

Commission on Aging & Disabilities Meeting

Meeting Date: July 10, 2019

Start Time: 10:00 am

Location: Library, Bureau of Aging & Disabilities

Chairperson: Hermine Saunders

Vice-Chair: Jim McCarron

Topic	Discussion
Attendance	Amy Baker, Dan Bowler, Val Cioeff, Rebecca Claycomb, Bob Coen, Marisa Cooke, Doc Doxzen, Dave Drezner, Art Frotton, Lauren Hickey, Diann Linton, Pam Malkin, Jim McCarron, Hermine Saunders, Leslie Wagner, Lou Yeager
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, MDH - Maryland Department of Health , FFP – Federal Financial Participation, LTAC – Long Term Advisory Council, 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, WEAAD – World Elder Abuse Awareness Day.
Call to Order and Establishment of Quorum- Hermine Saunders	Hermine Saunders called the meeting to order. A quorum was established with 10 members present.
Commissioner's Comments – Commission Ed Rothstein	Commissioner Rothstein was unable to attend.
Approval of Minutes – Hermine Saunders	Hermine requested approval of the May 2019 minutes as submitted. Jim McCarron motioned 1 st and Doc Doxzen 2 nd for approval. All were in favor to approve as submitted.
IMAGE/VME Presentation – Angela Tyler	Volunteers of Medical Engineering (VME) began in 1982 with 2 to 3 projects completed annually. In January 2019 VME merged with IMAGE Center, combining 19 programs to promote independent living. Currently they have 80 engineering and medical volunteers and service seven counties in Maryland. They have volunteers from 11 engineering colleges and high schools and just recently created an Alumni Association that provides membership to 85 young engineers. Annually they complete 30 to 50 custom projects that can take from one month to one year to complete. Bikes, a \$750 project, are their number one request. They now hold one-day bike clinics, the most recent at Change, Inc. in Westminster. All requests are reviewed by a medical and engineering committee separately. The family pays \$250 for the project; however, they are not denied if unable to afford. Several corporate sponsors and donors, as well as federal and private funding and grants are used to supplement the cost of the various projects. Call Angela at 443-320-4007 with any referrals.
Old Business – Hermine Saunders	None

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<p>New Business – Hermine Saunders</p>	<p><u>Maryland Statewide Commissions on Aging Summit 2019, Leslie Wagner</u> – September 17th at the North Laurel Community Center. Theme is Healthy Aging in Maryland and Making Maryland Age Friendly. This is sponsored by the Howard County Commission on Aging and provides an opportunity for all county Commissions to share and learn. Leslie confirmed that Bob Coen, Dan Andersen, Carol Wheatley, Jim McCarron, Hermine Saunders, Doc Doxzen and Marisa Cooke are interested in attending.</p> <p><u>Carroll Together/AIP Sub-Committee Update, Jim McCarron</u> – Broadmead presented at their last meeting. They have membership opportunities such as maintenance, transportation and social, on a sliding scale, based on ability to pay. Membership costs range from \$100 to \$450 with more services costing more money. There are several communities like Broadmead that have these types of membership opportunities such as Keswick and Ocean Pines. Jim reported that he attended the Maryland Municipal League Convention and they had an Aging in Place presentation. The municipalities of Greenbelt and Hyattsville were very involved and had partnered with villages in their communities and were providing municipal services. He will report more at the next AIP committee meeting on Tuesday, July 23rd at 10am at the Bureau of Aging & Disabilities.</p> <p><u>Area Plan: Needs Assessment Survey and Community Meetings, Becca Claycomb</u> – Maryland Department of Aging requested two minor revisions to the Area Plan. BOAD’s 4-year Area Plan (FY2020-2023) has been fully approved by MDoA.</p>
<p>Bureau of Aging & Disabilities – Becca Claycomb</p>	<p><u>Senior & Community Centers</u> –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patty Whitson is retiring; Susan Smith, Assistant Manager of North Carroll Senior & Community Center will be leaving on July 31st; Jennifer Burr, Center Manager at Taneytown Senior & Community Center will be going on Maternity Leave soon, and Katie Pass, the Assistant Manager at South Carroll Senior & Community Center will be assisting one time per week at Taneytown. • We were just awarded a Senior Center Operating Fund Grant (7/1/2019-6/30/2020) from the MDoA to hire a Registered Dietician (RD) to work with senior members that are considered at high nutritional risk after completing the annual assessment. Currently we have 150 that qualify at the five centers. The RD would be responsible for individual nutritional consultations, developing a targeted care plan, and periodic telephone support. • Flyers were distributed for: Senior Farmers Market Voucher Program, Money Smart, Real ID, Being Mortal (Carroll Hospice), Hospice Care vs. Palliative Care, Fall Prevention Screening, Alzheimer’s Association Community Education Series, Rape Crisis on recognizing and supporting victims of sexual assault, and Frauds and Scams. • CTS will be visiting the centers to discuss their services. • Farmers Market Coupons are being distributed at all five centers this week. • Senior Day at the Fair will be held on Thursday and Friday, August 1st and 2nd. <p><u>Aging & Disabilities Services</u> –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior Assisted Living Group Home Subsidy Program – The grant application has been received and the grant renewal will be presented to the BOCC on July 18th to obtain their approval to apply. The grant award is \$148,709 and supports

