Assistance has been quite busy and has been distributing information on Homeowner Tax Credits and Energy Assistance.• State Health Insurance Assistance program is conducting virtual Transitioning to Medicare sessions in partnership with the library.• Currently we have two programs providing online sessions – Chronic Pain Self-Management and Powerful Tools for Caregivers. More information can be found online.• The Senior Assisted Living Subsidy program has increased their cap to \$1,000/month. We currently have 14 assisted living facilities participating and 11 clients. <p>Senior Centers’ Status/Reopening Plans:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• There has been no indication when the senior centers will open. This would only be done with an Executive Order by the Governor.• Grab & Go Meals:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Mt. Airy and Westminster are once a week and other locations are once a month.○ Freezing what is left over and then available for delivery or pick up.• Completed Restaurant Initiative in Hampstead with Daughter’s Café. Looking to replicate in Taneytown and Eldersburg• Food Trucks at the centers have been a great success.• Shelf stable food is also available at BOAD• Online senior center newsletter every month.
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<p>Old Business – Jim McCarron</p>	<p><u>2020 Census Update – Gina Valentine</u>. Carroll County’s Census goal was to reach a response rate of 84%. Currently, Carroll County has a self-response rate of 81.5%. This does not include counts that enumerators have done nor the</p>

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<p>New Business – Jim McCarron</p>	<p><u>Resources for Downsizing</u> – Gina Valentine. Habitat for Humanity will be opening a ReStore in the Spring. Check their website for the donations they will take.</p> <p><u>Vaccinations</u> – Gina Valentine. Distributions will be broadening around the County. Next Thursday a clinic will be held at the South Carroll Senior & Community Center. They are looking at other locations throughout the county including possible pharmacies.</p> <p><u>Rec & Parks Update</u> – Jeff Degitz</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Their county-wide Needs Assessment will be distributed by the end of this week. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 650 random households. ○ Anyone in the public can complete. There is a link on their website at ccrecparks.org. ○ Takes about 10 minutes to complete. • Their staff is also helping at the vaccination clinics. <p><u>Open Commission Positions</u> – Leslie Wagner. Current open positions include an individual with intellectual disability and a representative for Veterans.</p> <p><u>Older Adult Homelessness</u> – Amy Baker. Amy reported that they are seeing more people over the age of 62 in homelessness due to mental health, COVID, loss of spouse, etc. Between 2018-2020 they have reported 44 sheltered or street homeless over the age of 62. The Local Behavioral Health Authority Service Coordination can assist in finding mental health services or contact Amy regarding housing instability – 410-876-4449.</p>
<p>Area Reports – COAD Members</p>	<p><u>Westminster</u> – Carol Wheatley. Aging in Place has been put on hold. Their next step was to prepare a presentation for the BOCC. She has heard President Biden speaking on the importance of AIP.</p>
<p>Next Meeting Date</p>	<p>The next meeting date is Wednesday, March 24, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. Meeting information will be shared prior.</p>