

**BROCKTON COUNCIL ON AGING  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
MONDAY NOVEMBER 7, 2016**

The monthly meeting of the Brockton Council on Aging,  
{Board of Directors} Was held on Monday November 7, 2016

*Minutes recorded by Richard Drobiak, Recorder for Board of Directors*

The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Teddi Bourassa 10:05 AM

**ROLL CALL:** . All board members present.. Janice introduced Jay Miller of Brockton Cable. Jay will be filming the day to day activities at the COA.

**MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:** Minutes of 10/ 3/16 meeting reviewed by board members. A motion was made and approved to accept the minutes.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** The Howard Fund opening balance is \$66,580.93 and the closing balance is \$67,504.68

**CORRESPONDENCE:** none

**REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR:** A copy of Director Janice Fitzgerald's report is attached.

- Janice was informed that the Governor approved \$10 per elder for the coming year
- The open law training went very well.
- Janice met with the Mayor and City Councilor Farwell to discuss moving the COA to the Shaw's Center. The topic generated a great deal of discussion. The mayor is very open minded

**REPORT OF THE ACTIVITIES COORDINATOR:** A copy of Activities Director Michelle Brace's report is attached.

**REPORT OF THE OUTREACH COORDINATOR:**

- Open enrolment is consuming the majority of the staff's time. Many of the plans have changed and the recommendation is to verify the medication list.
- A presentation on prescription advantage is scheduled for 12/19 and 12/20
- There are 16 people participating in the national diabetes program. To date, this group has lost 77 pounds. The group has volunteered for one year.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

## DIRECTOR'S REPORT- November 7, 2016

Good Morning and boy what a difference a day makes.....I will explain what I mean by that later in my report. Before I start I just want to let you know that Jay Miller from BCA will be here this morning doing some brief interviews with folks but will NOT be taping this meeting. We will be using the tape for our fundraising presentation.

- As you can probably imagine I have quite a bit on my mind lately and I apologize if I appear “blank” when you are talking to me.
- Great news this morning! I opened an email from Emmett this morning telling all COA Directors that we will be receiving \$10.00 per elder for our FY17 Formula Grant. This is wonderful and certainly sends a strong message that the Governor understands the needs of all centers and the projected increase in the elder population.
- As most of you all may or may not know by now I have hired Carla DeRosa. Carla brings a lot to my TEAM especially her language skills. Carla is off today because she had a planned trip this past weekend that was planned prior to her being hired here. Please make sure you introduce yourself to her.
- The Open Meeting Law training was very informative. Thank you to everyone that attended. Overall I think we are doing very well with how we handle our meetings
- Our Commodity program has reached its maximum limit for now. We will still take applications but many will be placed on a waiting list. I want to thank Dottie, Brian and all the volunteers that worked very hard to make this program such a great success.
- Frank is working very hard on Fuel Assistance applications, SNAP and Open Enrollment.
- I want to acknowledge Dottie, Frank, Christie and the students from Mass College of Pharmacy who were here the other day to help folks navigate thru Open Enrollment. The students saw 20 beneficiaries. The program was a HUGE success with a savings of over \$23,000.00
- The Harvest Luncheon and Halloween party were a lot of fun. Thank you to Michelle and all the volunteers.
- We still have tickets for the Holiday Party don't wait to sign up and if anyone is looking for something to do on Thanksgiving we have some tickets left for the dinner at Lombardo's.
- Ok so the moment you are all waiting for.....this part of my report will not be on my report because quite frankly there is too much to say. What a difference a day makes is referring to the news that broke the end of last week about the COA moving to the Shaws center. I want to let you know how this came about, my thoughts and the next steps.

## Upcoming Events

Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup> Painting with Mary and Brenda of West Acres 1:00PM (Full)  
Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> Election Day, All activities are cancelled  
Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup> Veterans Breakfast w/Singing Trooper Dan Clark 9:00AM (Full)  
Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup> Veterans Day, Center is closed  
Monday November 14<sup>th</sup> COA Book Club with Lucia Shannon 10:00AM  
Monday November 14<sup>th</sup> Volunteer Happy Hour 2:00-4:00  
Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup> National Diabetes Prevention Program 10:30AM  
Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup> MADD Hatter's Thanksgiving 12:30PM  
Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup> No afternoon activities (from 1:00-4:00PM)  
Monday, November 21<sup>st</sup> S.A.L.T/Triad meeting 9:30AM  
Monday November 21<sup>st</sup> Shopping Rights with Robin Putnam 1:00PM  
Tuesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> Thanksgiving Special Congregate Meal at 12:00  
Wednesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> Commodity Supplemental Food Program  
Thursday, November 24<sup>th</sup> Happy Thanksgiving, Center is closed  
Monday, November 28<sup>th</sup> Free Legal Consults with attorney Michelle Beneski 9:30-11:00 AM  
Monday, November 28<sup>th</sup> Men's Group Meeting 9:30  
Monday, November 28<sup>th</sup> S.T.O.P./"Ask Dottie" Falls Prevention 1:00-2:30PM  
Tuesday, November 29<sup>th</sup> Knitting Holiday Tree Decorating 12:00PM  
Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup> Jeopardy Trivia with Erika Troupe of Sachem Center 1:00PM

## Trips

Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup> Twin Rivers Casino  
Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup> A Thanksgiving Feast at Venus DeMilo  
Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> Christmas in Newport  
Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup> "Huke-Ke-Lau" Christmas in Haaii, Chicopee, MA

## Upcoming Events

**Please note these events are not available for sign-up yet they are for your information only.**

Decorating for the Holidays 12/1/16 10:00-12:00 (**You may Sign-up for this now**)  
Craft with West Acres 12/5/16  
Senior Safety & Self-defense 12/9/16  
Holiday Party at the Shaw's Center 12/12/16  
Cookie Decorating with Southeast Rehab 12/14/16  
S.A.L.T /Triad Wallet Safety and Identification Cards 12/19/16