



Talbot County Senior Citizens Task Force

8 Thursday, January 8, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.
9 Talbot County Health
10 Department
11 510 Cadmus Lane, Easton

Archived recording of the meeting is available at:

14 [Talbot County Meeting Videos - Talbot County, Maryland](https://talbotcountymd.gov)
15 (talbotcountymd.gov)

17 Attendance:

18 R. Andrew "Andy" Hollis	25 The Honorable Robert Rankin
19 Shannon Joyce	26 The Honorable Robert C. "Bob" Willey
20 Julie Lowe	27 Rachael Cox
21 Jennifer Marchi	28 Lee Newcomb, Talbot County DSS
22 The Honorable Lynn Mielke	29 Nancy Andrew
23 Michelle Nichols	30 Shalunda Collins
24 Carrie Ottey	

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

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

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

42 New Business

- 43 a. Possible Speakers
 - 44 i. Kelley Callaghan – Grace Street
 - 45 ii. DHCD Representative: start with Danielle Meister, Assistant Secretary for
46 Homelessness. Nancy Andrew will reach out. Robert Rankin offered
47 assistance in making contact via the Easton Town Manager if needed.
 - 48 iii. Bill Shrievs – Bay Hundred Community Volunteers (What is their
49 succession plan?)
 - 50 iv. Salvation Army
- 51 b. Two subcommittees were established.
 - 52 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.