

Talbot County Commission on the Aging

Meeting Notes

Meeting Location: Londonderry Manor House 700 Port Street Easton, MD 21601

Date: Wednesday, September 8, 2021

Time: 8:30 a.m.

Members Present: Gary Gunther; Lee Newcomb; Rachel Smith; Jenna Marchi; Jen Pierson; Veda Gibson; Marion Donahue; Julie Crocker; Art Cecil; Ellen Taggart; Linda Prochaska; Megan Ryan; Childlene Brooks; Kate Stinton

Members Absent: Frank Divilio; Lauren Hardin; Susan Roecker; Tami Webber

I. Call to order

II. Treasurers Report-Julie Crocker

- a. Balance: 08/31 \$2169.26
- b. No Expenditures/ no deposits

III. Business

a. Approve Minutes— Minutes approved w/ revision that we do not have permission from the Federal Trade Commission to upload the brochure, however we do have permission from Sheriff Department

b. Officer Elections

i. To be scheduled for next month

ii. Treasurer needed- only need to have been on commission for a year

iii. Vice Chair- Ellen Taggart

iv. Chair- Jenna Marchi

v. Secretary- Jen Pierson/ Lee Newcomb

vi. Membership- marketing for membership to be submitted to community newsletters including Brooklett's Place. Ellen Taggart to draft the message

IV. Covid-19 Update

- a. As of Friday: Transmission rate is 145 to 100,000; 13% under 12; ¼ 18 and younger; over 90% under age 65; Those that tested positive 73% were not fully vaccinated; 17 hospitalizations in August; low rate of hospital stays of people who were hospitalized; 3rd doses being offered to those who are immunocompromised (Pfizer and Moderna) not the same as a booster

V. Discussion

- a. DME Loaner Closet- Department of Aging Website if you need to request equipment— if critical equipment it requires a doctor note, if not can be requested without note— distribution site will be DCS in Dorchester; to donate items can be taken to the Landfill during operating hours.
- b. Dave Davis from Ridgely Lions Club can still be utilized for donations
- c. Maryland Access Point-
 - i. MD 211 to be doing the updates
 - ii. MAP Coordinator no longer has access to the program to make updates

VI. Committees

- a. Website/Social Media
- b. Community Outreach
- i. Centenarian Project
 - c. Marketing
- i. Printed Materials
- ii. Schedule meeting

VII. Current member information updates-All

- a. Home Instead- Be a Santa to a Senior to begin soon
- b. Partners in Care- Interviews beginning for membership soon
- c. Talbot Hospice- volunteers have been back since June; 1st volunteers training is happening right now
- d. Brookletts Place- Open, but attendance is low; Program schedule is light; new SHIP Coordinator- Joanne Brice;
- e. Londonderry- 30th Anniversary party on the 30th of September- All are welcome; Dream Flight was a success

f. Shore Health (Jen)- Congestive Heart Failure into rehab workgroup to prevent hospitalizations, more to come

g. DSS- Statewide phone number for reporting child abuse and neglect

VIII. Report from Area Agency on Aging-Gary Gunther

a. Waiting on American recovery act funds

b. Received initial 2020 census data, but has not had a good look, senior care allocations dependent; were told to expect level funding. Hoping for more money in FY 2022.

c. Recruiting for MAP Position and Ombudsmen. Doris Mason has accepted position for Retired and Senior Volunteers Coordinator (over age 55)

IX. Adjournment

Next meeting will be October 13, 2021 at 8:30 am.

VISION:

ENHANCE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR ALL SENIORS IN TALBOT COUNTY
MISSION:

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