

Carroll County Commission on Aging & Disabilities Meeting

Meeting Date: July 23, 2025

Start Time: 10:00am

Location: Virtual

Chairperson: Jim McCarron

Vice-Chair: Lauren Hickey

Topic	Discussion
Attendance – COAD members in bold	Lauren Hickey, Jim McCarron, Cheryl Steinbacher , Cheryl Ebaugh, Rich Ottone, Lois Romeo, Jason Martin, Louis Yeager, Robert Hicks, Lisa Shepet, Commissioner Vigliotti, Gina Valentine
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.
Establishment of a Quorum – Jim McCarron	No quorum was established.
Approval of Minutes – Jim McCarron	Cannot approve minutes without a quorum so we will approve next meeting.
Commissioner's Comments –	Commissioner Vigliotti <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commission Rothstein has been appointed to the Secretary of Veteran Affairs with the State

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Bureau of Aging & Disabilities	<p><u>BOAD Update- Gina Valentine</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Department is excited for Commissioner Rothstein's appointment Working on the Area Plan for Aging Not expecting any federal funding cuts Aging Your Way Expo is September 10th from 9am-2pm at the Ag Center COAD will have a table at the Expo and will need volunteers to man the table Pickle ball courts will be available at Expo <p><u>Bobbie Lawrence</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MAP are meeting at older adult complexes to update energy assistance applications Care Giver Workshop – Caring for Yourself While Caring for Others on July 12th had 12 people attend Steering Committee for Health Equity Plan upcoming CCHD absorbing initiatives from the Partnership for a Healthier Carroll County and the Healthy Aging Leadership team (HALT) State and Federal funding so far relatively the same; however, there are some concerns about assisted living support funds <p><u>Senior Center Update- Rich Ottone</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Farmers Market program – started early and is online only; system was not ready on May 19th; after some initial bumps in the road 204 participants got cards and we hit our allotment Angie Walz has retired as the Mt. Airy Senior Center Manager as of June 30th; 30 years of service; interviewing new candidates that would start in late August 4-H Fair July 31st-August 1st – awarding ribbons for senior projects for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places October 6th – 10th – flu shot drive thru <p><u>Lois Romeo Age Friendly Initiative</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> July 1st the survey was launched

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Old Business	<p>A. Finksburg new appointment is Nancy Horne is a new member</p> <p>B. Struggling to get a quorum with 5 vacant positions: Gina Valentine suggested to review and update the bylaws after Expo</p> <p>C. <u>MD Alliance of Disability Commissions Update-</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No new comments, meeting held bi-monthly. Dave Drezner attended meeting in September
New Business – JimMcCarron	<p>Gina Valentine</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need volunteers for Expo on September 10th to man the COAD table; Cheryl Steinbacher and Lisa Shepet agreed to sign up • Suggestion to order a retractable banner to explain what is the purpose of the COAD • Set-up for table is one day before Expo; will need a list of vacancies to recruit • Jim McCarron wants to explore the idea of having future COAD meetings in person • The COVE Conference room could be used as a meeting place

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Area Reports – COADMMembers	<u>COAD Members</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lauren Hickey<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ No report from the West side○ Vietnam Traveling Wall to visit New Windsor in October; sponsored by Babylon Vault○ Beautification project ongoing in New Windsor to get ready for The Wall○ October 4th is Music on Main in New Windsor• Jim McCarron<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ History Fest at CC Historical Society this weekend on Saturday from 11:30am-3:30pm○ August 1-2 – Taneytown History Museum celebrating its anniversary by dedicating the Harney school bell○ Tuesday, August 5th is National Night Out
Public Comment	Meeting adjourned by Jim McCarron.
Next Meeting Date	Next meeting is Wednesday, September 24th, at 10am.