

## COA Meeting, May 6, 2020

DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC, THIS MEETING WAS CONDUCTED VIA ZOOM.

Attended by: Roberta Lynch, Bob Heald (2020), Rich Ryder (2021), Perry Constas (2019), Katie Robinson (2021), Peter Burke, Susan Bernstein, Lisa Donovan, Nancy Gerstel, Christina, Kathy Powers, Nick Milano

Date in (2020) = expiration date of term for Council On Aging Board Members

Call to Order: 10:05 a.m

ROBERTA: All staff is working despite Center being closed. Outreach to community including 1700 service interactions: phone calls, meal deliveries, delivering masks, etc.

SUSAN: Making phone calls for volunteers to help with shopping; one volunteer to one senior. Working with girls Lacrosse Team to help with yardwork.

LISA: Calling seniors, making referrals, continuing casework, connecting people with what they need. Caregiver Support Group started, adding more this week. Starting ZOOM Lunch with Lisa Group. Connecting with other Outreach Workers in area.

KATHY: Making phone calls and keeping in touch with clients and caregivers. Sent photos of their activities, sending word searches. Window driveway visits with clients. ZOOM meetings with other COA support group.

SATURDAY PROGRAM: Elaine, Christina and Vicki calling people, shopping for seniors, checking in with people about parking lot BINGO to see if they are interested. Maybe brown bag lunch for BINGO in parking lot. Created Saturday Procedures Manual.

ROBERTA: Plan for reopening – Massachusetts and National Councils putting guidelines together. Will be meeting with local Directors on Monday to talk about reopening. Roberta will help review guidelines when ready for opinion – 16 Directors. Question on how to limit capacity, reconfigure seating area to keep social distancing, tables in classroom distancing, maybe Bingo on outdoor patio, redesign regular activities and how many people can be playing cards, MCOA open until at least end of June with restrictions, how often building will be cleaned. Need hand sanitizer, safety monitors, remind social distancing.

PERRY: Will we be taking temperatures of people coming into building? May be able to do horseshoes and bocci since outside activities?

Roberts: Has ordered thermometer. Kim doing exercise program on TV.

ROBERTA: Asking Nick about '21 Budget?

NICK: Still figuring out what we will get from State. Medfield receives \$8 million a year, maybe 10% decrease. There is talk about delaying May 15 Town Meeting to June 27 or 29.

PETER: Not many people going grocery shopping – can only take 2 people on bus at a time.

LISA: Maybe change hours of senior shopping?

**BOB:** Question on Budget – we agreed on giving Town money from Respite Fund – Town salaries coming out of Respite Fund – we told Town \$8000 but Respite fund receipts are down. Receipts for March were \$900 – usual is \$5-6,000.

**NICK:** We will have to reevaluate going forward.

**PERRY:** What about Yard Sale?

**ROBERTA:** Probably not happening this year. High School is offering food for people on Monday, Wednesday and Friday: bagels, pastries, sandwiches, packaged meals at 11 am.

**CHRISTINA:** How will we have people check in when they come to Center to avoid so many people touching the computer screen? What about exchange of money for Saturday lunches? She heard that Foxboro is working on credit card payment.

**ROBERTA:** Ordered hand-held scanner – it only scans card, no touching of screen.

**NICK:** Replied to question about budget for tax work-off. Is there any discussion at Town Hall?

Reply: Nothing discussed yet.

**LISA:** If we have parking lot Bingo, what about people coming inside building to use bathrooms?

**ROBERTA:** Have to wait and see what State regulations are going to be.

Motion to adjourn accepted at 10:40 a.m.



**NEXT MEETING: JUNE 3, 2020 AT 10:00 A.M.**

Respectfully submitted,

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