

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**ST. MARY'S COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING**  
February 23, 2015, 1:00 PM  
St. Mary's Nursing Center

**CALL TO ORDER:** The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:23 p.m. (This is a recorded meeting).

**ROLL CALL:** Members present were Cindy Williams, Chair, Juanita Nether, Linda Fry, Janet Kellam, Bettie Broadhurst, Norma Pipkin, Teresa Howard and Nicky Pires. Department of Aging & Human Services staff members present were Lori Jennings-Harris, Director and Beth Sandberg, Senior Administrative Coordinator.

**ABSENT:** Deborah Johnstone and Gail Murdock were excused.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion to approve the January 26, 2015 minutes was made by Ms. Pipkin and seconded by Ms. Kellam; the motion passed.

**INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBER:** Nicky Pires

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- Outreach Committee - Bettie Broadhurst  
Future outreach focus will be on the Loveville and Mechanicsville areas.
- New Committee - Ms. Williams has suggested commission members talk with her if members see a need to form a committee. Ms. Fry is interested in starting committees to discuss transportation and health care issues.

**DISCUSSION OF OLD BUSINESS:**

- Annual Report - Report has been submitted to the Commissioners of St. Mary's County. Ms. Williams would like the Commission on Aging members to focus on the 2015 goals that are in the Annual Report.
- Commissioners' invitation to a breakfast reception to Commission on Aging volunteers and other St. Mary's County commission members on January 27, 2015 - Mr. Murdock and Ms. Howard attended the reception.
- United Seniors of Maryland Forum – January 28, 2015 in Annapolis  
Ms. Pipkin attended the forum and indicated it was very nice. Mary Ruth Horton and Alice Allen, Senior Center Operations Manager also attended the forum. There were many presentations. Ms. Pipkin was able to meet the new Maryland Department of Aging Secretary, Ms. Rona Kramer. Ms. Pires offered to hand out the Charles County Commission on Aging forum notes.

**DISCUSSION OF NEW BUSINESS:**

- Tri-County Commission on Aging Officers meeting - St. Mary's, Calvert and Charles County officers will meet on February 24<sup>th</sup> at the Northern Senior Activity Center to discuss Tri-County issues.
- The Tri-County Commission on Aging meeting will be held on June 11, 2015. Charles County is the host county this year.
- Garvey Group - The next meeting will be held on Thursday, February 26<sup>th</sup> at the Executive Inn and Suites in Leonardtown.

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

- Senior Rides Grant application for FY16 is due in April. If awarded, it will be the 8<sup>th</sup> consecutive year.
- RSVP Volunteer Recognition Ceremony and Awards Luncheon Banquet will be held on March 20<sup>th</sup> at the James A. Forrest Career and Technology Center. Invitations have been mailed. Space is limited so please RSVP if you haven't done so already.
- The Department is always looking for referrals or connections for the Road Show.
- We still have a vacancy for the AIM Database Specialist.
- The Ombudsman position was filled with an in-house staff member.
- A Waiver Caseworker position is now open.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- March 2, 2015 - Registration for L.I.F.E. tours opens at 8 a.m.
- March 20, 2015 - RSVP Volunteer Recognition Ceremony and Awards Luncheon Banquet at the James A. Forrest Career and Technology Center. Registration begins at 10 a.m. The awards ceremony begins promptly at 11 a.m., followed by the luncheon.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING:** **Garvey Senior Activity Center - March 23, 2015 at 1:00 p.m.**

The purpose of the Commission is to provide the Commissioners of St. Mary's County with advice and assistance concerning the administration and financing of county programs designed for the elderly residents of St. Mary's, the operations and general performance of the St. Mary's County Department of Aging and Human Services, the achievement of goals set for the elderly population and how best to work with the community in developing awareness and understanding of problems and concerns of the elderly population.