

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

**CALL TO ORDER** – The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:07 p.m. (This is a recorded meeting)

**ROLL CALL** –Members present were:

Eric Colvin	Citizen Rep, Chair
David Ryan	Citizen Rep, Vice-Chair
Lois Coryell	St. Mary's County Library
Sherri St. Clair	Citizen Rep
Maurice Chase	DORS
Pamela Ford for Sandra Dent	SMCIL
Lisa Berry	Pathways, Inc.
Mary Ann Blankenship	DPW & T
Cynthia Brown	Aging & Human Services
Monika Williams on behalf of Rebecca Kessler	Aging & Human Services
Christi Bishop	Recreation & Parks
Jodi Campo	Resource Coordination
Melissa Seigman	DSS

Joshua Brewster, Felton Rothwell, Michelle Tilman, Sarah Schaefer, Crystal Frederick, and Tomica Scriber were excused.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** – Motion to approve the October 16, 2014 minutes as written was made by Mr. Ryan and seconded by Ms. St. Clair, the motion passed.

**BUDGET REPORT** –

<b>Account</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Balance</b>
Other Contract Services	\$1700	\$750
Supplies & Materials	\$600	\$600
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2300</b>	<b>\$1350</b>

**ADA COORDINATOR REPORT** –

- Ms. Bishop suggested Asia Johnson from the Maryland Relay make a presentation about their available services.

**DISCUSSION OF OLD BUSINESS** –

- ADA Coordinator Position Follow-Up – Ms. Bishop suggested including language to the position description to address concerns regarding Titles I and IV. Mr. Colvin made a motion to accept the position description with the amendments and Ms. Blankenship seconded, the motion passed.
- Christmas Party – Members were reminded to arrive at 5PM to help with setting up tables. Help is also needed to serve guests during the event. Ms. St. Clair provided a status update and stated all plans are in place. She asked members to bring cameras to take photos. Mr. Colvin added St.

Mary's College students have volunteered to assist. Members present agreed to meet at the Governmental Center on December 4, 2014 at 4PM to wrap gifts.

#### **DISCUSSION OF NEW BUSINESS –**

- Guest Speaker – Ms. Berry gave an overview of the services that Pathways offers to the public. Since 1981, Pathways has been providing innovative mental health services to persons in Southern Maryland. Headquartered in St. Mary's County, they are a private, nonprofit corporation. They offer comprehensive treatment, rehabilitative, and vocational services as well as affordable housing to older teens and adults. They are the longest operating and largest provider of community-based mental health services in St. Mary's County. Pathways offers psychiatric treatment and counseling is available to anyone in need of these services, included in this service is psychiatric evaluation, medication management, therapeutic counseling, and substance abuse counseling for the individual who has both a mental health and substance abuse diagnosis; psychiatric rehabilitation and housing for persons in recovery from mental illness, or cognitive rehabilitation for persons recovering from a brain injury. Employment services are available to persons receiving either of these services. Eligible ages for these services are older teens and adults. More specifically, Pathways provide psychiatric assessment, medication management, and therapeutic counseling, brain injury rehabilitation to those with an acquired brain injury who are at least sixteen years of age, psychiatric rehabilitation to persons with a mental illness who are at least seventeen years of age, supported employment and career assessment to the person with either a mental illness or brain injury, housing to persons seventeen and older with a mental illness, service delivery that includes nationally recognized practices research has shown to be effective.
- Annual Report – Mr. Colvin is working on the annual report and will present it at the January meeting for member review and approval.
- Elections for Chair/Vice-Chair – Members agreed to table discussions until after newly appointed members begin in January.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS –**

- Ms. Bishop announced she has funding for autistic individual interested in adaptive aquatics beginning in December. She anticipates having this funding in the spring, as well. She also mentioned the Commission Facebook page is getting a large number of views. Ms. Bishop reminded members the 25th Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act is coming up in July and the Commission should begin thinking of ways to acknowledge it and consider expenditures that may entail.

#### **NEXT MEETING –**

- January 15, 2015 in Room 14 of the Potomac Building at 4:00 p.m.

#### **ADJOURNMENT –**

- Ms. St. Clair made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:02 p.m. and Mr. Colvin seconded, the motion passed.