

Minutes of the Commission On Aging Meeting
Garvey Center – Leonardtown, Maryland
Monday, March 22, 2010

CALL TO ORDER

Start Time: 1:00 p.m.
Location: Garvey Senior Activity Center, Leonardtown, MD
Chaired By: Elfreda Mathis - Chair

PRESENT

COA Members: Bettie Broadhurst, Sam Brown, Vicki Brown, Claudia Knowlton, Florence Lanham, Elfreda Mathis, Kathie Reich, Sheral St. Clair

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

ABSENT

COA Members: Peggy Reardon, Sandra Wheeler

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda as written was made by Kathie Reich and was seconded by Sheral St. Clair; all were in favor and the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the February 2010 meeting minutes with corrections was made by Sheral St. Clair and was seconded by Kathie Reich; all were in favor and the motion carried.

Lori Jennings Harris provided an informational video about the Vivian Ripple Medical Adult Day Services Center for the Commission members to view.

OLD BUSINESS

Privatization of Ripple Center Update:

- Moving forward with the privatization of Medical Adult Day Services Program. The Department of Human Resources visited the Ripple Center and gave a presentation for the employees who will be transitioning with the center. Human Resources staff will be available at anytime during working hours for the staff should they have any further questions or concerns.
- El Shaddai will be meeting with the Medical Adult Day Services staff tomorrow, Tuesday, March 23rd to meet and get to know each other.
- Lori Jennings-Harris is working with the Legal Department on the lease agreement and Lori has offered to follow up with the Commission Members when the agreement is finalized and ready for signatures.

Friends of Ripple Projects:

- The Friends of Ripple Group's Butter Braid fund-raiser is underway and going well.
- The Ripple Center Senior Prom is scheduled for April 15, 2010. Plans are being made for this event.

2009 Tri-County Commission On Aging Meeting:

- The Commission reviewed the agenda for the upcoming Tri-County Commission On Aging meeting scheduled for April 29, 2010.
- The Commission reviewed the letter to go to the presenters, and it is now ready to be sent.

Site Information Visits /Presentations:

- One of the goals for 2010 is to visit all the Department of Aging Senior Activity Centers and some of the local Long Term Care and Senior Housing facilities. The Commission will be at the Northern Senior Activity Center on April 29th, and will be doing a tour of the Garvey Senior Activity Center, the Ripple Medical Adult Day Service Center and the Loffler Senior Activity Center on May 12th, 2010. The Department of Aging Sr. Administrative Coordinator

- will make arrangements for the Commission to visit Cedar Lane Apartments and Chesapeake Shores later this year.
- Claudia Knowlton recommended visiting Taylor Farms and Sam Brown recommended New Towne Village.

Review of Bylaws:

- No corrections were made to the Commission On Aging Bylaws, but Elfreda Mathis would like to have a "reviewed" note attached to the web page containing the bylaws to show that the commission is reviewing the bylaws on a regular basis.

NEW BUSINESS

Annual Report Update:

- The 2009 Annual Report for the Commission On Aging went to the Board of County Commissioners.

ACTION ITEMS

- No action items to report.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Loffler Senior Activity Center:

- It has been estimated that it will take approximately nine (9) months to get the front end of the Loffler Senior Activity Center in working order. Building Services would like to make improvements to the structure of the building so it could take longer for the back portion of the building.
- The Staff of the Loffler Senior Activity Center has been relocated to the Leonardtown Governmental complex. Several members have been placed in the Chesapeake building and the others are located in the Garvey Senior Activity Center Administrative floor.
- The Department of Aging is still looking for an alternate site to provide daily services. At this time some of the services are being provided at the Hall of Fame Building located in the Chancellors Run Regional Park near the Loffler Senior Activity Center.

PERSONNEL CHANGES

- No personnel changes this month

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday, April 26, 2010 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 Kathie Reich; all were in favor and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

Prepared by:
Dana DiGregorio
Sr. Administrative Coordinator