

Commission on Aging & Disabilities Meeting

Meeting Date: May 11, 2016

Start Time: 10:30 am

Location: Bureau of Aging & Disabilities Library

Chairperson: Robert Coen

Vice-Chair: Ed Leister

Topic	Discussion
Attendance	Larry Burbank, Val Cioeff, Bob Coen, Arthur Frotton, Karen Gauvin, Christine Kay, Ed Leister, Diann Linton, Elizabeth MacDougall, Hermine Saunders, Peter Turner, Gina Valentine, Patty Whitson, Brad Zebal
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. CTS – Carroll Transit System, CIL - Center for Independent Living, DHMH - Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, FFP – Federal Financial Participation, 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
Call to Order and Approval of Minutes- Robert Coen	Bob Coen welcomed everyone and introductions were made. Bob Coen requested approval of the March 2016 minutes as submitted. Hermine Saunders motioned 1 st and Ed Leister 2 nd for approval. All were in favor to approve as submitted.
Citizen Services & Bureau of Aging & Disabilities- Gina Valentine & Patty Whitson	<u>Bureau of Aging & Disabilities, Gina Valentine</u> – The Senior System of Care is a group of partners from public and private agencies that work collaboratively to improve the coordination of care for older adults living in the community. Gina reported that the group's Hoarding Task Force recently distributed a survey to gauge the prevalence of hoarding in Carroll County. The survey results showed that hoarding is not a significant issue in Carroll County at this time. Gina stated that the Task Force will compile and publish a list of hoarding resources before the group stops meeting. Individuals with hoarding challenges can also be referred to the adult multidisciplinary team that meets at the Health Department. The adult multidisciplinary team works with individuals to help them find resources and solutions for complex issues. The Senior System of Care also discussed care concerns related to the financial well-being of older adults. The Veterans Services program was awarded a \$55,000 grant from the Kalhert Foundation that will be used to hire a part-time case manager and fund for veterans with emergency needs such as temporary housing, home repairs, training etc. The SHIP/SMP program recently hosted shredding events in the community. The events served 495 people and 26,350 lbs. of material was collected and shredded. Federal financial participation (FFP) is the new billing process implemented on 4/1/16 for I&A services. FFP is anticipated to produce approximately \$114,000 in revenue for the BOAD which exceeds the \$88,000 MAP allocation it will replace. Home and Community Based Services programs recently conducted a

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	<p>participant survey. 100% of clients surveyed were extremely satisfied with case management services from BOAD 75% of clients surveyed were extremely satisfied & 25% were satisfied with all of the services they receive through the HCBS program. HCBS services include such as Personal Emergency Response Systems (PERS), Personal Care Assistance, Home Delivered Meals, and Case Management.</p> <p><u>Citizen Services</u> - No report</p> <p><u>Senior & Community Centers, Patty Whitson-</u> Senior Center newsletters were distributed. The Senior Centers recently held their annual volunteer recognition events. 471 unduplicated volunteers provided 51,452 hours of service to the senior centers over the last year. May is Older Americans Month and this year's theme is Blaze a Trail. The BOCC signed a proclamation regarding Older Americans month and various special events are planned at the 5 senior centers throughout May. Law Day was held on May 2, 2016. 8 volunteer attorneys prepared 57 living wills and medical POAs for individuals, free of charge. The Senior Farmers Market Vouchers will be distributed through the senior centers in July. This year's funding allocation will provide \$30 in vouchers for 143 individuals. Others can be referred to the Carroll County Food Sunday who also has vouchers for distribution.</p> <p><u>Area Plan Update, Patty Whitson-</u> The Area Plan is comprised of funding received from MDOA (state and federal pass through funds) which makes up 43 % of revenue for the BOAD (FY17 \$658,663 total). Funding allocations declined slightly, by 1.189 % or \$7,831 less than last year. The slight decrease has not affected the ability to deliver programs. This funding supports 16 positions within the BOAD along with miscellaneous program expenses. There are required matches within the various grants that we are able to meet with general operating funds received from the County. Danielle Yates requested that three members of the COAD form a committee to assist in reviewing the Area Plan. Bob Coen, Karen Gauvin, and Elizabeth MacDougall volunteered to sit on this committee and will schedule a time to meet with Danielle Yates to review the Area Plan.</p>
<p>Old Business</p>	<p><u>Seniors on the Go Expo, Patty Whitson-</u> Patty shared statistics from the 2016 expo: 2,000 attendees, 141 vendors, 653 meals served, 55 lbs. of unused/expired medication was collected by Carroll County Sheriff's Office. Peter Turner thanked everyone who volunteered to staff the COAD booth at the expo. COAD members discussed offering a different giveaway item for the 2017 expo, possibly a magnet with MAP phone number.</p> <p><u>Discuss By-laws, Goals, Meeting Frequency and Mission Statement, Patty Whitson-</u> The bylaws were discussed, suggestions were made and the members voted on the following revisions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Change the language in the bylaws from "seniors" to "older adults." All were in favor.

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New Business	Resource guides were provided to members for distribution in the community.
Area Reports/Announcements	<p><u>Veteran’s Report, Larry Burbank</u> – An event for Vietnam Veterans will be held in June at the MD State Fairgrounds in Timonium. The event is free for Veterans and \$5 for guests. Maryland Public Television will be airing Veterans programming on May 22nd & 23rd.</p> <p>Mc Daniel college will host the State of Aging Conference on Tuesday, August 9th more information will be provided as it becomes available.</p> <p>The Westminster Senior Center will host an event on May 19th to help educate the public on how to use Trailblazer transit services.</p>
Next Meeting Date	The next meeting date is Wednesday, July 13, 2016 at 10:30 am at the Bureau of Aging & Disabilities Library