

## **Council on Aging Director's Updates**

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The Council on Aging Advisory Board met in the months of July and August and will be resuming their monthly schedule. At this time there are 2 vacancies on the Board, with one hopefully being filled at months end.

Services continue to keep us busy. Covid-19 has increased the number of calls, applications, and food services, we previously did. We have seen an uptick in the rides being provided by our GATRA Vehicles. We continue to partner with local companies such as the YMCA, and The Chef's Table to deliver meals. We continue to work in conjunction with the School Food Service Department.

OCES has distributed funds to all their communities for assisting the older adult population during the pandemic. Hanover has received \$4000.00.

Services we have provided include:

- Partnership with Food Pantry
- Transportation Services
- Notary Services
- SHINE - Health Insurance Counseling
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Applications
- Fuel Assistance Applications (Oct-April)
- Housing Application Assistance
- Assistance with filling out Advanced Healthcare Directives
- Wellness Calls and Visits
- Food Delivery
- Important Errands for those who are unable
- Providing Medical Equipment (when items available)
- Virtual Programs and Conference Calls
- Meals on Wheels Distribution in partnership with OCES.
- Referral and Resource Provider