



## Talbot County Senior Citizens Task Force

Thursday, January 8, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.  
Talbot County Health  
Department  
510 Cadmus Lane, Easton

**Archived recording of the meeting is available at:**

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### **Attendance:**

R. Andrew “Andy” Hollis	The Honorable Robert Rankin
Shannon Joyce	The Honorable Robert C. “Bob” Willey
Julie Lowe	Rachael Cox
Jennifer Marchi	Lee Newcomb, Talbot County DSS
The Honorable Lynn Mielke	Nancy Andrew
Michelle Nichols	Shalunda Collins
Carrie Ottey	

**1. Call to Order**— The meeting was called to order at 10:04 am.

**2. Meeting Minutes** – The minutes of the December meeting were unanimously approved. Motion by Julie Lowe. Seconded by Lynn Mielke.

**3. Old Business**— The request to add two new positions on the Task Force for Talbot County Department of Social Services – Adult services (Lee Newcomb) and the faith community (Father James Nash, Sts. Peter and Paul) is on the Talbot County Council’s 1/13/26 agenda for consideration. They will be added to the Member Roster once approved.

### **New Business**

#### **a. Possible Speakers**

- i. Kelley Callaghan – Grace Street
- ii. DHCD Representative: start with Danielle Meister, Assistant Secretary for Homelessness. Nancy Andrew will reach out. Robert Rankin offered assistance in making contact via the Easton Town Manager if needed.
- iii. Bill Shrieves – Bay Hundred Community Volunteers (What is their succession plan?)
- iv. Salvation Army

#### **b. Two subcommittees were established.**

- i. Pilot Project Sites

- i) Lynn Mielke
- ii) Robert Rankin
- iii) (Jenna Marchi will ask Bill Wieland to serve with this group.)
- ii. Case Study and Example Projects from other communities.
  - i) Jenna Marchi
  - ii) Lee Newcomb
  - iii) Michelle Nichols
  - iv) Rachael Cox

#### 4. Work Session

- a. Nancy Andrew gave a data presentation and analysis. A hard copy of the slide deck will be shared with task force members.

Additional data to be collected:

- Housing information from Asbury Place and Park View: Jenna Marchi
- Census from the Days Inn: Lee Newcomb

Additional concerns/topics identified:

- Unhoused community members need a place to shower and do laundry. (Lee Newcomb)
- Need for more 'Rep Payees' in the system. Neighborhood Service Center currently provides this service for two clients: possibly also Channel Marker and FELLO. (Lee Newcomb)
- Harm caused by phone and internet scams. (Lee Newcomb)
- Need for service navigation support possibly as a Navigation Center or One Stop Shop with resources, intake, shelter, etc. (Jenna Marchi)
- Consider the role of consent in trying to shelter the unhoused and/or provide wraparound supports to community members including seniors. (Carrie Ottey)

- b. The group agreed to invite Ken Kozel, CEO of the University of Maryland Shore Medical Center, to attend a Task Force meeting for a discussion about senior citizen healthcare needs, the S. Washington Street property and the need for senior housing in Talbot County. Robert Rankin will draft a letter to which Jenna Marchi and Nancy Andrew may add additional data/information.

- c. The presentation from this session is included as an attachment to these minutes.

**Next Meeting-** Thursday, February 12, 2026, from 10:00am -11:30am at the Talbot County Health Department. The agenda will be posted to the county website.

#### 5. Adjournment-

The meeting adjourned at 11:36am.