



Talbot County Commission on Aging

Wednesday, April 8, 2026, 8:30 A.M.

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

Members Present: Ellen Taggert; Rachel Smith; Carrie Ottey; Jacqueline Krenick; Veda Gibson; Kate Stinton; Rachael Cox; Lynn Mielke; Jen Pierson, Kathleen Dormody; Wendy Palmer, Sandy Wieland, Amy Keller, Grace Lyons

Members Absent: Jenna Marchi, Lee Newcomb, Herb Cain, Andy Hollis, Childlene Brooks; Megan Murray

Guests: Debbie Chase (Talbot EMS)

1. Call to Order: 8:30 a.m.

2. Approval of March Minutes: Ellen (motion), Kate (2nd), approved with change of Lynn’s name (mistakenly typed as “Ellen Mielke”)

3. Treasurer’s Report: Megan will email a report

4. Old Business

A. Openings on the Commission

- No voting positions are open at this time

5. Sub-Committee Updates

A. Senior Task Force – Jenna (April meeting, Rachel and Carrie will provide an update)

- Updates from monthly meeting (Second Thursday)
- Fello and St. Marks presentation in March
- Preliminary Report, June 9 meeting
- Easton Housing April meeting

B. Senior Resource Fair – Jen



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- **Event Date:** May 20, 2026, | 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM
- 33 confirmed vendors; 3–4 pending payment (as of 4/2/26)
- Follow-up emails sent to those who have not paid
- Jamie confirmed for pit beef (\$11/meal); lunch tickets created
- If COA members need new nametags, please email Amy Keller by 4/30

Advertising (Total: \$1,696.00):

- Facebook – ongoing
- Talbot Spy – April 15 at 4:00 PM (Megan & Jen)
- Senior Housing Newsletters – Megan completed
- Flyers – distribution underway (mid-April), Amy will laminate. Sandy and Ellen will distribute
- DCT – Jenna completed
- Radio (WHCP/WAMU/WCEI) – Jen to add to the radio station calendar
- Website – event listed
- Attractions – not being pursued

Volunteers:

- 2 SSPP students (12:00–2:00 PM)

Entertainment:

- 10:15 AM – Movement with Melody
- 11:00 AM – YMCA (Balance/Stability/Arthritis)
- 12:00 PM – Bay Country Chorus

Giveaways & Supplies:

- 500 tote bags (check-in)
- 300 magnifying glasses (COA table)
- Grace to pick up items (week of April 6)
- Megan to purchase water, tablecloths, and coffee
- Jen to send invitations, invite delegates?

Next Planning Meeting: May 7, 2026, | 8:30 AM | Brookletts Place

Layout and map will be established at May meeting



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Signs will be made at May meeting, need easels

C. Marketing – Website / Social Media / Email

Talbot Spy Interviews:

- Q1: Fraud & Scams – Lee Newcomb (2/11)
- Q2: Senior Resource Fair – April 15 @ 4:00 PM
- Q3: Senior Task Force
- Q4: Shore Neurocognitive Health

Website Update:

- Amy Keller photo needed

D. Nursing Home Sub-Committee – Jen & Kate

Short-Term Goals:

- Web-based resource guide (target June) – Rachael Cox
- One-stop resource hub
- Broader advocacy letter in development, hope to send out to local officials by end of week
- Performance snapshot- Marian will update quarterly
- Part-time Ombudsman to be funded by Talbot Co.

Resource Guide Topics:

- Nursing Home vs. Rehab
- Navigating websites
- Medicare vs. Managed Medicare
- Applying for Long-Term Care Medicaid
- Veteran resources
- Reporting concerns

Next Meeting: First Tuesday of each month | 8:30 AM

E. Senior Supply Drive: Carrie & Wendy

- Press release went out 4/2, and posted on the Talbot Commission website



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6. New Business:

- Talk with Commission members about Talbot County becoming their own AAA and the meeting that was held on Monday, March 23rd (Rachel). Drafting letter to Council to request independent contractor for feasibility study of separating from Upper Shore Aging. USA aware of meeting.

7. Updates:

- Parkinson's Awareness month in April- 5 days/wk of programs at YMCA (Wendy). April 20 @11am-documentary at Avalon
- April 19-23 Charette regarding hospital property, walking tour April 14

8. Adjournment: 9:23 am

Next Commission Meeting: May 13, 2026 | 8:30 A.M.

Vision

Enhance the 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.