



Talbot County Commission on Aging

Wednesday, June 10, 2026, 8:30 A.M.

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

Members Present: Kate Stinton; Rachel Smith; Ellen Taggart; Lee Newcomb; Veda Gibson; Megan Murray; Amy Keller; Jacqueline Kreinik; Carrie Ottey; Herb Cain; Rachael Cox

Members Absent: Grace Lyons; Jenna Marchi; Childlene Brooks; Lynn Mielke; Jen Pierson; Marion Donahue; Sandy Wieland; Wendy Palmer; Kathleen Dormody.

Guests: Erin Steele, Griswold Home Care

1. Call to Order: 8:30am

2. Approval of May Minutes: Ellen motion; Kate 2nd- All in favor

3. Treasurer's Report:

- **Senior Resource Fair Income-** \$2125.00
- **Expenses**
 - **Jamie-** \$850.00
 - **BJ's-** \$40.24
 - **Duncan-** \$47.98

4. Old Business:

- Openings on the Commission – 1 opening
 - a. Ellen resignation as of 09/2026

5. Sub-Committee Updates

A. Senior Task Force – Jenna

- Updates from monthly meeting (Second Thursday of the month at the Health Department @ 10:00 AM)
- Report to County Council on 06/09/2026
 - Council agreed to get RFP for a feasibility study for a low barrier shelter



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B. Senior Resource Fair

- Event Date: May 19, 2027
 - Team lead for next year- Jen P?
 - Location:
 - Reserve Fire House- Lee
 - Move exercise class to small room
 - Set-Up tent outside front door for admission/ entrance
 - Use Talbot County Community Center- Rachael to call
 - Discussion of including unlicensed home care agencies or including application licensing/ insurance information or a disclaimer
 - Provide wheelchairs or walkers for needed
- Thank Yous to vendors
- Over 200 in attendance
- *Marketing – Website / Social Media / Email*
 - Newsletter: Volunteer Lead, Wendy Palmer & Jacqueline Kreinik
 - i. Goal of September for newsletter
 - Talbot Spy Interviews:
 - Q1: Fraud & Scams – Lee Newcomb (2/11)
 - Q2: Senior Resource Fair – Jen April 15 @ 4:00 PM
 - Q3: Senior Task Force- August (Jenna & Nancy Andrew)
 - Q4: Shore Neurocognitive Health
 - 2027- Nursing home sub committee & licensing of home care, etc

Website Update:

- Amy Keller photo needed

D. Nursing Home Sub-Committee – Jen & Kate

Short-Term Goals:

- Web-based resource guide – Rachael Cox
- One-stop resource hub
 - Work being completed- goal of end of June
 - To be monitored quarterly

Resource Guide Topics:

- Nursing Home vs. Rehab
- Navigating websites
- Medicare vs. Managed Medicare
- Veteran resources
- Reporting concerns



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Schedule Presentations/ outreach events

- Brooklett's Place
- Chesapeake Forum
- Article in Attraction magazine

Next Meeting: **July will be July 14 at 8:30;** First Tuesday of each month | 8:30 AM –

E. Senior Supply Drive: Carrie & Wendy (February 2027)

6. New Business:

- July meeting cancelled:
 - Amy motioned for no meeting; Veda 2nd- All in favor
- Update on Talbot County Becoming an AAA–DRAFT RFP has been sent out
 - Dorchester has reached out to Rachael to join Talbot if we were to separate from Upper Shore Aging
 - Concerns with Upper Shore Aging include communication, tone of emails between professional staff additionally a lack of resources including IT, HR, being a nonprofit and the challenges of managing 3 very different counties.

7. Updates:

- Herb and the Deputy MD Ombudsmen interviewed 3 candidates for the open Ombudsmen position. Considering an offer to one of the candidates
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8. Adjournment: 9:42 am

Next Commission Meeting: August 12, 2026 | 8:30 A.M.

Vision

Enhance the 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.