

Talbot County Commission on the Aging

Meeting Minutes

Brookletts Place Talbot Senior Center
400 Brookletts Ave. Easton, MD 21601

Date: Wednesday, November 10, 2021

Time: 8:30 a.m.

Members Present: Marion Donahue; Veda Gibson; Childlene Brooks; Gary Gunther; Megan Murray; Rachel Smith; Kate Stinton; Ellen Taggart

Members Absent: Arthur Cecil; Frank Divilio; Lauren Harding; Jennifer Pierson; Linda Prochaska; Susan Roecker; Tami Weber

- I. Call to order- 8:35am
- II. Treasurers Report-Marion
 - a. Marion is on the account
 - b. No expenditures
 - c. Balance \$2042.18
- III. Business

Approve Minutes with correction of spelling of Veda's name
- IV. Covid-19 Update
 - a. Limited doses for pediatric vaccine at the Health Department, but pharmacies and pediatricians offices also have doses
 - b. Boosters available at the vaccination site on Marlboro Avenue and the Health Department is reaching out to home bound seniors & there is mobile services for congregate senior housing
- V. Regional Commission on Aging Meeting
 - a. Jenna contacted Muriel Cole & she is interested in meeting with us, in person
- VI. Committees
 - a. Website/Social Media

- i. Turn in Facebook post and headshot to Marion for the page
 - ii. Committee to meet in December and hope to post in January
 - b. Community Outreach
 - c. Marketing
- VII. Current member information updates-All
 - a. Senior Care
 - i. Presented to County Council for FY 22
 - ii. Served 221 Seniors last year
 - iii. Department of Aging Grant has been \$115,000/ year and County Council \$50,000/ year. Depend on In Kind—County nudged them to ask for more money
 - iv. Money is used to support emergency response buttons, case management, supplemental nutrition and incontinent supplies, personal care
 - b. Talbot Hospice
 - i. Hospice and Palliative Care Month
 - ii. Remembrance Day was yesterday
 - iii. Child loss ceremony is next week
 - iv. Festival of Trees Thanksgiving Weekend
 - c. Brooklett's Place
 - i. Aging Mastery Program beginning in January 2022 (both Easton & St. Michaels)
 - ii. Added additional Chesapeake Classes
 - iii. Membership attendance is not where it was pre pandemic, but more people are beginning to attend
 - d. Next Months presenter: Doris Mason, Talbot Retired & Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)
 - e. Potential Project- Partner w/ MD Access Point to update the site

VIII. Report from Area Agency on Aging-Gary Gunther

- a. Medicare open enrollment through 12/07
- b. Hired a new Ombudsmen, Megan Pinder
- c. American Recovery Act Grant- \$185,00 over 3 years
- d. Elder Abuse Prevention (Financial) Trainings

IX. Adjournment- 9:22 am

Next meeting will be December 8, 2021 at 8:30 am.

VISION:

ENHANCE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR ALL SENIORS IN TALBOT COUNTY

MISSION:

THE COMMISSION ON AGING WILL ADVISE THE TALBOT COUNTY
COUNCIL ON ISSUES AFFECTING SENIORS AND ADVOCATE FOR
CHANGE