

Minutes of the Commission On Aging Meeting
Garvey Senior Activity Center, Leonardtown, Maryland
Monday, August 22, 2011

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, Agnes Buttler, Claudia Knowlton, Elfreda Mathis, Gail Murdock, Peggy Reardon, Veda Willis.

Department of Aging Staff: Lori Jennings-Harris, Director; Debbie Barker, Senior I&A Program Manager; Dana DiGregorio, Sr. Administrative Coordinator.

Guests: Dorothy Flynn, Marketing Manager St. Mary's Adult Medical Day Care.

ABSENT

Sam Brown, Norma Pipkin.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the July 2011 minutes, with corrections, was made by Gail Murdock and seconded by Claudia Knowlton; all were in favor and the motion carried.

Correction: Correct spelling of name under "Guests"

GUEST SPEAKER – Debbie Barker, Senior Information & Assistance Program Manager

- Debbie Barker attended this meeting of the Commission On Aging and provided an overview of the Senior Information & Assistance (Sr. I&A) Program, the programs it supports, and the services available through this division.
- Debbie Barker answered questions posed by the Commission members.

OLD BUSINESS

Friends of Ripple Projects:

- Dorothy Flynn gave a brief overview of St. Mary's Adult Medical Day Care Center.
- Dorothy Flynn spoke about the annual 5K Run/Walk, which is scheduled for October 15, 2011 and provided flyers.

NEW BUSINESS

New Members:

- Elfreda Mathis welcomed the newly appointed Commission member and gave a brief overview of the Commission On Aging and what they are currently working on, have recently worked on and future plans the Commission will be working on.
- The new member took a moment to tell the new members about themselves and their background.

Victory Woods:

- Peggy Reardon took a tour of Victory Woods Senior Living Apartments. Peggy noted that the property manager offered a tour for the Commission On Aging.

ACTION ITEMS and UPCOMING EVENTS

- The Loffler Center "Grand Re-Opening" Celebration is scheduled for September 29, 2011.
- The Department of Aging Community Health Fair is scheduled for Friday, October 21, 2011.

- The Effective Advocacy Training hosted by the Calvert County Office On Aging is scheduled on Friday, September 16, 2011 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Northern Senior Activity Center.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Lori Jennings-Harris noted that the Loffler Senior Activity Center/Chancellor's Run Regional Park facility reconstruction has been completed. Staff from the Loffler center who were displaced have begun moving back into the facility in preparation for programs and services to resume at the facility on Tuesday, September 6, 2011. The "Grand Re-Opening" celebration is scheduled for September 29, 2011.
- The proposed merger of the Human Services Department into the Department of Aging has been presented to the Board of County Commissioners and they have approved moving on with this merger. Lori will provide more information as it becomes available.
- The 4-year Area Plan for FY 2012 – 2015 is currently being prepared by the Department for submission to the Board of County Commissioners. The Department hosted public meetings at each of the centers and nutrition sites to obtain input from the senior community to add to the Area Plan.
- An Advocacy training is tentatively scheduled for September 16. The location of the training is yet to be determined.

PERSONNEL CHANGES

- No personnel changes.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, September 26, 2011 at the Taylor Farms Assisted Living Facility.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Prepared by:

Dana DiGregorio

Sr. Administrative Coordinator