

## Carroll County Commission on Aging & Disabilities Meeting

Meeting Date: May 28, 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, Dave Drezner, Louis Yeager, Robert Hicks, Celene Steckel, Lisa Shepet, Lindsay Davis, Commissioner Vigliotti, Amy Baker
<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	Jim McCarron called the meeting to order.
<b>Establishment of a Quorum</b> – Jim McCarron	No quorum was established.
<b>Approval of Minutes</b> – Jim McCarron	Cannot approve minutes without a quorum so we will approve next meeting.
<b>Commissioner's Comments</b> –	Commissioner Vigliotti <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May 22<sup>nd</sup> the County Budget was approved; no cuts due to higher revenues and no tax increases</li> </ul>

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<b>Bureau of Aging &amp; Disabilities</b>	<p><u>BOAD Update- Bobbie Lawrence</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MD Department of Aging received all funding for FY25 in one lump sum</li> <li>• No updates on federal funding for FY26</li> <li>• SOAR – passed in legislation; state program which combines Senior Care, SALS and Congregate housing programs.</li> <li>• Veterans Celebration May 4<sup>th</sup> 500-600 in attendance; ceremony was great; next year will be our 5 Year Celebration</li> <li>• Aging Your Way Expo is September 10<sup>th</sup> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ COAD has a table at the event last year; Jim McCarron wants to have one this year</li> <li>○ Cheryl expressed the table needs to have a display and not just a couple of pieces of paper to hand out</li> <li>○ Janet Serio, new Program Coordinator hired and starts next Thursday</li> <li>○ Commissioner Vigliotti, Lisa Shepet, Cheryl Steinbacher, and Dave Drezner all volunteered to man the table at Expo</li> <li>○ Jim McCarron to email committee members to assist with manning the Expo table</li> </ul> </li> <li>• WEAAD – June 10<sup>th</sup>; educating professionals and staff that provide care to the elderly at Westminster Senior Center from 9am-11:30am</li> <li>• Senior Centers have held shredding events during the month of May; still 12 more days to go</li> <li>• In June: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ SHIP providing answers about insurance 10am-1pm June 2<sup>nd</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> at all Senior Centers in collaboration with the Maryland Insurance Administration</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Nicole Lewis – started as the new Program Coordinator of Guardianship at the end of April</li> <li>• MAP – scheduling appointments to apply for OHEP at housing complexes</li> <li>• Kahlert grant – provides emergency fund for seniors in need on a case-by-case basis</li> </ul>

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	<p><u>Senior Center Update- Rich Ottone</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thanked the Commissioners for supporting building projects at the Senior Centers</li> <li>• SIP program got most of their funding restored</li> <li>• Farmers Market program – started early and is online only; system was not ready on May 19<sup>th</sup>; now able to sign up; 125 people signed up but are awaiting approval</li> <li>• Celebration Older Americans month today with Hot Dog Day, also served 70 lunches</li> <li>• A local Girl Scout troop came and painted around a storm drain this past weekend at the Westminster Senior Center</li> </ul> <p>Lois Romeo: shared her presentation on Age Friendly Initiative</p> <p><u>Rec and Parks – Bob Hicks</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has hired a lot of new staff at Community parks and have also hired a manger for the Charles Carroll Community Center</li> </ul>
<b>Old Business</b>	<p>B. <u>MD Alliance of Disability Commissions Update-</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No new comments, meeting held bi-monthly. Dave Drezner attended meeting in April and plans to attend the next meeting</li> </ul>
<b>New Business – JimMcCarron</b>	<p>Celene Steckel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Renovations for the Family Shelter are ongoing at the COVE</li> <li>• Advocacy subcommittee created under the Circle of Caring – Stephanie Halley and Dave Drezner will be cochairing the committee</li> </ul> <p>Amy Baker</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Food Insecurity Grant – staff to go out to food distribution sites to work with people on how to prepare food they receive; will also have peer support professionals there to assist</li> <li>• June 21<sup>st</sup> is medication and sharps takeback in Union Bridge</li> <li>• Health Department is discussing who is taking over on the different components of a Healthier Carroll County</li> </ul>

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	HALT – question was asked if anyone in the COAD hear from the Healthier Carroll County about taking on these initiatives; next HALT meeting is in person in June
<b>Area Reports –</b> COADMembres	<u>COAD Members</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Manchester – no update; 4<sup>th</sup> of July festival happening</li><li>• New Windsor – new mayor elected – Kevin Cornick; a beautification project has begun to get ready for the traveling Vietnam Wall memorial arrival</li><li>• Union Bridge – Farmers markets have begun for the summer season</li></ul>
<b>Public Comment</b>	Lauren Hickey motioned for the meeting to be adjourned. All in favor. Meeting adjourned by Jim McCarron.
<b>Next Meeting Date</b>	Next meeting is Wednesday, July 23rd, at 10am.