

Minutes of the Commission On Aging Meeting
Garvey Center – Leonardtown, Maryland
Monday, February 23, 2009

CALL TO ORDER

Start Time: 1:03 p.m.
Location: Garvey Senior Activity Center, Leonardtown, MD
Chaired By: Elfreda Mathis, Vice Chair

PRESENT

COA Members: Sam Brown, Vicki Brown, Claudia Knowlton, Florence Lanham, Elfreda Mathis, Peggy Reardon, Sheral St. Clair, Sandra Wheeler,

Department of Aging Staff: Lori Jennings-Harris, Director; Jennie Page, Deputy Director; Dana DiGregorio, Sr. Administrative Coordinator.

ABSENT

COA Members: Kathie Reich, Patricia Woodburn

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda with addition was made by Sam Brown and was seconded by Sheral St. Clair; all were in favor and the motion carried.

Addition: Add to New Business "Advisory Board Training Update"

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the January 2009 minutes as written was made by Sandra Wheeler and was seconded by Sheral St. Clair; all were in favor and the motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Vivital Ripple Medical Adult Day Center Capital Improvement Project:

- There have been no changes to this item from Lori Jennings-Harris's report last month.

Transportation Costs/Memorandum of Understanding:

- Lori Jennings-Harris has completed her changes to the Memorandum of Understanding between the Department of Aging and the Department of Public Works and Transportation and has resubmitted the document for review by the County Attorney's Office and STS Director. An amount of \$220,000.00 has been agreed upon for FY2010. This amount is \$15,000.00 less from last year.
- Lori Jennings-Harris answered questions posed by the Commission On Aging members relating to transportation costs and the Memorandum of Understanding.

Update on Friends of Ripple Projects:

- Nothing new going on at the moment.

NEW BUSINESS

New Commission On Aging Members:

- Two new members to the Commission On Aging were in attendance at February's meeting, Peggy Reardon and Claudia Knowlton.
- Elfreda Mathis welcomed the new members and thanked them for being a part of the Commission On Aging.

Advisory Training Update:

- Sam Brown went over the information, from Justin Pollock from the Maryland Nonprofit Organization, presented to participants of the Advisory Council Training.
- Elfreda Mathis suggested continuing a discussion on Advisory Council self evaluations at the next meeting.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Lori Jennings-Harris recommended having members of the management staff attend the Commission On Aging meetings to provide information about their division and what they do for the Department of Aging.
- Lori Jennings-Harris will be taking the Commission On Aging members on a tour of all the Senior Activity Centers, Nutrition Centers and Medical Adult Day Service Center.
- Lori Jennings-Harris prepared a report, with the assistance of the entire management staff and other staff, comparing the costs of Adult Day Centers in 10 comparable counties which she presented to John Savich, County Administrator, for review.
- The Department of Aging is continuing to work on alternate transportation ideas.
- Lori Jennings-Harris answered questions and provided additional information to the Commission On Aging members.

PERSONNEL CHANGES

- The Senior Office Specialist position at the Loffler Senior Activity Center has been filled. The incumbent will begin in the beginning of March.
- The Department of Aging Nurse Manager position vacancy at the Vivian Ripple Medical Adult Day Services Center has not yet been filled. The Director is hoping to have a decision soon.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

- Vicki Brown asked about the status of the Northern Senior Activity Center relating to the water damage from a burst pipe. Lori Jennings-Harris stated that Northern Senior Activity Center is almost completely back together. The Center is up and running with a few spaces needing some minor work.
- Sam Brown requested that Lori Jennings-Harris provide an evaluation of past performance and expectation of future involvement of the Commission On Aging regarding the Department of Aging.
- Jennie Page informed the Commission On Aging about the upcoming 17th Annual Southern Maryland Caregivers Conference. The Conference is scheduled for April 17, 2009 to be held at Calvert Pines Senior Center in Prince Frederick.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday, March 23, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. at the Garvey Senior Activity Center.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by Sheral St. Clair and was seconded by Sam Brown; all were in favor and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Prepared by:
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Sr. Administrative Coordinator