

**Director's Report submitted by
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- The beginning of January was a very exciting time here at The Ayer COA. First of all we are looking forward to much needed facelift to the space we are currently working out of. I am looking to use the free services of the Department of Correction as I have done in the past. They will send a supervised work crew out to the center and the work will be done at no charge. I am looking for new paint and our floor to be stripped and waxed. We are also buying much needed new furniture and equipment. This will hold us over until we are able to finish our huge project of a new space.
- Our RFQ paperwork has been completed for the COA Feasibility study to go to bid. We will begin to look at agencies which apply for this work after Feb.6, 2019. I am so excited to see this dream finally beginning, this has always been my main goal over my years here as the Executive Director. This will not happen overnight and there is a procedure which must be followed in order for this to actually happen. So I express to everyone Patience!!!!
- Once again Thank you Tiny's and Markoh's for taking such good care of us on our dining out evenings!!!
- All monthly bills paid on time.
- All monthly reports written and submitted on time.
- All monthly meetings attended.
- Our numbers continue to increase almost daily which is so exciting. We are an all purpose COA which offers so much to so many . I am so proud of the life this COA has taken on. Our Home cooked meal days and also Bingo are huge in numbers. This is the way it should be :-).
- We have been contacted by AARP in regards to the 2018 Tax Prep Program. We will once again be offer FREE Tax serve to folks 60+. This is open to all Ayer residents. Spots are filling up very fast. We are one of the only COA that still has a working relationship with AARP, these folks are GREAT to us.
- Keep your eye on our month Newsletter, Action Unlimited and Cable TV as well as our Town Website for all of our coming events and activities. We are beginning to plan our spring events and activities. We are looking at different, NEW activities for our afternoon programming. We try to offer whatever folks are looking for, sometimes we are successful and other time we are not. However we are willing to try anything people are interested in doing. So bring us your thoughts and ideas.....remember we are here for you!!

- Also our Winter Weather Adviser is in effect. This has been put into place for the safety of my staff and all our clients. If there is no school in Ayer due to BAD winter weather The Center and all activities are shut down. If there is a delay in the schools expect a delay in the services at The Center. We keep a very close eye on the weather so we can be prepared for whatever is handed to us during these months.
- I will once again be going out on Medical leave. I will be receiving a new left hip and HOPEFULLY this will be what completes me. They are hoping this will put me back together and make me totally pain free for the first time in MY LIFETIME! I am only planning a two-three week leave for this surgery if all goes well. I will be once again navigating from my home office but my staff under the direction of Jean Wesinger will be running the daily show. My staff has done a fantastic job keeping this department operating with quality service. I am most proud to say I work with them. It is a pleasure to be the Executive Director of this department for my home town with my AWESOME staff. There is a very bright future for this staff and the Ayer COA and I am blessed to be a part of all of it.