

Carroll County Commission on Aging & Disabilities Meeting

Meeting Date: May 27, 2026

Start Time: 10:00am

Location: In-Person at the COVE, 115 Stoner Ave, Westminster

Chairperson: Jim McCarron

Vice-Chair: Lauren Hickey

Topic	Discussion
Attendance – COAD members in bold	Jim McCarron, Lauren Hickey, Michael Klein, Michelle Jacobs, Roxanne Hemphill, Cheryl Steinbacher, Lisa Shepet, Nancy Horne , Commissioner Joseph Vigliotti, Dave Drezner, Celene Steckel, Gina Valentine, Bobbie Lawrence, Richard Ottone, Amanda Coshun, Bob Hicks, Mark White
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, COAD – Commission on Aging and Disabilities, CDSMP – Chronic Disease Self-Management Program, CTS – Carroll Transit System, CIL - Center for Independent Living, DOAD - Division of Aging and Disabilities, 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. Introductions were made.
Establishment of a Quorum – Jim McCarron	Quorum was established.
Approval of Minutes – Jim McCarron	March minutes approved. Cheryl Steinbacher made a motion to approve, Roxanne Hemphill seconded. All approved.
Commissioner’s Comments –	Commissioner Vigliotti <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thanks for updating the bylaws

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Successfully wrapped up the 2027 budget • Toured the renovation of the Taneytown Senior Center; looks great
<p>Division of Aging & Disabilities</p>	<p><u>DOAD Update - Gina Valentine</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Area Plan was submitted to MDoA • Submitted revisions by deadline • SOAR Program – received yesterday program directive and allocations and directions for completing application. Will be scheduling time to go before the Board • Attended SOAR listening session in Frederick a couple of weeks ago with Bobbie Lawrence; helpful • Aging Your Way Expo – September 23rd from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Registration is open! • World Elder Abuse Awareness Day event – June 15th at Mt. Airy Senior Center from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. (wear purple!) Registration will open at 9 a.m. Flyer has been distributed • Tomorrow (5/28) presenting to BCC to approve the submission of the FY2027 Competitive SCOF Grant Application for DoAD. The proposed project will enhance and modernize the membership application process across all five Senior & Community Centers by partnering with MJM to develop an online membership application and renewal system. This system will allow members to complete and submit annual membership applications electronically, reducing reliance on paper applications and improving accessibility and convenience for older adults <p><u>Program Update – Bobbie Lawrence</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increasing for Capacity for Excellent Care Series, will send flyer around again. Series is in partnership with Carroll Community College. Next workshop is in June, then again in August. The April workshop was very well attended • Billboard display on Rte 140 by Sheetz, starting June 2 starting with Caregiver program (full year) • Dementia Navigation funding, still working on getting program off the ground • Denise Valentine is certified for Dementia Live • Shredding and medication take back events are going very well; last event is this Friday 5/29 and run from 9-11

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Old Business	<p>A. <u>MD Alliance of Disability Commissions Update</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only meet quarterly, no update
New Business –	<p>Celene Steckel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There will be a ribbon cutting for the Taneytown Senior Center; stay tuned

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<p>Area Reports – COAD Members</p>	<p>Lauren Hickey</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Windsor carnival was last week, carnivals continue throughout the county <p>Roxanne Hemphill</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lions Carnival June 1 – June 6 at the Mount Airy Carnival Grounds <p>Jim McCarron</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taneytown Wine, Art and Music Festival this Saturday, May 30th held at Taneytown Memorial Park • Several 250th celebrations planned throughout the county and country
<p>Public Comment</p>	<p>Motion to adjourn meeting was made.</p>
<p>Next Meeting Date</p>	<p>Next meeting is July 22, 2026, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. IN-PERSON at the COVE, 115 Stoner Avenue, Westminster</p>