



Talbot County Commission on Aging Meeting Minutes

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

Wednesday, November 13, 2024, 8:30 a.m.

Members Present: Katheleen Dormody; Rachel Smith; Lee Newcomb; Ellen Taggart; Megan Murray; Terry Satchell; Lynn Mielke; Megan Pinder; Carrie Ottey; Childlene Brooks; Jenna Marchi; Andy Hollis; Veda Gibson; Herb Cain; Sandy Wieland; Kate Stinton; Brenda Stone

Members Absent: Amy Keller; Grace Lyons; Jen Pierson

Guests:

1. **Call meeting to order:** 8:30 am
2. **Approval of October's Minutes**
 - A. Approved with name revision
3. **Treasurer's Report:** No report; the Commission decided at the September meeting that the Treasurer would only report when there is activity on the account. There was no activity this past month.
4. **Old Business:**
 - A. Commissioner duties and expectations for interested/ new members- approved
 - B. Committee's Listing
 - a. Add description of Committees
 - b. Senior Supply Drive- ADD Megan Pinder & Kathleen Dormody
 - C. Openings on the Commission
 - a. Kathleen Dormody and Megan Pinder- Approved 10/08/2024; Andy Hollis- Approved 11/12/2024
 - b. We have 16 voting members and 5 vacancies
 - a. Target Recruitment from Senior Housing Communities; Shore Legal Access
 - c. Rachael Cox attended our last meeting. Requested for a membership application. It was sent to her by email on 10/9/24. I do not have an update.



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5. Committee updates:

A. Senior Housing – (Parkview, St. Marks, Asbury Place, Hambleton Village) Update from Jenna

- a. Discuss presentations with other Senior Housing Communities.
 - St. Mark's Village- Carrie, Ellen- 10/17/24
 - Hambleton Village- Jen Pierson, Jenna, Ellen- 10/25/2024
 - Asbury Place- Veda Gibson – TBD
- b. Future Meetings, Location, and Next Steps – December 5 @ 10:00
- c. Invites: Marilyn Neal, NSC; Miguel Salinas, TOE; Shalonda Collins, Housing Coordinator for Talbot County; Shore Legal Access
- d. Gathering data on senior housing, stats related to seniors and poverty to present to the County Council
- e. Promote awareness – Talbot Spy Interview, Jenna
- f. The County issued a Proclamation on Homelessness during the November 12th meeting.

B. *Senior Resource Fair*: May 21, 2025

- a. Contact Jamie Petrides for food-confirmed
- b. Begin marketing
 1. Created as event on Facebook
 2. Save the Sate Flyer
- c. Vendor Solicitations- January/ February 2025
- d. Sub committee Meeting- January 16, 2025, 10:00 am

C. *Website/Social Media/Email*:

- a. Facebook – Being updated
- b. Website – Need Amy Keller's Bio
- c. Email – No update



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D. Marketing:

- a. Talbot Spy Interviews – The next one is scheduled for 11/19/2024 @ 9:00 a.m., Jenna Marchi

E. New Business:

- a. Received the proclamation presented on November 12, recognizing November as Homelessness Awareness Month.

F. Updates:

- a. Upper Shore Aging: Herb Cain
 - a. Multi year audit in process by Department of Aging
 - b. Town Hall held in Chestertown in October
 - c. MDOA preparing for legislative session- combining several programs into one
 - d. Bus Seniors to Annapolis to advocate
- b. Lynn Mielke: County Council Updates
 - a. Senior Care report, Carrie Ottey
 - b. Andy Hollis, approved as a full member
- c. The Floor is open
 - a. Talbot Hospice, Festival of Trees
 - b. Sandy Wieland and her husband recognized for 50 years of volunteering at Waterfowl Festival
 - c. Home Instead, Be a Santa to a Senior; Hiring Part Time Nurse
 - d. Allegro Choir- Upcoming Performances
 - e. Advocate for TCHD- Health Officer to have senior qualifications- Letter
 - f. Request for Presentation from NSC about changes to energy assistance
 - g. Brooklett's Place-
 1. Thanksgiving Meal, 11/21/2024- need volunteers
 2. Be A Santa to a Senior Tree

G. Adjournment:

Next Meeting: December 11, 2024, at 8:30



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Talbot County Commission on Aging Vision:

ENHANCE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR ALL SENIORS IN TALBOT COUNTY

Talbot County Commission on Aging Mission:

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