

Carroll County Commission on Aging & Disabilities Meeting

Meeting Date: January 22, 2025

Start Time: 10:00am

Location: COVE Conference Room (115 Stoner Ave)

Chairperson: Jim McCarron

Vice-Chair: Lauren Hickey

Topic	Discussion
Attendance – COAD members in bold	Amy Baker, Lauren Hickey, Jim McCarron, Cheryl Steinbacher, Bobbie Lawrence, Rich Ottone, Lois Romeo, Victoria Parks, Gina Valentine, Lisa Shepet, Dave Drezner
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, OHQC - 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. Expressed appreciation for New Year Breakfast the members joining the meeting.
Establishment of a Quorum – Jim McCarron	A quorum no was established.
Approval of Minutes – Jim McCarron	Unable to approve September 25, 2024 meeting
Commissioner’s Comments –	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioner not in attendance, no comment.

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Bureau of Aging & Disabilities	<p><u>BOAD Update- Gina Valentine</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Taneytown Senior Center, Police Station and Library are opened as emergency centers due to power outages.• Dian Linton will not be renewing her term but has recommended a replacement for her position- additional applications received.• OAAPS: federal report submitted, third year using updated system.• Hometown Takeout Program: Coupon program to provide meals to low-income individuals, while meeting nutritional requirements and provide other options for individuals who may not be able to afford eating out.• Hometown Takeout Program ran from August- September 2024, one local restaurant per Senior Center Community. Over 4,000 meals given to the Carroll County aging community.• MD Department of Aging State Audit awaiting results• County Audit for Federal Grants currently under way• Awaiting Federal Allocations• Guardianship Coordinator position open and posted until filled.• North Carroll Senior Center Assistant Manager position posted internally.• Increase amount of homelessness in aging communities, historically 70yrs or older, seeing as early as 60 years old.• Night by Night is seeing higher numbers, currently working over capacity to accommodate those relying on shelter system- high number coming in from other counties. <p><u>Senior Center Update- Rich Ottone</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Senior Inclusion Program- Office of Healthcare Quality• DDA watching Governor Moore budget cuts, possibly affecting in home supports (family paid as caregivers) with lowering pay of caregivers or removing offer.• Tax Returns: AARP volunteers assisting with basic tax returns. To make an appointment call senior centers. Appointments from February to April- Westminster Senior Center: Monday, Wednesday South Carroll Senior Center: Tuesday
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	<p><u>Program Updates – Bobbie Lawrence</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Carroll Community Partnership Workshops• Caregiver Conference November 2, 2024: 45 attendees, 12 vendors- always a wonderful event• Medicare open enrollment- 571 clients, 268 enrolled into new plans (ended December 7, 2024)• Grandparents Support Conference- Saturday March 30, 2025 9am-2pm• Funds are available for snow removal and available aging emergency funding- used specifically for aging population.• May 4, 2025, Veterans Celebration of Carroll County at the Carroll County Farm Museum from 12pm to 4pm. <p><u>AARP Age Friendly Community Initiative Update – Lois Romeo</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Qualtrics partnerships to collect responses in community survey being developed- aiming for summer release, in preliminary planning.• Qualtrics helps develop survey both physical and digital.• Developing lists for contacts to build interest in educational workshops, identifying people and organizations.• Looking for assistance to identify best places to hold training and sharing of survey.
<p>Old Business</p>	<p><u>Currently COAD Openings –</u></p> <p>A. Current COAD Openings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">i. Manchesterii. Mt. Airyiii. Sykesville <p>B. <u>MD Alliance of Disability Commissions Update-</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• No new comments, meeting held bi-monthly. Still looking for individual to attend on behalf of the Carroll County Commission on Aging & Disabilities’. Dave Drezner offered to attend meeting and relay material/ information specific to Carroll County, MD.

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<p>New Business – JimMcCarron</p>	<p><u>A. Carroll Hospital Center and Tembo Health partnership</u> Tembo Health focuses on dementia care and navigation. Carroll Hospital will assist in evaluations to qualify for Tembo Health before referring participants. Dementia care navigators, including diagnosis sites, local resources and potential financial assistance if qualifying.</p>
<p>Area Reports – COADMmembers</p>	<p><u>COAD Members</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cheryl Steinbacher: Commission on Aging & Disabilities shared with Manchester and Hampstead mayor, given literature about what the commission is and does. • Amy Baker (Behavioral Health, Health Department): Legislation established about assisted outpatient treatment. Very symptomatic/ problematic behavior- family or advocate could apply for court ordered mental health treatment. Right now, 13- 20 members in the county identified.
<p>Public Comment</p>	<p>Meeting Adjourned.</p>
<p>Next Meeting Date</p>	<p>Next meeting is Wednesday, March 26th, at 10am.</p>