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staffing and pays monthly subsidies to ALFs. The grant will provide support to 17 individuals. Currently there are twelve in the program with five openings.

- Carroll County Government, including senior centers, will be closing at 3pm on Fridays in July.
- The Veterans Advisory Council submitted an application to have a table at the upcoming Carroll County 4-H & FFA Fair. The fair will be held from July 27th to August 2nd.
- A new column in the Carroll County Times “Veterans View” will be published the first Tuesday each month. The first article was published on July 2nd and upcoming topics will include available services for Veterans in Carroll County, Veteran benefits, changes in benefits and personal interest stories.
- Annual BOAD Resource Guide – Staff will begin updating information for the guide in August. Articles that focus on issues/information related to older adults, adults with disabilities, Veterans and caregivers will also be included. If you have an idea, please contact Gina or Celene. The guide will be published and distributed in October 2019; 20,000 as an insertion in the Carroll County Times and another 4,000 for the BOAD to distribute throughout the year.
- Coordinators for the Home and Community Based Services and Long-Term Care Ombudsman will be moving from contingent positions to full county as of tomorrow.

Senior Inclusion Program (SIP) –

- SIP Coordinator and Instruction & Events Coordinator will be moving from contingent positions to full county as of tomorrow.
- Participant, Victor Furst, received recognition at the Maryland Association of Community Service Providers (MACS) Achievement Award Dinner in May for his efforts to collect food and deliver it to the Westminster Rescue Mission.
- Tim Frisby was also recognized at the MACS annual meeting for his contributions as a volunteer for SIP.
- We were informed by DDA that the last individual in our ISS grant would not longer be able to receive that funding. We were able to transfer his funding to the one vacancy in our Day Hab program. This transfer filled the final opening and the program is now working with DDA and OHCQ to increase capacity. This should be completed and approved by the middle of August.
- SIP Carnival is July 17th.
- Becky Hellyer and the Human Resources department have been working with the auditors to complete the annual DDA wage report.

Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program –

- World Elder Abuse Awareness Day Event was held on June 14th at the South Carroll Senior & Community Center. Ombudsmen, along with COAD and BOAD hosted informational tables. Ombudsman Program Coordinator participated in a panel discussion along with representatives from the State’s Attorney’s Office, Sheriff’s Department and Adult Protective Services. A professor from McDaniel College gave a chilling account of how he became a victim of financial

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	scam targeted at older adults. Approximately 60 individuals attended the event.
Area Reports – COAD Members	<p>Everyone went around the room and introduced themselves. Dave Drezner, director of the Freedom Center, discussed the services that they provide to anyone of any age with any disabilities, both physical and mental health. Lou Yeager announced that coordination of the 5-year Transportation Plan is almost complete and all input should be sent to Commissioner Frazier. Amy Baker began a discussion on aging in place within psychiatric rehab programs. Since the programs are designed for psychiatric services and not aging issues, staff have become creative in how needs are being met.</p> <p><u>Dan Bowler, Family Representative for Developmental Disabilities</u> – Therapeutic Rec Day at the Farm Museum was last month. Change, Inc. and Pen Mar have merged effective July 1st.</p> <p><u>Lauren Hickey, Union Bridge/New Windsor</u> – The pilot program for trash has ended and will not be recommended. With the new council, a decrease in water bills will be addressed.</p> <p><u>Marisa Cooke, Department of Health</u> – With the upcoming changes to the Community Options Waiver Registry, they will be completing more assessments.</p>
Next Meeting Date	The next meeting date is Wednesday, September 11, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room at the Westminster Senior & Community Center.