

MEETING MINUTES
ST. MARY'S COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING

March 23, 2015, 1:00 p.m.
Garvey Senior Activity Center
Leonardtown

CALL TO ORDER: The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. (This is a recorded meeting).

ROLL CALL: Members present were Cindy Williams, Chair, Juanita Nether, Linda Fry, Janet Kellam, Deborah Johnstone, 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: Bettie Broadhurst and Gail Murdock were excused.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion to approve the February 23, 2015 minutes was made by Ms. Nether and seconded by Ms. Kellam; the motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORT:

- Outreach Committee - Bettie Broadhurst & Juanita Nether
Ms. Nether contacted the St. Joseph Community Center and they are working on a date in late April for a mid-morning Roadshow.

DISCUSSION OF OLD BUSINESS:

- Tri-County Officer Update
Ms. Williams, Ms. Kellam and Ms. Broadhurst met with Calvert and Charles Counties Commission on Aging members at the Northern Senior Activity Center for an informal meeting. The Tri-county Officers will continue to work together on common issues and concerns. Charles County is the host for the Tri-County Commission on Aging meeting, which will be held on Thursday, June 11th at the Richard Clarke senior center in LaPlata.
- Southern Maryland Coordinated Transportation Planning Workshop
Ms. Pires attended the planning workshop. The importance of the plan is to gain public input and develop regional/local strategies.
- Garvey Group Update
Ms. Pipkin attended the meeting on March 9th. The co-leaders of the Garvey Group presented a PowerPoint slide show.
- RSVP Banquet
This banquet was great and everyone enjoyed it.
- Status on List of Concerns
Ms. Williams would like to continue with the list of concerns that has been developed.

DISCUSSION OF NEW BUSINESS:

- Email from Senator Waugh's Office
Ms. Williams responded to an email sent from Drema Ballengee-Grunst, Legislative Aide to Senator Steve Waugh in which Ms. Williams discussed transportation issues, lack of geriatrician doctors, lower taxes and affordable housing for seniors, secondary insurances, resources for behavioral health concerns, and aging in place.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- Ms. Harris handed out the Caregivers' Conference brochure. The Caregivers' Conference will be held on May 15th at the College of Southern Maryland in Prince Frederick.
- We received the information for the FY2016-19 Area Plan and will be asking for your support. The Area Plan is the road map/strategic plan for the next 4 years.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- April 8th – Training session for Commission members
- May 15th – Southern Maryland Caregivers' Conference

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 2:08 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: April 27, 2015 at 1:00 p.m.
Chesapeake Shores Nursing Center
21412 Great Mills Road
Lexington Park, MD 20653

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.