

# **Talbot County Commission on the Aging Meeting Minutes**

Location: Brookletts Place Talbot Senior Center  
400 Brookletts Ave. Easton, MD 21601  
Wednesday, July 12, 2023 at 8:30 a.m.

**Members Present:** Marion Donahue; Kate Stinton; Ellen Taggert; Andy Hollis; Lee Newcomb; Terry Satchell; Lee Newcomb; Childlene Brooks; Lynn Mielke; Jennifer Pierson; Grace Lyons; Veda Gibson

Members Absent: Megan Murray; Carrie Ottey; Rachel Smith; Jenna Marchi

**Guests:** Karen Holstein, Brightstar

- I. Call to order: 8:32 am
- II. Guest Speaker: Maela Rider
  - a. MD became a Birthday State starting July 1
  - b. Every Medicare recipient that has a supplemental plan has a special enrollment period 30 days prior (30-day window) to their birthday that allows them to “shop” insurance due to the price of insurance.
  - c. Only for people who have a supplemental plan, does not apply to those who do not have a supplemental plan.
  - d. Best plan is Plan G, Plan F has been abolished
- III. Treasurers Report-Marion
  - a. Balance as of June 30, 2023- 1486.94
- IV. Business
  - a. Approve Minutes- Minutes approved for June 2023 with revisions
- V. Senior Resource Fair (Jenna, Ellen, Lee, Megan; Jen)
  - a. Tentative date of October 2023
  - b. Location TBD
  - c. Vendors, \$50- nonprofit; \$100- for profit
- VI. Committees
  - a. Community Outreach
    - i. Senior Supply Drive
      1. Amazon has had a good response, approximately \$500 in donations
  - b. Website/Social Media
    - i. Increased traffic on website, 260 site visitors in past 30 days
    - ii. Past 12 months, 1121
    - iii. Share Talbot Spy interview about Senior Supply Drive on Website/  
Facebook
  - c. Marketing
    - i. Talbot Spy Senior Interviews

1. Schedule TBD

VII. Current member information updates-All

- a. Candlelight Cove in collaboration with Bright Store is hosting a virtual dementia tour on July 25, 2023- call Candlelight Cove to schedule
- b. University of MD Shore Regional Health- Plans are still underway for the new hospital. Final Plans set to be completed by January 2024; Projected completion date of 2028
- c. County Council
  - i. 9-month moratorium on cannabis so zoning ordinance can be amended, etc.
  - ii. Council approved Septic & Sewer for new hospital

VIII. Report from Area Agency on Aging

- a. Deputy Secretary has left the Department of Aging
- b. T-Mobile Hometown Grant- 33,359.00 to refurbish computer lab & replace staff computers
- c. Give 65 fundraiser in partnership with Home Instead and Upper Shore Aging- MOW

IX. Adjournment: 9:28 am

Next meeting will be August 9, 2023 at 8:30 am.