

Anne Arundel County  
Department of Aging and Disabilities  
Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council

# Minutes

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November 15th, 2024

10:00am Hybrid Meeting

**Present Members:**

Jamarri Bright

Angela Mickalide

Kathy McNally

Maryann Yarbrough

Ettice Patton

Russell Jones

Shirley Norlem

**Absent Members:**

Jordan Derby

**Next Meeting will be a hybrid meeting on January 17th in the Independence Room (Heritage 2664) and Zoom webinar on at 10:00am**

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**I. Minutes**

- a. October minutes were reviewed by the council and approved.

**II. Council Reports**

**a. Department Personnel**

**i. Karrisa Kelly ( Director)**

- 1. Aging in Place is the goal of DoAD. A \$2 million grant was written for home modifications that could help over 400 residents. Three staff members are in training to be Aging in Place Specialists. We are also selecting an occupational therapist as a vendor.
- 2. The County passed legislation in July allowing departments to more easily apply for grants.

**b. Senior Centers**

**i. Annapolis Senior Activity Center (Shirley Norlem)**

1. The Senior Citizens Hall of Fame was attended by 300 people.
2. New exercise equipment was installed but there was a leak in the building so equipment was moved into the former computer room .
3. The center is continuing to be busy.
4. The Trunk or Treat event was a success.
5. The permanent bazaar table is accepting donations and it has raised about \$2K. It will be kept.

**ii. South County Senior Activity Center (Russell Jones)**

1. Showstopper Dogs - Dogs are not allowed in any centers except support dogs. If there are questions regarding this policy, please email Karrisa Kelly directly.
2. The Friends of South County and the board are merging.
3. The holiday party will be held on 12/13.
4. New member packets are being developed.
5. A new security guard is needed.
6. There will be a hat and glove Christmas tree. Members can take them if needed.
7. Voting went well but there were some issues with the Board of Elections. These will be addressed.
8. The Showstoppers holiday show is on 12/18 at 1:00 at the center.
9. There will be a book sale in February.
10. The flea market will be held on 12/6.
11. Angela Mickalide will be leading " New Kids on the Block" temporarily.
12. 2024 DAD was a success. Angela and Jamarri attended.

**iii. Pasadena Senior Activity Center (No Report)**

**iv. O'Malley Senior Activity Center (Kathy McNally)**

1. AACC registration was held on 11/12 and went well.
2. Trip registration was held on 11/13 and successful. 3 trips are waitlisted.
3. Diabetes support group held monthly and going well.
4. There was a veteran information session that was not well attended.
5. The holiday flea market and winter green sale will be held on Dec. 3-5.
6. The holiday party will be held on 12/17 on site.

**v. Arnold Senior Activity Center (Maryann Yarborough)**

1. TV viewing is an issue at the center. Cable is not available at this time. Joelle is working on a short term solution now and an official cable agreement will be completed for next year through OIT.
2. The new temporary location at AACC is going well.
3. The basket and gift cards fundraiser is on and will end on Dec. 20th.

4. The new sign directing to the center has been a success. New people have dropped in.
5. Class sizes are increasing, especially exercise.
6. The holiday party will be held at the Severna Park Elks on December 20th.
7. The Point fundraiser was a success, \$700 earned.
8. The next one will be held at Pitaya in Severna Park in December.
9. Tax assistance - Joelle is working on this to hold them possibly at an alternate location.

**vi. Pascal Senior Activity Center (Jamarri Bright)**

1. We have another person turning 100 on Nov. 25th. The celebration will probably be held on Friday, Nov 22.
2. Our Meals on Wheels (MOW) coordinator (Bill) retired after many years of service. A farewell celebration was held on Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> for him. We already have a new MOW coordinator.
3. Office of Emergency Management (OEM) event will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> at Pascal Sr. Center. Volunteers are still needed.
4. 4. Pascal has taken a page from Arnold Sr. Center and has restaurant fundraisers each month. Fundraisers were held at Brian Boru, Chick-fil-a, Carrabba's and Glory Days (entire month of October), Bubbas (this month).

**vii. Brooklyn Park Senior Activity Center (Ettice Patton)**

1. Thank everyone for the bathroom renovations and new chairs.
2. Workshops were held for Halloween and Christmas themed crafts.
3. Two fundraisers were held at Leos in October and made \$205.
4. The holiday party will be held on 12/10.
5. The Alice in Wonderland tea was attended by over 30 people.
6. A cookbook with over 180 recipes is being written and will be finished in December. It may be sold at the holiday party.
7. A mini yard sale will be held on 11/18-19th.

**III. Old Business**

**IV. New Business**

- a. There will be no meeting in December. A vote was held.

**V. Public Comment**

- a. *None*

**VI. Adjournment**

- a. All approved.

Advisory Council adjourned at 11:15am

Respectfully submitted,  
Heidi Howard