



Commission on Aging Minutes

Monday, April 27, 2026 at 1:00 PM

23630 Hayden Farm Lane, Leonardtown, MD 20650

1. CALL TO ORDER

A. Meeting Called to Order

Shalonda Nelson called the meeting to order at 1:07pm.

2. ROLL CALL

A. Establish Quroum

PRESENT


- Rowena Bossio (on-line)
- Triverr Gray (on-line)
- Dawnn Hahn
- Aurora Hidalgo
- Kei Jenkins (on-line)
- Christine Morgan
- Shalonda Nelson
- Omonigho Olumese (on-line)
- Department of Aging & Human Services (DAHS) staff members present: Lori Jennings-Harris, Director; Mercedes Jones, Coordinator

ABSENT

- Barbara O'Neal
- Kimberley Hansing
- Sara Oliver

GUEST: Courtney Veneziani, Administrator, Chesapeake Shores Nursing Center

B. Approval of Minutes

Move to approve minutes of March 23, 2026 [Commission on Aging Minutes - Mar 23 2026.pdf](#) 

Moved by: Aurora Hidalgo; seconded by: Dawn Hahn

Motion Carries

3. FY2026 BUDGET

- A. The COA has a \$3,000 budget which expires on 30 June 2026. The COA agreed that, due to time constraints, the funds will revert to the General Funds. In future meetings, the FY2027 budget will be discussed including the requirement to host and potentially fund gift bags for the Tri-County meeting in 2027.

4. SENIOR FOCUS AREA

- A. Senior Housing
Discussion included the lack of senior housing and associated issues including supply issues, limited capacity/funding, infrastructure, and planning. Potential solutions included aligning services with seniors based on their financial and health situations. Included in the possible solutions were group-home situations, matching seniors with homeowners who are willing to provide rented living space to seniors.
For additional information, the Department of LUGM, Senior Planning Specialist, is Gabby Gleissner, 301-475-4200, x1505.
- B. Senior Transportation
To date, the STS fare-free program is still in effect. The next Transportation Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for 16 July 2026.

5. NEW BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Courtney Veneziani, Chesapeake Shores Nursing Center, provided overview of the services provided by the nursing center and associated financial challenges in providing care to the community. Discussion included Medicare/Medicaid constraints, medical affordability, staffing challenges, and the importance of planning for short and long-term care.
- B. The Tri-County COA meeting will be held in Charles County, Waldorf Senior Center, 90 Post Office Road, Waldorf on 11 June 2026 from 9:00-3:00. To date, there are approximately three COA members who are interested in attending.
- C. Because the next COA meeting in May is scheduled on Memorial Day, 25 May, it was decided to cancel the COA meeting in May and hold the next meeting on 29 June 2026. A motion to cancel May meeting in May was made and seconded with the motion carried.

6. OLD BUSINESS

- A. There was discussion of surveying seniors who utilize the senior centers. Additional discussion, including possible use of FY2027 funding at the senior centers, will be continued at the next COA meetings.

7. NEXT MEETING

- A. **Monday, June 22, 2026, 1:00pm – Garvey Senior Activity Center, 23630 Hayden Farm Ln, Leonardtown, MD 20650**

8. ADJOURNMENT

- A. A motion was made by Shalonda Nelson to adjourn. Christine Morgan seconded. Motion carried. 2:03 p.m.

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