

Minutes of the Commission On Aging Meeting  
Garvey Center – Leonardtown, Maryland  
Monday, October 26, 2009

**CALL TO ORDER**

Start Time: 1:10 p.m.  
Location: Garvey Senior Activity Center, Leonardtown, MD  
Chaired By: Kathie Reich - Chair

**PRESENT**

**COA Members:** Sam Brown, Florence Lanham, Elfreda Mathis, Peggy Reardon, Kathie Reich, Sheral St. Clair, Sandra Wheeler

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

**ABSENT**

**COA Members:** Vicki Brown, Claudia Knowlton

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion to approve the agenda with one change was made by Sandra Wheeler and was seconded by Sam Brown; all were in favor and the motion carried.

**Correction:** Under Old Business, change "Points of Interest" to "Talking Points"

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion to approve the September 2009 meeting minutes with corrections was made by Elfreda Mathis and was seconded by Sandra Wheeler; all were in favor and the motion carried.

**Correction:** Page 1, in the "Response to Letter of Interest...", first bullet, remove Sr. Buyer name and title, replace with CFO name and title.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Review and Revise Commission On Aging (COA) Mission:**

- In the last few Commission On Aging meetings, the Commission members have been discussing the purpose and mission of the Commission On Aging by doing a self review, evaluating if the Commission has been accomplishing the goals set forth by the mission statement. Kathie Reich requested that each Commission member review the mission statement of the Commission On Aging and come up with goals for 2010 relating to the purpose of the Commission.
- Goals for 2010 are: Tri-County Commission On Aging meeting, to assist in resolving the Ripple Center issues, to advocate for relocation of the Garvey Senior Activity Center to an appropriate site, and to assist the Department of Aging with the "Aging Road Show".

**Talking Points:**

- At the September 28<sup>th</sup> Commission On Aging meeting the Commission members agreed to invite the Board of County Commissioners to the October meeting as an opportunity for them to give an update on the Medical Adult Day Service Program and its future. The Commission members were asked to come up with questions and/or points of interest relating to the Medical Adult Day Service Program and its future that they would like to propose to the Board of County Commissioners at the October meeting and submit to Kathie Reich for review. Because this invitation was postponed until the November meeting, the Commission members used this time to discuss what questions they would like to ask, what information they would like to present, and what information they would like to have presented to them by the Board of County Commissioners.

**Invite to Board of County Commissioners:**

- At the September 28<sup>th</sup> Commission On Aging meeting the Commission members agreed to invite the Board of County Commissioners to the October meeting to give an update on the Medical Adult Day Service Program and its future. This invitation was postponed to the

- November meeting. Kathie Reich presented to the Commission members a letter of invitation that will go to the Board of County Commissioners.
- Due to the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday and scheduling constraints, the Commission voted to change the November meeting from Monday, November 23, 2009 at 1:00p.m. to Wednesday, November 18, 2009 at 12:30.

**Friends of Ripple Projects:**

- The 5K Run/Walk fund raiser occurred on October 17, 2009. The event was very successful. The Friends of Ripple raised approximately \$1,600.00 to go towards miscellaneous items for the Ripple Medical Adult Day Service Center.

**2009 Tri-County Commission On Aging Meeting:**

- A tentative date for the Tri-County Commission has been tentatively set for Tuesday, May 4, 2009 at the Northern Senior Activity Center from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Save the date cards will go out in early January 2010.

**Secretary Lawlah's visit to St. Mary's County, September 29, 2009:**

- Gloria Lawlah, Secretary for the Maryland Department of Aging, made a visit to St. Mary's County to see how the St. Mary's County Department of Aging is implementing and using the stimulus funds. Lori Jennings-Harris took Secretary Lawlah on a tour of the new congregate meals site at New Towne Village. Also Secretary Lawlah and Department of Aging staff visited Chesapeake Shores and St. Mary's Nursing Center.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Review Applications for Vacant COA seat:**

- The Commission members reviewed the applications of the candidates requesting to serve on the Commission On Aging. The Commission voted on which candidates they would like to recommend for appointment. A letter will be sent to Sarah Cannavo, Secretary to the County Administrator, reflecting these recommendations.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**Oakley Nutrition Site:**

- The consolidation of the Oakley Nutrition Site with the Garvey Senior Activity Center has taken place. The former Oakley participants are transitioning well and enjoying the activities and events at the Garvey Senior Activity Center.
- A letter of termination for the rental agreement has been sent to the facility "owners".

**CALVEX Drill:**

- There was a CALVEX Drill on October 20, 2009. This drill involves the coordination and implementation of emergency evacuation of residents and citizens in the surrounding areas of the Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Plant. Without actually relocating the participants, the Vivian Ripple Medical Adult Day Service Center acted on the initiation of the drill and prepared the center for evacuation.

**Community Health Fair:**

- The Community Health Fair "The Way to Wellness" will be held on Friday, October 30, 2009. This event will be held at a new location, the Hollywood Volunteer Fire Hall. The Health Department will be giving out Flu shots, not the H1N1 shot.

**PERSONNEL CHANGES**

- The Licensed Social Worker at the Vivian Ripple Medical Adult Day Services Center submitted her letter of resignation. Her last day will be November 5, 2009.

**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS**

- Lori Jennings-Harris provided the Commission members with an updated version of a matrix of services prepared by the Department of Aging staff.
- Kathie Reich asked Lori Jennings-Harris what is the status of the privatization of the Medical Adult Day Service Program. Lori stated that there have been no changes since her report last month, but that there are still two parties interested in taking over the Medical Adult Day Service Program. The interested parties have until November 17<sup>th</sup> to report back

to the County if they are still interested in taking over the Medical Adult Day Service Program.

- Due to the Christmas Holiday and schedule constraints, the Commission On Aging voted to change the December meeting from Monday, December 28, 2009 to Monday, December 21, 2009 at 1:00 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 18, 2009 at 12:30 p.m. at the Garvey Senior Activity Center.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn was made by Peggy Reardon and was seconded by Sam Brown; all were in favor and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Prepared by:

Dana DiGregorio

Sr. Administrative Coordinator