

## Carroll County Commission on Aging & Disabilities Meeting

Meeting Date: March 26, 2025

Start Time: 10:00am

Location: Virtual

Chairperson: Jim McCarron

Vice-Chair: Lauren Hickey

Topic	Discussion
<b>Attendance</b> – COAD members in bold	<b>Lauren Hickey, Jim McCarron, Cheryl Steinbacher</b> , Bobbie Lawrence, Rich Ottone, Lois Romeo, Jason Martin, Gina Valentine, Dave Drezner, Tim Briggs, <b>Patricia Baker</b> , Maggie Rauser, Cheri Ebaugh, Louis Yeager
<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>OHQC</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	Lauren Hickey called the meeting to order. Tim Briggs – Baltimore Metro Council initiative in attendance . Released a transportation needs survey and wants feedback. It has been shared with the Veterans Advisory Council and Commission on Aging and Disabilities.
<b>Establishment of a Quorum</b> – Jim McCarron	No quorum was established. Dan Martin resigned his membership. Did not accept renewal.
<b>Approval of Minutes</b> – Jim McCarron	Cheryl Steinbacher motioned to approve January 25 <sup>th</sup> minutes. Gina Valentine seconded. Minutes approved without objection.
<b>Commissioner's Comments</b> –	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Commissioner not in attendance, no comment.</li> </ul>

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<b>Bureau of Aging &amp; Disabilities</b>	<p><u>BOAD Update- Gina Valentine</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bureau operating business as usual amid federal funding cuts; no word yet on how it impacts BOAD</li><li>• Legislative Services proposed a \$2.5 million decrease in senior care funding for this fiscal year; recommended dementia navigation decrease from \$2.5 million to \$1.2 million permanently; this recommendation has been rejected</li><li>• Last week the senate recommended \$900k cut but has since been rejected</li><li>• Veterans Celebration is Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup> from 12noon-4pm</li><li>• Aging Your Way Expo is September 10<sup>th</sup> from 9am-2pm</li><li>• Attended Veterans Treatment Court in Baltimore yesterday with Bobbie Lawrence</li></ul> <p><u>Senior Center Update- Rich Ottone</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Possibility to run out of shredding space at the shredding events so come early</li><li>• Senior Centers attendance has increase in March and more meals are being served</li><li>• Farmers Market program is changing; register online on May 15<sup>th</sup></li><li>• North Carroll Senior Center has filled the Assistant Manager position; promoted Sean Uhler; now looking for a custodian</li><li>• Volunteer recognition month end of April; Older Americans month in May</li></ul> <p><u>Program Updates – Bobbie Lawrence</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Grandparents Support Conference- Saturday March 29, 2025, 9am-2pm; topics include social media red flags, legal matters, ager and guilt</li><li>• Hands on Skills class/conference in April at Carroll Community College</li><li>• Met with the Baltimore Sun for new resource guide development</li><li>• MAP- INA visiting older housing complexes – renters tax credit</li><li>• Spring shredding events in May at all Senior Centers</li></ul>
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	<u>Rec and Parks –</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No update; no one in attendance</li> </ul>
<b>Old Business</b>	<u>Currently COAD Openings –</u> A. Current COAD Openings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Manchester – application approved</li> <li>ii. Mt. Airy – Cheri Ebaugh might have someone in mind for a representative</li> <li>iii. Sykesville</li> <li>iv. Responsibilities include attending meetings, identify gaps in services in their locations and share information</li> <li>v. Members have to be a Veteran and be a Carroll County resident</li> </ul> B. <u>MD Alliance of Disability Commissions Update-</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No new comments, meeting held bi-monthly. Dave Drezner attended meeting in January; next meeting is in April</li> </ul>
<b>New Business –</b> JimMcCarron	No new business.
<b>Area Reports –</b> COADMembres	<u>COAD Members</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cheryl Steinbacher: met with mayor of Manchester, Linda Smith; tried to meet with mayor of Hampstead Christopher Nevin</li> <li>Lauren Hickey- Vietnam Wall traveling memorial August 9-15 in New Windsor. The Lions Club is starting a beautification project in New Windsor. Carnival season is coming up.</li> </ul>
<b>Public Comment</b>	Lauren Hickey motioned for the meeting to be adjourned. All in favor. Meeting adjourned
<b>Next Meeting Date</b>	Next meeting is Wednesday, May 28 <sup>th</sup> , at 10am.