

January 12, 2021

Meeting of the Board of the Truro Council on Aging was held on Tuesday January 12, 2021
Present: Ron Boyles, Susan Girard-Irwin, Dan Schreiner, Denise Seager, Katherine Black, Claudia Tuckey

Also Present: Elton Cutler COA , Mary-Elizabeth Briscoe COA

Meeting called to order by Chair, Ron Boyles.

Minutes from November 2020. Approved by Dan Schreiner and Sue Girard-Irwin.

DIRECTOR

Mary-Elizabeth has 3 working goals for the COA for the new year. They are bringing the COA forward to new programs, in person and virtual. She has been working with COAST where all the directors of the COA trade off for programs on channel 99. We discussed the various ways to get the information out to the town. Currently using facebook and the newsletter. Waiting on the driver to start. There is a delay because of the requirement for a physical as the place where they would go for this was closed before Christmas for CO-ID. Kelly is trying to find another site to do this. Would like to see a ZOOM class offered to help anyone who is having difficulty using ZOOM. Chelsea has been very helpful with anyone who needs assistance. March-April a program is planned about plants and herbs. The Friends of the COA have been helping with the cost for the crafts program. It was discussed that if finances are standing in the way of any programs that we should ask the Friends of the COA to help.

OUTREACH

Elton provided the board with Client Count for Outreach Reports for December 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020. Elton continues to support elders in the community. Elton is continuing to work with the Friends of the COA for funds needed to obtain Carbon and Smoke detectors that are needed by the elder community. Elton continues to collect mail, home deliveries, pick-up day old bread and bakery items from Stop and Shop for Tuesdays pick-up at COA. He also checks on Seniors at Risk, maintains the medical equipment needed and if the COA runs short he can procure equipment from Boston and other COA's. Elton continues to provide help for elders by getting the help they need, errands and selfcare.

TRANSPORTATION:

Elton provided the board with the Monthly Transportation Report. Medical rides were proved on 2 days during December. The van gets fogged down and wiped down by the DPW between each use. There is a waiting time before the van can be used again. Outreach Coordinator

continues to use the Toyota Sienna minivan for mail, grocery and food pantry deliveries, essential errands need for seniors and home wellness checks.

NEW BUSINESS

Ron will be inviting the new Town Manager and the Liaison to the COA Board to the next board meeting. The COA board will communicate with the select board where needed. We need more board members on the COA board. The board discussed possible outreach efforts the COA could implement for those in the community to see if they would need any assistance in getting the COVID vaccine. The COA is not involved with the COV-ID vaccine at this time.

OLD BUSINESS:

NONE

Ron Boyles made a motion to adjourn: motion seconded Denise Seager and Claudia Tuckey.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Seager

