

MEETING MINUTES
ST. MARY'S COUNTY COMMISSION FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES
THURSDAY – SEPTEMBER 19, 2013
ROOM 14 POTOMAC BUILDING * LEONARDTOWN, MARYLAND

CALL TO ORDER – The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m. (This is a recorded meeting)

ROLL CALL – Members present were Eric Colvin – Chair, Sherri St. Clair, Joshua Brewster, Kimberly Lord on behalf of Sandra Dent, Kourtney Baker on behalf of Sarah Schaefer, Patrice Roberts, Christina Bishop, Linda Clem, Lois Croyell, Crystal Frederick, and Rebecca Kessler. Cynthia Brown, Carole Woodward, David Ryan, Mary Ann Blankenship, Tomica Scriber, and Michelle Tilman were excused. Department of Aging and Human Services staff members present were Lori Jennings-Harris – Director and Amber Norris – Office Manager.

Mr. Colvin acknowledged the passing of former member, Jim Krumke, who was a dedicated member of the commission for many years.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – Motion to approve the July 18, 2013 minutes was made by Ms. Bishop and seconded by Ms. St. Clair, the motion passed.

BUDGET REPORT –

Account	Budget	Balance
Supplies & Materials	\$600.00	\$580.02
Other Contract Services	\$1700.00	\$1700.00
Total	\$2300.00	\$2280.02

- Ms. Bishop discussed the purchase of new giveaway items for future events since supplies are low. Prior discussions in meetings centered on drawstring bags. Mr. Colvin made a motion to purchase giveaways for future events and seconded by Ms. Clem, the motion passed.

ADA COORDINATOR REPORT –

- Ms. Bishop gave an overview of changes to the ADA webpage and asked the commission and providers to send suggestions for additional links and provider information. The page can be reviewed at <http://www.co.saint-marys.md.us/AmericanDisabilities/>.
- Mr. Ryan is attending the annual ADA update conference.

DISCUSSION OF OLD BUSINESS –

- Mr. Colvin discussed his vision for the commission and the need to bring related agencies together, create a master calendar for events on the county webpage, and launch a Facebook page for the commission. Ms. Bishop stated a general calendar of events is located on the main county webpage and citizens are able to submit. Mr. Colvin will further review the calendar.
- Commission members should start thinking about submission for the 2013 annual report.
- Ms. St. Clair discussed the commission's holiday program which is slated for December 13, 2013 at the Loffler Senior Activity Center. Dinner is provided for up to 100 participants, small

gifts are provided, volunteers are needed to wrap the gifts and attend the event. Helpful Hooves will provide the centerpieces for the event. Ms. Bishop will confirm the date of the event.

DISCUSSION OF NEW BUSINESS –

- Mr. Shriber was not able to attend the meeting.
- Julie Ohman, Department of Aging and Human Services, gave an overview of the Maryland Access Point (MAP) Program which is set to launch in October 2013. MAP is a “gateway” for older adults, individuals 18 and older with disabilities, and caregivers. It is a statewide resource for information and assistance about long-term services and supports to allow individuals to remain at home and plan for future needs. MAP is part of a federal initiative that provides a visible and trusted place to access information and assistance. More information can be found at <http://www.marylandaccesspoint.info/>. Ms. Bishop suggested adding the special needs registry to the MAP page.
- Mr. Colvin and Mr. Ryan would like to convene a by-laws review taskforce to review the current by-laws and prepare draft amendments to present to the Board of County Commissioners. Members interested in sitting on this taskforce should contact Mr. Colvin.

ANNOUNCEMENTS –

- Mr. Colvin thanked everyone for their hard work at the awards presentation at the Board of County Commissioners’ meeting.
- The county fair is September 20 – 22, 2013. The commission will have a table at the event.
- Ms. Bishop will attend the Charles County’s Disability Awareness Day to give an overview of the therapeutic recreation and paralympics programs September 26, 2013 in Hugesville, MD.
- The Long-Term Care Awareness Conference will be held on October 11, 2013 at the James A. Forrest Career and Technology Center in Leonardtown, MD.
- Helpful Hooves is having their annual barn dance fundraiser October 12, 2013 in Avenue, MD.
- The Community Health Fair will be held on October 25, 2013 at the Southern Maryland Higher Education Center in California, MD.
- The 7th annual family caregiver’s breakfast will be held on November 22, 2013 at the James A. Forrest Career and Technology Center in Leonardtown, MD.
- The Greenwell Foundation will hold their Rockfish Festival on December 7, 2013, details to be determined.

NEXT MEETING – October 17, 2013 in Room 14 at 4:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT –

- Ms. St. Clair made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:55 p.m. and Ms. Croyell seconded, the motion passed.