



Town of Hingham
Council on Aging Board
Tuesday, April 4, 2023
1:00 PM

Remotely via Zoom

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Or

In- Person

224 Central Street
Hingham, MA 02043

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Attending:

David Alschuler, Chair
Joe Nevins, Vice Chair
Karen Johnson
Joe Millburg
Cindy King-Frode
Jean Silverio
Sara Smithson
Christine Conley
Jennifer Young,
Liz MacVarish, Minutes Transcriber

Not Attending:

Ethel Franks
Josh Ross

1. Call to order – Meeting called to order
2. Remarks - Chair and Vice Chair - Reserving remarks to under Agenda items
3. Directors Report

Programs

- 2023 Volunteer Luncheon on April 11, 2023. Representative Joan Meschino and State Senator Patrick O'Connor presented the recipients of the Earle Dare Mable Volunteer of the Year Awards with citations

for the House and Senate. Recipients were Peggy Hughes- 2020, Dawn Sibor- 2021 and Joe Millburg- 2022

- Animal Adventures gave an intergenerational program during school vacation week bringing an owl, boa constrictor, chinchilla, ferret and a kangaroo.
- Triad Roundtable discussion was held on April 25th after 3 years of cancellations and reschedules. District Attorney Tim Cruz sat with his staff, the Plymouth County Sheriff's Outreach staff, Hingham Fire, PD and senior center staff to discuss the goal and benefits of establishing a Triad program. The next step is to identify interested seniors to establish a Triad program for the HSC.
- Town Meeting approved the department's additional request to fund a Full Time Program Coordinator and to retain the transportation program.

Program Statistics

| | FY22 | July | Aug. | Sept. | Oct. | Nov. | Dec. | Jan. | Feb. | Mar. | Apr |
|---|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|-------|-----|
| New Members | 234 | 19 | 19 | 26 | 20 | 26 | 17 | 6 | 7 | 12 | 16 |
| Participation (unduplicated)* | 855 | 309 | 314 | 384 | 422 | 388 | 354 | 275 | 245 | 333 | 273 |
| Participation (duplicated)* | 15,416 | 1,499 | 1,500 | 1,642 | 1,808 | 1,581 | 1,482 | 1,092 | 919 | 1,110 | 966 |
| In Person Programs (unduplicated) | 84 | 37 | 36 | 47 | 48 | 39 | 48 | 54 | 60 | 50 | 56 |
| Zoom/hybrid Programs (unduplicated) | 27 | 15 | 14 | 15 | 14 | 14 | 14 | 11 | 12 | 11 | 11 |
| Programs (duplicated) | 2,089 | 195 | 204 | 202 | 210 | 207 | 215 | 173 | 192 | 223 | 206 |
| Medical Transportation Rides (unduplicated) | 76 | 19 | 17 | 20 | 22 | 25 | 17 | 23 | 22 | 19 | 16 |
| Medical Transportation Rides (duplicated) | 832 | 62 | 58 | 84 | 87 | 101 | 61 | 93 | 65 | 79 | 53 |
| Non- Medical Rides (unduplicated) | 43 | 33 | 32 | 33 | 32 | 28 | 29 | 20 | 23 | 18 | 20 |
| Non- Medical Rides (duplicated) | 1171 | 141 | 146 | 144 | 121 | 142 | 150 | 84 | 86 | 84 | 83 |
| Rides to Senior Center (unduplicated) | 23 | 5 | 6 | 12 | 5 | 3 | 6 | 5 | 7 | 3 | 3 |
| Rides to Senior Center (duplicated) | 242 | 14 | 12 | 19 | 12 | 5 | 18 | 25 | 31 | 38 | 30 |
| Volunteers** (unduplicated) | 72 | 22 | 20 | 20 | 31 | 27 | 35 | 31 | 25 | 31 | 31 |

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| Volunteer Hours** (duplicated) | 3015 | 244 | 271 | 248 | 380 | 362 | 506 | 314 | 234 | 389 | 294 |
| Outreach (unduplicated) | 171 | 38 | 54 | 50 | 59 | 65 | 29 | 35 | 25 | 42 | 33 |
| Outreach (duplicated) | 394 | 69 | 84 | 63 | 90 | 100 | 51 | 50 | 37 | 58 | 45 |

**Volunteer hours may not be reflected until the following month.

Other

- Elder Services received its first electronic donation.
 - The Department worked with the Treasurer's Office to establish an electronic donation option.
 - To donate online, go to the Town of Hingham website, click on the *How Do I* button at the top on the right hand side, then on the left-hand side of the page, click on *Donate*. Under *Transactions*, click on *Senior Center*. Complete the blank fields as required. Transaction fees apply based on the transaction amount. The fee for an electronic check is \$.50.
- 4. 2022 Annual Town Meeting - Article 15 allows repurposing of the previously approved No additional funding is being requested. Study will be open to looking at additional sites.
- 5. Committee Updates
 - a. Friends Study Committee- Cindy King-Frode - David asked Dick Ponte will be in charge of assembling a committee with Cindy. Former and attorney will be drafting articles of incorporation for a 501c. We've drafted a mission statement. Working to put together an 18 member board. Looking for people who are involved in Town.
 - b. Senior Center Building Committee- Jean Silverio - no meeting this month
 - c. Nominating Committee - David has been in touch with people whose terms are expiring. Cindy, Ethel, Jean and Sara will be returning. Christine will not be returning. There will be 2 empty seats.
- 6. Volunteer Program
 - a. Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon April - Luncheon will be held April 11th. We have catering company with wait staff. We want to make sure we can thank all our volunteers. We'll have to call a meeting to order because there will be a quorum present. It will be an amazing day.
- 7. South Shore Elder Services Update - Cindy King-Frode - SSES meets first Tuesday of each month. There is a lot available there. They talked about workforce issues, diversity program, Stressing that services are available to higher income people who would pay a co-pay. Trying to extend the pool of people they are servicing. They have an ombudsman program who go into nursing homes and advocating and educating residents of their rights.
- 8. Future Meeting Schedule - May 9th
- 9. Other Business - Items not reasonably anticipated 48 hours in advance -- Jen explained that there is now an electronic way to make donations to the Town through UniPay.
- 10. Future Agenda Items - N/A
- 11. Public Comment - N/A
- 12. Adjournment