

**Truro Council on Aging
Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
December 11, 2024**

PRESENT: Dan Schreiner, Apryl Shenk, Kevin Grunwald, Carol Bishop, Susan Rocca, Deborah Smullian, Barbara Bond, Kat Black, Damion Clements, Department Director, Michelle Peterson, COA Deputy Director.

- Meeting was called to order at 8:02 am.
- Apryl made a motion to approve the November meeting minutes. Kevin seconded. Unanimous approval.
- Michelle gave her report and highlighted the success of the Medicare enrollment appointments, stating that although there were a lot of issues this year, there were enough available appointments.
- Exercise and lunch were down a bit over the past month, maybe due to the season. Medical rides were down, but non-medical rides were up.
- The housing rehab program was well-attended. The monthly craft activity is going well. The Friends helped pay for supplies.
- The COA budget now has a line item for seasonal supplies.
- There is one applicant for the on call driver position. Still need a kitchen server and a dishwasher. There is money to pay the dishwasher.
- There will be a presentation on music and dementia on February 6, a "Caring for the Caregiver" on February 28, and "Dancing through the decades" on January 8.
- Dan suggested we survey caregivers to see if they might not be able to come without respite care being offered.
- Discussion about the need for day programs for those with dementia. Currently there is a program in Orleans and Chatham.
- Barbara reported on the pantry's Thanksgiving turkey dinner offering. 55 people came to pick up and 17 were delivered.
- On December 17 and 18, Santa will be here with toys to give away, funded by the Lower Cape Outreach Council. Volunteers are needed on the 16th to set up.
- Michelle is working with Julie at Box Lunch to create a men's group, coordinated with the Provincetown COA.
- Michelle reported that we received our funding from Title III, and we have been offered a new bus from CCTRA. She is looking into getting a new Sienna hybrid.
- There has been a suggestion that we schedule an intergenerational "dump dance" for the town at the community center. Inside, instead of at the dump.
- Damion said that he is working with the Select Board regarding the senior needs assessment.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:57 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Black

