

MEETING MINUTES
ST. MARY'S COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING
MONDAY – OCTOBER 28, 2013
TAYLOR FARM ASSISTED LIVING * BUSHWOOD, MARYLAND

FACILITY TOUR – Prior to the start of the meeting, Sharon Nicholson, Nurse Administrator with Taylor Farm Assisted Living gave the commission a tour of the facility and an overview of the farm, property history, and services offered.

CALL TO ORDER – The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:45 p.m. (This is a recorded meeting)

ROLL CALL – Members present were Norma Pipkin – Chair, Bettie Broadhurst, Deborah Johnstone, Gail Murdock, Cindy Williams, and Samantha Lane. Janet Kellam was excused and Agnes Butler was absent. Department of Aging and Human Services staff members present were Lori Jennings-Harris – Director and Amber Norris – Office Manager and Recording Secretary.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – Motion to approve the September 23, 2013 minutes with amendments was made by Mr. Murdock and seconded by Ms. Johnstone, the motion passed by a 6-0 vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS –

- Outreach Committee – The commission would like to provide outreach to rural areas of St. Mary's County to present the services offered by the Department of Aging and Human Services and hear senior issues in those areas. The commission is working to set meeting locations and dates for 2014. Ms. Hunt will give a presentation of the services offered by the department.
- Tri-County Commission on Aging Meeting – The commission decided to hold the meeting on May 15, 2014. Ms. Williams contacted the MVA to give a presentation on senior driving and 50-60 copies of the *Source Guide* will be distributed at the meeting. Ms. Lane suggested having a presentation on the Medical Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment (MOLST) form. Ms. Johnstone reviewed the menu choices for lunch with Alice Allen. Brandy Tulley will hold exercise and brain games after lunch. Ms. Jennings-Harris advised the commission to decide on the format of the meeting. The committee will meet on November 25, 2013 at the Garvey Senior Activity Center.

DISCUSSION OF OLD BUSINESS –

- Senior Forum – The Senior Forum was held September 27, 2013 at the Southern Maryland Higher Education Center.
- Senior Agenda – Ms. Jennings-Harris will prepare a resolution to take before the Board of the County Commissioners for signature acknowledging the Senior Agenda and Preface.

DISCUSSION OF NEW BUSINESS –

- The commission would like to receive information on events from other commissions on a regular basis and in a timely manner.

- The commission will not have a general meeting in December due to the Christmas holiday. The commission will have their holiday luncheon at Lenny's Restaurant on December 2, 2013 at 12:00 p.m.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT –

- No update.

UPCOMING EVENTS –

- Charles County Area Council on Aging will hold their Senior Summit on November 14, 2013 in La Plata, MD. Four commission members will attend.
- 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 United Seniors of Maryland legislative forum will be held on January 21, 2014 at St. John's College in Annapolis, Maryland.

RSVP TIME SHEETS –

- RSVP time sheets were distributed for completion prior to the end of the meeting.

NEXT MEETING – November 25, 2013 which will begin at 8:45 a.m. with a tour of the Department of Aging and Human Services sites, lunch at 12:00 p.m., and a general meeting at the Garvey Senior Activity Center beginning at 1:00 p.m. Mary Ruth Horton will have lunch with the commission.

ADJOURNMENT –

- Mr. Murdock made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:45 p.m. and Ms. Williams seconded, the motion passed by a 6-0 vote.