

Minutes of the Commission On Aging Meeting
St. Mary's Nursing Center, Leonardtown, Maryland
Monday, March 26, 2012

CALL TO ORDER

Start Time: 11:00 a.m.
Location: Charlotte Hall Veterans Home, Charlotte Hall, Maryland
Chaired By: Norma Pipkin

PRESENT

COA Members: Sam Brown, Elfreda Mathis, Crystal Menear, Gail Murdock, Norma Pipkin, Peggy Reardon.

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

Guests: Sharon Mattia, Director Veterans Home Services; Mike Farr, Deputy Director.

ABSENT

Bettie Broadhurst, Agnes Buttler, Veda Willis

GUEST SPEAKER

- Sharon Mattia, Director – Veterans Home Program and Mike Farr, Deputy Director, from Charlotte Hall Veterans Home attended the March meeting. Ms. Mattia and Mr. Farr provided members with information and statistics on residents, programs and services offered by the Veterans Home.
- Ms. Mattia and Mr. Farr answered questions posed by the Commission members.
- Mr. Farr took the Commission On Aging members and Department of Aging staff on a tour of the Veterans Home Facility

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Gail Murdock and seconded by Sam Brown; all were in favor and the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the October 2011 minutes with corrections was made by Gail Murdock and seconded by Sam Brown; all were in favor and the motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Friends of Ripple Projects:

- Sam Brown gave an update regarding the St. Mary's Adult Medical Day Care facility, the Ripple Center.
- The Kitchen at the Ripple Center is being worked on. The grease trap will be installed and the upgrade to the kitchen will begin soon.
- The Friends of Ripple group has put together \$3000.00 to go towards the van fund and will now begin the process of applying for a grant to purchase a new van for transporting participants.

NEW BUSINESS

Legislative Meeting for Seniors:

- At the last meeting the Commission discussed having a Legislative Forum for the senior community, allowing State Officials to talk about what has been done in legislature that relates to the senior population as well as give the seniors an opportunity to talk about what they would like their representatives to work on during next year.
- Gail Murdock has spoken to all of the state legislators and they are looking forward to it.
- A subcommittee will be formed and will meet April 10th, 2012 to discuss further.

ACTION ITEMS and UPCOMING EVENTS

- On March 27 the Retired Seniors and Volunteer Program (RSVP) will be presenting to the Board of County Commissioners.
- The Annual Caregivers Conference is scheduled for Friday, April 27, 2012 in Calvert County.

- The Department of Aging & Human Services will be hosting a Cabaret Dinner Show on Friday, April 13, 2012 from 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Moose Lodge in Mechanicsville. Tickets are \$20.00 for those age 50 and older, and \$25.00 for those 49 and under.
- The Annual Department of Aging & Human Services Point Lookout Cookout is scheduled for May 18, 2012.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Lori Jennings-Harris noted that the budget has been submitted and there were no changes requested by the Board of County Commissioners.
- The Commission On Aging budget request has not been reviewed at this time, but will be presented with the recommended budget for FY13 for review at the next Board of County Commissioners meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 27, 2012.

PERSONNEL CHANGES

- No personnel changes

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday, April 23, 2012 at the Garvey Senior Activity Center.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by Gail Murdock and was seconded by Sam Brown; all were in favor and the motion carried.

Prepared by:
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Sr. Administrative Coordinator