

MEETING MINUTES
ST. MARY'S COUNTY COMMISSION FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES
THURSDAY – MARCH 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:

Eric Colvin	Citizen Rep, Chair
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
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
Joanna Colvin	Citizen

Cynthia Brown, 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 February 20, 2014 minutes was made by Ms. St. Clair and seconded by Mr. Ryan, the motion passed.

BUDGET REPORT –

Account	Budget	Balance
Supplies & Materials	\$600.00	\$5.65
Other Contract Services	\$1700.00	\$50.00
Total	\$2300.00	\$55.65

- Ms. Kessler stated \$700 was used to purchase Disability Etiquette Books leaving \$55.65 available in the budget. The remainder of the funds will be used to purchase award paper and covers.

ADA COORDINATOR REPORT –

- No update.

DISCUSSION OF OLD BUSINESS –

- Mr. Colvin stated the commission display boards are at each of libraries for the month of March.
- Mr. Colvin stated there have been delays getting the new calendar up on the website; an updated calendar will be printed and sent to the membership.

DISCUSSION OF NEW BUSINESS –

- Ms. Bishop has not received any award nominations, a public information release will be sent at a later date. Nominations are to be sent to Cynthia Brown in the Department of Aging and Human Services.
- Ms. Coryell gave an overview of the services provided at the libraries. The libraries have an excellent selection of books, DVDs, and an online database. There is testing help for the SATs and ACTs available through the website as well as resume assistance. There are children's and summer reading programs available at each of the library locations. Each location also hosts adult book discussions open to the public. Microsoft Office computer classes are offered for free at each location, it's a valuable tool for job seekers. There is a large selection of e-books available as well. More information can be found at <http://www.stmalib.org/> webpage.
- Mr. Colvin will be sending information out to solicit speakers at the monthly meetings through the end of the year.
- Mr. Ryan gave an overview on disability statistics from a 2011 study completed by Cornell University for the state of Maryland. More information can be found at www.disabilitystatistics.org.

ANNOUNCEMENTS –

- 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 Easter Festival will be held April 12, 2014 from 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the St. Mary's County Fairgrounds in Leonardtown, Maryland.
- The Leonardtown Earth Day celebration will be held April 13, 2014 from 12:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. The commission will have a table at the event.
- 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.
- Fit and Healthy of St. Mary's will have a summer parks passport program. Parks visitors will scratch the passport and winners will receive prizes for participation.

NEXT MEETING –

- April 17, 2014 in Room 14 at 4:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT –

- Ms. St. Clair made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:50 p.m. and Ms. Bishop seconded, the motion passed.