

**Truro Council on Aging
Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
November 13, 2024**

PRESENT: Dan Schreiner, Apryl Shenk, Kevin Grunwald, Carol Bishop, Kat Black; Jim Brown, Friends of the Truro COA; Michelle Peterson, Deputy Director COA.

- Meeting was called to order at 8:00 am.
- Apryl moved to approve the October minutes. Kevin seconded the motion. Unanimous approval.
- Michelle gave highlights of Georgette's Outreach report. Home Delivered meals are up as is fuel assistance and SHINE appointments. Congregate meals are up, which makes sense in the off season.
- Michelle is advertising for an on-call driver. Non-medical ride requests are up.
- A dishwasher has been found that Michelle can pay through separate funding.
- Donna Buckley, County Sheriff, will be doing a presentation about the programs the sheriff's office oversees.
- The Data Comparison report is a preliminary one and needs some tweaking. Brief discussion occurred.
- Jim Brown reported that there is not much news about the Friends of the COA. They will provide Stop and Shop gift cards for Christmas. They are paying for entertainment and contributed a lot for last month's health fair.
- There's no news on the Senior Needs Assessment.
- Michelle reported that she hopes to collaborate with the new Library Director.
- Discussion occurred regarding loneliness and what programs could be created to address it. Friendly visiting could help, but there is the issue of needing to do background checks. It was suggested that a program could start by connecting seniors by telephone.
- Kat brought up the programs available through AmeriCorps. One is Senior Companions, which could be especially helpful. It pairs active mobile seniors with homebound seniors. There is also the opportunity to apply for a VISTA Volunteer who could act as a volunteer coordinator.
- Next meeting is December 11, at 8:00 am.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:53 am.

Respectfully submitted,


Katherine Black

