

Minutes of the Commission On Aging Meeting  
Garvey Senior Activity Center, Leonardtown, Maryland  
Monday, November 15, 2010

**CALL TO ORDER**

Start Time: 1:09 p.m.  
Location: Garvey Senior Activity Center, Leonardtown, Maryland  
Chaired By: Elfreda Mathis - Chair

**PRESENT**

**COA Members:** Bettie Broadhurst, Sam Brown, Vicki Brown, Florence Lanham, Elfreda Mathis, Norma Pipkin, Peggy Reardon, Sheral St. Clair, Andree Wells

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

**ABSENT**

Claudia Knowlton

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion to approve the agenda with additions was made by Bettie Broadhurst and seconded by Sam Brown; all were in favor and the motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion to approve the October 2010 with corrections was made by Peggy Reardon and seconded by Sam Brown; all were in favor and the motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Friends of Ripple Projects:**

- 5K Run/Walk is on the calendar for 2011.
- Purchasing Christmas gifts for the St. Mary's Adult Medical Day Care (the Ripple Center) participants.
- 5 new recliners, and new tables and chairs were purchased by El Shaddai for the center.

**Site Information Visits /Presentations:**

- After this meeting there will be a tour of the Hospice House of St. Mary's

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Yard Clean Up Assistance for Seniors in Golden Beach and Patuxant Knolls Area:**

- The Civic Association for Golden Beach would like to assist seniors in the Patuxant Knolls and Golden Beach Communities who have been cited for yard clean up violations with clean up of their yards. Peggy Reardon brought this to the Commission members' attention for assistance learning who distributes these citations and how can the civic association obtain the names and addresses of the person being issued the citation so that they would be able to offer assistance in the clean up. Sam Brown will contact members of the Board of County Commissioners to follow up with this question.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**Commission On Aging 2010 Annual Report**

- Elfreda Mathis is currently working on the 2010 annual report that will be submitted to the Board of County Commissioners and published to the County website.

**Capital Improvement Program:**

- The Department of Aging staff is working on a proposal to send to the Board of County Commissioners regarding the Garvey Senior Activity Center. The staff has distributed surveys to the community to determine the need and desire for the Senior Activity Center.
- Bettie Broadhurst and Peggy Reardon attended the first Focus Group meeting. More Focus Group meetings are planned for the near future to obtain more information and input.

### **Loffler Senior Activity Center**

- A request for reconstruction proposals has gone out and is due November 19, 2010. Because of mold issues in the Chancellor's Run building was more extensive than originally anticipated, the mold remediation has taken a lot longer to complete. No new anticipated reopen date, other than the end of April or the beginning of May 2011.

### **Upcoming Events:**

#### **Caregivers Breakfast:**

- The Department of Aging sponsored annual Caregivers' Breakfast in November.

#### **Caregivers' Conference:**

- St. Mary's County Department of Aging will sponsor the 2011 Annual Caregivers' Conference. It is scheduled for Friday, April 15, 2011. At this time the Department of Aging is looking at location alternatives for this event.

### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- An update on the Loffler Senior Activity Center's rebuild was previously presented.
- The Garvey Senior Activity Center's expansion or rebuild evaluation progress was previously discussed.

### **PERSONNEL CHANGES**

- The Department is continuing the process to fill the RSVP Program Manager position.
- The Department has filled the Community Programs and Outreach Manager position.

### **ADDITIONAL COMMENTS**

- Sam Brown followed up with the staff at Chesapeake Shores regarding the observations and concerns that the Commission members had after their visit to the site in September. Chesapeake Shores was very receptive and grateful to the follow up and feedback.

### **NEXT MEETING**

Motion to cancel the December 2010 Commission On Aging Meeting due to the Christmas Holiday was made by Sam Brown and seconded by Sheral St. Clair; all were in favor and the motion carried. The December Commission On Aging meeting is cancelled, therefore the next meeting will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, January 24, 2011 at the Garvey Senior Activity Center.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn was made by Sheral St. Clair and was seconded by Sam Brown; all were in favor and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned 2:00 p.m.

Prepared by:

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