

Commission on Aging & Disabilities Meeting

Meeting Date: October 14, 2015

Start Time: 10:30 AM

Location: Bureau of Aging and Disabilities Library

Chairperson: Lorna Rice

Vice-Chair: Ed Leister

Topic	Discussion
Attendance:	Kimberly Boucher, Larry Burbank, Val Cioeff, Robert Coen, Jan Flora, Karen Gauvin, Ed Leister, Lorna Rice, Gail Riley, Hermine Saunders, Bradley, Zebal, Vivian Daly, John Staehlin
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 – Lorna Rice	The July 2015 meeting minutes were approved as submitted via email vote. Lorna Rice requested approval of the September 2015 minutes as submitted. Lorna motioned 1st and Jan Flora 2nd for approval. All were in favor to approve as submitted.
Guest Speaker – John H. Staehlin	Bob Coen introduced the guest speaker Mr. John Staehlin. Mr. Staehlin started Volunteers for Medical Engineering (VME) in 1982. VME merged with Learning Independence through Computers (LINC) to become V-LINC in 2010. Mr. Staehlin is a mechanical engineer and inventor who worked at Westinghouse for 37 years. After 7 years in retirement he went back to work for Northrop Grumman for another 7 years. While at Westinghouse Mr. Staehlin turned in over 400 invention disclosures and 30 patents. During this time Mr. Staehlin created Volunteers for Medical Engineering (VME) to design devices for individuals with disabilities. VME is a nonprofit located at the Workforce and Technology Center in Baltimore. Mr. Staehlin had a PowerPoint presentation that included images of individuals the organization helped and the devices they created for them. The devices included (many more were shown): a mechanism that opened and closed two fingers using EKG patches on muscles; adapted a toy jeep steering wheel for a child without forearms; added a door to a crib to help a client get child in/out of crib; a metronome wheelchair swing; adapted a trombone; steps for getting in/out of an SUV; a computerized weaving system; stovetop device to hold pan in place for individuals with one arm; an easel that rotates/tilts for an artist; an adapted stroller. While on the Governors Committee for Camden Yards they designed folding seating that has been used in 50% of stadiums in the US.

	<p>John has been inducted in the Maryland Senior Citizens Hall of Fame with a Geri Award. They are currently working with e-NABLE which builds hands for children that have underdeveloped hands. Finding funding for projects is difficult however Westinghouse still donates and the director of V-LINC applies for funds through various foundations. The future of V-LINC is with high school students and Carroll Community College volunteers.</p> <p>To contact V-LINC call 410-554-9134 or 410-554-9168, email: info@vmesolutions.org or jstaehline@comcast.net</p>
Citizen Services Update – Vivian Daly	Patty Whitson is the Acting Director of Citizen Services and will remain so until further notice. An Employment Opportunity for Director has been posted on the County website and the position is open until filled.
Old Business Email Vote for November Nominations for Chair/Vice Chair for 2016 New Member Recruiting	<p>The email response to the question of moving the November meeting from the 11th to the 4th with a start time of 11:00 am was passed by vote of 11 to approve and 1 abstention (see Next Meeting Date section of minutes).</p> <p>Nominations for election of new Chair and Vice Chair for the Commission will be discussed in November. Ed Leister is willing to stay on as Vice Chair.</p> <p>The Carroll County Times published an article on 9/27/15 regarding the need for COAD membership. Vivian received several calls from interested applicants and sent membership packets to them. Two applications were returned for submission to the BCC. We are currently looking to fill positions in New Windsor, Mt. Airy, Finksburg, and a family member of a person with a developmental disability. If you have an email address, phone number or mailing address for potential members, please forward them to the COAD secretary.</p> <p>Jan Flora has decided to stay with the Commission on Aging and Disabilities instead of retiring from her position in December (2015). Jan’s current term runs through 2016.</p>
MDoA – Transforming MD’s Long Term Care System – Karen Gauvin/Bob Coen	<p>Karen Gauvin and Bob Coen attended the Maryland Commission on Aging and the Maryland Dept. of Aging presentation called “Transforming Maryland’s Long Term Care System” on 9/24/15 in Wye Mills, MD. Karen reported on her notes from the day. All notes were sent with the presentations via email. All presentations and Karen’s notes can be provided upon request.</p> <p>Bob and Karen both stressed the big take-away from the day was to take responsibility for, and take care of yourself.</p>
Announcements/Member Reports	<p>Vivian Daly is leaving the Dept. of Citizen Services having accepted a position at the County Attorney’s Office.</p> <p>Larry Burbank reported that the John Brown Cruise has been cancelled due to weather. It will be rescheduled in the spring of 2016. Because of a generous donor the cost for veterans and guest will be \$25.00 each. Larry will update when the cruise is rescheduled. A job fair for Veterans was held on 10/12/15 at DSS. An update on the job fair will be given at the Veterans Council on 10/20/15 and be reported to the COAD in November. MPT Salutes Vietnam Veterans on June 11 and 12, 2016, more information to follow. Larry will interview Charles Young, a Carroll County Veteran from Sykesville at the Carroll County Media Center on Friday, October 23rd.</p>

	<p><u>Ed Leister</u> - Carroll Food Sunday is doing very well this year. Currently 1 lb of meat is given for each family member which includes ground beef and sausage. They also give eggs and more milk than in recent history. The number of families being served are down also. All Carroll County residents are eligible. There are 600 turkeys available for Thanksgiving.</p> <p>Lorna Rice – attended the 10th Anniversary of Access Carroll. Access Carroll offers dental care and accepts Medicaid. Access is expanding and will partner with the Bureau of Prevention, Wellness, and Recovery.</p> <p>The meeting adjourned at 11:45 am</p>
Next Meeting Date	Next meeting date is Wednesday, November 4, 2015 at 11:00 AM in the BOAD Library.