

Carroll County Commission on Aging & Disabilities Meeting

Meeting Date: May 26, 2021

Start Time: 10:00 am

Location: Virtual Meeting on GoToMeeting Platform

Chairperson: Jim McCarron

Vice-Chair: Carol Wheatley

Topic	Discussion
Attendance – COAD members in bold	Dan Andersen , Amy Baker, Dan Bowler , Jeff Degitz, Doc Doxzen , Dave Drezner, Art Frotton , Kristen Harvey, Lauren Hickey , Bobbie Lawrence, Diann Linton , Jim McCarron , Tara McMullen , Cheryl Steinbacher , Gina Valentine, Carol Wheatley , Lou Yeager, Marisa Zaccagnini
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, 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 and welcomed everyone.
Establishment of a Quorum – Jim McCarron	A quorum was established with eleven members present.
Approval of Minutes – Jim McCarron	Jim requested approval of the March 2021 minutes as submitted. Louis Yeager made the motion and Doc Doxzen gave second for approval. All were in favor to approve as submitted.
Commissioner’s Comments	No report.

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<p>Bureau of Aging & Disabilities – Gina Valentine & Bobbie Lawrence</p>	<p>Current BOAD Operations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Currently operating by appointment only• Doors remain locked• Plexiglass remains in place• Masking/Screening Protocols lifted for visitors & staff <p>BOAD Reopening Plans-- Effective June 1st:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Doors will be unlocked.• Appointments will still be required.• In person meetings may resume. <p>Senior Centers' Status:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reopening Launch Event was a success.• Limited reopening is going well <p>Senior Centers' Expanded Reopening-- Effective June 1st:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• All Centers will be open 5 days/week• Appointments no longer required to enter• Masking/Screening requirements will be lifted• Vaccines are not required to enter• Billiard Rooms will open, but with limited capacity—Only those currently playing allowed in the room. No leagues/team play until further notice.• Meals will remain Grab & Go until Mid-June/Early July• Unsure when Bus Trips will resume—Will follow up with Rich Ottone next week for more information. <p>Food Resources:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Requests have dropped/little need reported in the community.• Department of Social Services has a listing of food resources which is posted on the county website. For more information call 443-929-4846 or email Fia.CarrollCo@maryland.gov.• Grab & Go & Home Delivered Meals continue.• There are many food resources & financial assistance programs available in the community.
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	<p>Staffing Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SIP Aides returning to work. • Veterans Case Manager – Filled, Courtney Edwards starts 5/27/21. • Waiver Case Manager – Filled, Savannah Branch starts 5/27/21. • Grant available for 2 New Positions: P/T I&A Case Manager & P/T Vaccine Outreach.
<p>Old Business – Jim McCarron</p>	<p><u>Alliance of Commission on Disabilities – Carol Wheatley</u> No meetings recently/ no updates to report. <u>Partnership with Carroll PHO – Bobbie Lawrence</u> Partnership with Ashley Weyer has been great. BOAD gets updates weekly on Level 1 Screens & Outreach. Ashley provides Outreach/Referrals in Primary Care Offices and communicates upcoming events from BOAD. <u>Update on Vaccination Rates—Gina Valentine</u> Carroll County is above the State average of 88% fully vaccinated, as of last week. CCHD believes that all older adults who wish to be vaccinated have been. <u>Durable Medical Equipment Warehouse – Lou Yeager</u> No site found to date. There were meetings with Habitat for Humanity/ReStore and Dave Hall but didn't sound promising. Other options may be at a Men's Shelter. There will be a site to donate at the Expo in September.</p>
<p>New Business – Jim McCarron</p>	<p><u>Rec & Parks Update—Jeff Degitz</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Program Guide just released can be found online: ccrecpark.org • Visits have been heavy at the parks through the pandemic and many have discovered the parks this year. • Adaptive Rec-Kayaking at Piney Run was a success. Planning to hold another later. • State awarded an additional \$1.57 million this year, so 5-year plans have been moved forward. • New Paved Trail will be added to Bark Hill Park • Extending the Trail at Leister Park to extend to Ridgely House. • Will meet with the Commissioners about new projects for the next Fiscal Year. <p><u>FY2022 Area Plan—Gina Valentine</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is an update year • Due June 7th

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting for Commissioner’s Approval on June 3, 2021 • Additional Grants will be presented outside of Area Plan • Will need Jim McCarron’s signature on Area Plan • Allocations came in and appear to be level with last year’s funding. <p><u>WEAAD Event-June 15—Gina Valentine</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Virtual Presentations from 9-11:30am followed by a Shredding Event 1-3pm at WSCC. • Topics include ways to avoid scams/fraud and resources for reporting/identifying abuse. • Registration is available online or by calling the BOAD 410-386-3800. • Tablets are available for those without internet access who wish to attend online, or they may choose to call in to the event. <p><u>Current Openings—Bobbie Lawrence</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MAP I&A – full-time grant contingent – Will support I&A in Identifying programs and helping people apply. • SIP---Full-time position (40hrs/week). • SCSC—Assistant Manager Position.
<p>Area Reports – COAD Members</p>	<p><u>Union Bridge/New Windsor – Lauren Hickey.</u> There will be no carnival this year, but in June the concession stands will be open. The New Windsor Fire Dept. will continue have food trucks on Wednesdays at Fairgrounds and you can now stay and eat on location. New Windsor has a new Mayor for the first time in 22 years, along with 2 new council members. The community seems very excited about these new changes and are hoping to get some of the sidewalks repaired.</p> <p><u>Westminster – Carol Wheatley.</u> The BOAD Virtual Open House was excellent. Thanked Gina Valentine, Bobbie Lawrence, and Leslie Wagner for their technical support.</p> <p><u>Hampstead-Cheryl Steinbacher.</u> Is excited to be able to start making contacts in the community. Will reach out to Lori Ash at NCSCC. Will be checking into the logistics of setting up a booth or table at Hampstead Fair Day and following up to see if it is feasible.</p> <p><u>Manchester – Doc Doxzen.</u> Vintage car shows are a great place to connect with the aging population and provide outreach. Would be happy to team up with Dan and Cheryl to set up a booth or table at some of these events in the North Carroll area.</p>

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Next Meeting Date	<p>The next meeting date is Wednesday, July 28, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. Meeting information will be shared prior. (Expected to be in-person at WSCC).</p>