

Talbot County Commission on the Aging

Meeting Minutes

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

Wednesday, January 11, 2023 at 8:30 a.m.

Present: Jennifer Marchi, Ellen Taggert, Jennifer Pierson, Kate Stinton, Lynn Mielke, Andy Hollis, Rachel Smith, Grace Lyons, Childlene Brooks, Veda Gibson, Marion Donahue, Lee Newcomb

Absent: Christina Wingate-Spence, Meg Murray,

- I. Call to order- 8:35
- II. Treasurers Report-Marion
 - a. Balance: \$1486.94
 - b. Disbursement: \$255.00- Amy Steward payment for article
- III. Business
 - a. Approve Minutes- recommendation to add which month is being approved with the recording of the minutes. Approved December 2022 minutes.
 - b. County Council Liaison: Lynn Mielke- Welcome to Lynn Mielke
- IV. Transportation
 - a. Mobility on demand- Bus passes will be accepted for Mobility on Demand. There are communications issues with DCT and Mobility on Demand and clients are having difficulty getting good information regarding how to access a ride. Lynn requesting a letter to be presented to County Council regarding the concerns around transportation and Mobility on Demand.
 - b. Action Item: Andy to invite Keith Adkins from DCT to speak at the next TCCOA meeting. Jenna to begin letter to be presented to Talbot County Council for follow up meeting with DCT on January 24, 2023.
- V. Committees
 - a. Community Outreach
 - i. Senior Supply Drive- Link sent to TCCOA members for AMAZON wish list for Senior Supply Drive. Storage of the items is a concern. Talbot County

Health Department is working on storage. Upper Shore Aging has provided a storage bin. Drop off locations are at Brookletts Place, Talbot County Health Department, Home Instead.

- ii. Equipment- Department of Aging has a DME program – Drop off location is at the landfill and you can request DME by calling. Information is on the Department of Aging Website.

b. Website/Social Media

c. Marketing

Grace provided a flyer invite for TCCOA monthly meeting to be posted. An electronic copy will be sent to the members. Moving forward on a rack card for information on TCCOA

VI. Current member information updates-All

- a. Discussion of adding new members. Ellen has posted TCCOA meeting information on local sites. Discussion of adding new members from Population Health from Shore Regional Health and Kate Stinson will consider a colleague from Talbot Health Department as her replacement when she retires in July 2023.
- b. Discussion of including the general public to the Community Partners Meeting. Suggestion to record the presentations and post on social media.
- c. Health Department: Mobile Integrated Health is re-established. Partnering with EMS. Fall assessment and fall reduction are the main focus.
- d. Brookletts Place: new Bulletin. Valentine Lunch February 16th with John Wesley Wright as singing performance.

VII. Report from Area Agency on Aging

Deb Nicholson –New Ombudsman for Upper Shore- Talbot, Caroline, Kent

Reminder: By Laws states that any member who fails to attend 3 consecutive meeting or 4 out of 12 meetings will be considered inactive member.

VIII. Adjournment

Next meeting will be February 8, 2023 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