

MEETING MINUTES
ST. MARY'S COUNTY COMMISSION FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES
THURSDAY – FEBRUARY 20, 2014
ROOM 14 POTOMAC BUILDING * LEONARDTOWN, MARYLAND

CALL TO ORDER – The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. (This is a recorded meeting)

ROLL CALL –Members present were:

David Ryan	Citizen Rep, Vice Chair
Joshua Brewster	Greenwell
Lois Coryell	St. Mary's County Libraries
Christina Bishop	Department of Recreation & Parks, ADA Coordinator
Rebecca Kessler	Department of Aging & Human Services
Cynthia Brown	Department of Aging & Human Services
Mary Ann Blankenship	Department of Public Works & Transportation
Melissa Seigman	Social Services
Sherri St. Clair	Citizen Rep
Lisa Berry	Pathways, Inc.
Dominique Thomas on behalf of Michelle Tilman	Bay Community Support Services

Non-members present were:

Janice Butler	Department of Aging & Human Services
Monika Williams	Department of Aging & Human Services

Eric Colvin, Felton Rothwell, Sandra Dent, Sarah Schaefer, Denise Sulerzyski, Sarah Vahle, Linda Clem, Crystal Frederick, Carole Woodward, and Tomica Scriber were excused.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – Motion to approve the January 16, 2014 minutes was made by Ms. St. Clair and seconded by Ms. Bishop, the motion passed.

BUDGET REPORT –

Account	Budget	Balance
Supplies & Materials	\$600.00	\$5.65
Other Contract Services	\$1700.00	\$750.00
Total	\$2300.00	\$755.65

- Ms. Brown discussed spending the remainder of the money prior to June 30, 2014. Ms. Bishop stated award covers are needed and purchasing updated Disability Etiquette Book.

ADA COORDINATOR REPORT –

- Ms. Bishop discussed the newly revised county government web page and sent suggestions to the Public Information Officer to make the page more ADA accessible.

DISCUSSION OF OLD BUSINESS –

- Mr. Ryan discussed updating the membership of the commission's page as well as the updated Annual Report.

DISCUSSION OF NEW BUSINESS –

- The Library's will have the Disability Awareness boards on display throughout the month of March. If any agencies would like to have their brochures displayed, please send them to Ms. Bishop. Commission members will coordinate the set-up of the displays.
- The commission discussed reprinting the etiquette book. Mr. Ryan expressed his concerns about excluding providers from the book. When the book is updated, new providers will have the opportunity to be included. Ms. St. Clair made a motion to re-print the existing Disability Etiquette Book with available funds and Ms. Blankenship seconded, the motion passed.
- The commission discussed and confirmed the members received the Open Meetings Act information provided by George Sparling, County Attorney.
- The commission would like to start back up with having commission members give an overview of their agency and services provided at the beginning of the commission meetings.

ANNOUNCEMENTS –

- Ms. Bishop stated the Paralympic Games begin March 7, 2014, more information can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/ParalympicSportSM>.
- There will be wheelchair securement training held March 31, 2014 from 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home in Charlotte Hall, MD. The training is free; to reserve your spot, please e-mail Sonal Stachowski at [sstachowski@tccsmd.org](mailto:ssachowski@tccsmd.org) by March 20, 2014.
- The 22nd Annual Caregivers Conference will be held May 2, 2014 from 8:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. at the Southern Maryland Higher Education Center in California, MD. Tickets are \$25.00 per person. For more information or to register, please call (301) 475-4200, extension 1053.
- Ms. Bishop suggested the commission members think about availability for the Caregivers Conference and Earth Day for the commission to have representation.
- Ms. Blankenship stated the Transportation Advisory Committee is now a formal commission under the Board of County Commissioners. The committee works to coordinate transportation efforts with other agencies. The committee is seeking members.
- Ms. St. Clair stated the Winter Gathering sponsored by the Southern Maryland Community Network and Helpful Hooves Equine Therapy held on January 18, 2014 went very well and was successful.

NEXT MEETING –

- March 20, 2014 in Room 14 at 4:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT –

- Ms. St. Clair made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:46 p.m. and Ms. Blankenship seconded, the motion passed.