

# **Talbot County Commission on the Aging**

## **Meeting Minutes**

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

Wednesday, September 14, 2022 at 8:30 a.m.

Members Present: Jenna Marchi, Marion Donahue, Andy Hollis, Childlene Brooks, Kate Stinson, Lee Newcomb, Ellen Taggart, Veda Gibson, Rachel Smith, Frank Divilio, Victoria Gomez Lozano, Jennifer Pierson

### I. Call to order

Introduction of Members

Welcome to Matt Watkins and Brian LeCates from Talbot County EMS

### II. Treasurers Report-Marion

Balance: \$1741.94

Disbursement: \$276.54 Aug Go Daddy payment

### III. Business

#### a. Approve Minutes

Approved

#### b. New members

Art Cecil resigned from TCCOA

### IV. Guest: Brian LeCates, Brian Watkins – Talbot County EMS Presentation

64% of calls for EMS are age 60 or older

Falls are the number one reason for calls.

Program/partnerships: Mobile Integrated Health program, fall prevention program with home safety evaluation. Covid interrupted the program temporarily but the programs are returning

Poly-pharmacy Program – Collaboration with the Health Dept, Pharm D from Shore Regional Health, and EMS to work with residents on issues related to poly-pharmacy

There has been a 2.5% increase in calls in EMS calls in the past year.

The response time goal is 8 minutes. They are currently meeting that goal.

Adding increased services to the north part of Talbot County. Building a new building in Cordova to better serve that area of the county

Increase in calls related to behavioral health concerns- particularly since COVID

Discussion of increase in homes being added to Talbot County and the impact that this will have on calls and added stress to the EMS and ED. There is one new development proposed that is 55+

4-5 hour wait for EMS to transfer to ED due to high wait times in ED. Major concerns about the drain on resources that waiting for the ED causes for the response time to the rest of the community

Talbot County EMS is currently fully staffed. Increase in benefits and compensation have attracted quality candidates and improved retention

EMS Peer support group is being developed to address the mental health of first responders – multi disciplinary approach for State and County level for Mental health support first responders

Talbot County EMS has access to a language line to assist with language barriers. Talbot county has a Spanish speaking dispatch employee and they are looking to increase the Spanish speaking employees

Talbot County public school has a career track that leads to EMS certification

## V. Committees

### a. Community Outreach

- i. Aging and Disability related healthcare resource access
- ii. Subcommittee meeting

Candidate sub -committee: Round Table discussion with candidates

Republican candidates: Oct 13 5:30 at Brooklets Place for TCCOA members

Democrat candidates: Oct 12 proposed date for democrat candidates but date is not confirmed

Presentation for round table: Updates on senior center, Upper Shore Aging on Aging, Senior Care Program slide presentation- General demographics, poverty level of seniors, overview of senior programs

More than half of the county council will be new.

### b. Website/Social Media

i. Recruitment – no report given

c. Marketing

VI. Current member information updates-

Health Department- supply closet is now cleaned out and there is space available for supplies for the Supply Drive

New location for Health Department is moving forward

Booster available from the Health Department – call for an appointment, 12 and older, 2 months since your last booster and 3 months since COVID infection. Call for appointment 410-819-5641

Upcoming Events in Talbot County

Sept 24<sup>th</sup>- Fredrick Douglas Day

Sept 29<sup>th</sup>- “Getting Back Out There” – how to re-engage after pandemic- Brookletts Place

Oct 11<sup>th</sup> 8:30- Breakfast Bites- Networking/Sharing – Brookletts Place

Sept 16<sup>th</sup>- Movie night – Friday 8pm hosted by Chesapeake Multicultural Resource Center

Sept 17<sup>t</sup> Block Party 12:00 hosted by Chesapeake Multicultural Resource Center

VII. Report from Area Agency on Aging

New RSVP project manager will be invited to speak at TCCOA -date to be determined

VIII. Adjournment

Next meeting will be October 12, 2022 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