

Minutes of the Commission On Aging Meeting
Garvey Senior Activity Center, Leonardtown, Maryland
Monday, April 23, 2012

CALL TO ORDER

Start Time: 1:00 p.m.
Location: Garvey Senior Activity Center, Leonardtown, Maryland
Chaired By: Bettie Broadhurst

PRESENT

COA Members: Bettie Broadhurst, Sam Brown, Agnes Butler, Elfreda Mathis, Norma Pipkin, Peggy Reardon.

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

Guests: Rebecca Kessler, Home & Community-Based Services Division Manager; Peggy Maio, Fiscal Supervisor.

ABSENT

Crystal Menear, Gail Murdock,

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the March 2012 minutes with corrections was made by Peggy Reardon and seconded by Sam Brown; all were in favor and the motion carried.

GUEST SPEAKER

- Rebecca Kessler, Home & Community-Based Services Division Manager attended this meeting of the Commission On Aging and gave a brief presentation about the Home & Community-Based Services Division programs and services.
- Rebecca Kessler answered questions posed by the Commission members related to Home & Community-Based Services Division programs and Services.
- Peggy Maio, Fiscal Supervisor attended this meeting of the Commission On Aging and gave a brief presentation about the Fiscal Division.
- Peggy Maio answered questions posed by the Commission members related to budget and fiscal matters.

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 commercial kitchen at the Ripple Center is being worked on. The grease trap is complete and the upgrade to the kitchen will begin soon.
- A used van will be in use at the facility soon.
- Betty Bush is the new Activities Coordinator at the facility.

NEW BUSINESS

Innovations On Aging Conference & Expo:

- Almost all Commission members will be attending the Friday activities at the Innovation In Aging Conference & Expo scheduled for May 3-5, 2012.

ACTION ITEMS

Legislative Meeting for Seniors:

- A "Day with the Maryland State Delegates" is being planned. This will be a day for the senior community to meet with state legislative members to hear about legislative items relating to aging issues that have been brought to congress. This will also be an opportunity for seniors to ask questions or discuss topics for the upcoming year.

- Follow-up on date, location and time are forthcoming.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- On April 20, 2012 there was a dinner for The Inspiring Caregiver Awards, where the Ombudsman for the Department of Aging was honored as Advocate of the Year.
- The Annual Caregivers Conference is scheduled for Friday, April 27, 2012 in Calvert County.
- The Senior Housing Expo is scheduled for May 19, 2012.
- The Dementia Care Conference is scheduled for November 7, 2012.
- Law Enforcement Appreciation Day is scheduled for May 15, at the Higher Education Center.
- The Departments' Point Lookout Cookout is scheduled for June 1, from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Reservations are required for this event.
- The Garvey Senior Activity Center is having a Book Sale today, April 23, from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. All proceeds go toward activities at Garvey.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Lori Jennings-Harris noted that the Commission On Aging meeting minutes have been updated on the county website.
- Lori Jennings-Harris noted that if the commission members are planning to attend the Caregivers Conference scheduled for April 27 and have not registered, they should do so soon, as the conference is full or close to full.
- The department will be providing limited transportation for the Innovations In Aging Expo for seniors. Transportation from the Senior Activity Centers to Blue Crabs Stadium (and back) will be provided by Department staff, and buses provided by Charles County will provide transportation from the stadium to the National Harbor and back.

PERSONNEL CHANGES

- Veda Willis resigned from the Commission On Aging.
- Americorp position for the Meals Program has been filled.
- The Food Service Technician at Northern Senior Activity Center will retire effective June 1, 2012.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday, May 14, 2012. This meeting will consist of a tour of Lexington Park Senior Village (Pegg Road Apartments) and Victory Woods. The meeting will follow the tour of Victory Wood at that facility.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Prepared by:
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Sr. Administrative Coordinator