

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**ST. MARY'S COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING**  
**October 23, 2017**  
**Cedar Lane Senior Living Community**

**GUEST SPEAKERS:** Ms. Sarah Miller, Community Programs & Outreach Division Manager

Ms. Miller presented the Road Show to the Commission and to the staff and residents of the Cedar Lane Senior Living Community.

**CALL TO ORDER:** The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:37 p.m. (This is a recorded meeting).

**ROLL CALL:** Members present were Juanita Nether (Vice-Chair), Margaret Forrest, Linda Fry, Greg Havens, Deb Johnstone, Mary Novotny and Nicky Pires. Department of Aging & Human Services staff member present was Beth Sandberg, Senior Administrative Coordinator.

**ABSENT:** Gail Murdock and Dale Taylor

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion to approve the September 25, 2017 minutes was made by Ms. Forrest and seconded by Mr. Havens; the motion passed.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- Outreach Committee – Juanita Nether and Linda Fry  
There are no new Outreach events scheduled at this time.  
Ms. Fry suggested the Commission hold an Outreach event after working hours to attract additional citizens.
- Legislative Update – Gail Murdock  
There is nothing new to report on at this time.
- Garvey Council – Ms. Forrest  
Ms. Forrest updated the Commission on the events and activities the Garvey Council has attended, developed and planned.

**DISCUSSION OF OLD BUSINESS:**

- Transportation – Nicky Pires  
The Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland Design Thinking for Healthcare Related Transportation held its final stakeholders workshop. They have narrowed down the concepts from four (4) proposed concepts to two (2) for integration.  
The Tri-County Council received additional funding from the Rural Maryland Council to enhance transportation. The Council is utilizing the additional funding to pursue a grant.  
Ms. Pires followed-up and returned to Victory Woods with applications for ADA services as well as volunteer ride applications to encourage car owners to serve as volunteer drivers.
- Commission on Aging Brochure – Margaret  
In an effort to promote the Commission on Aging, Ms. Forrest developed a brochure for the Commission.

## **DISCUSSION OF NEW BUSINESS:**

- Chair Resignation  
Ms. Kellam resigned as Chair of the Commission. New officers will be elected in January.
- Number of COA members  
We currently have nine (9) members on the Commission.
- Holiday Luncheon  
Ms. Forrest will coordinate the holiday luncheon.
- Information sharing/Announcements  
Ms. Nether provided the details on the loss of a family member for one of the Commission members.  
Ms. Fry shared statistical information from the Commission for Women Listening Tour.  
Ms. Fry attended a Hospice meeting on Elder Suicide. She suggested the Commission consider having a meeting on this topic.  
Mr. Havens is a participant in the Citizens Academy and he has learned a lot about County Government.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Ms. Pires made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:10 p.m. and Ms. Johnstone seconded; the motion passed.

**Purpose:** To advise and assist in the content, administration, and financing of county programs designed to serve the elderly residents of the county; to work with the community to develop awareness and understanding of problems and concerns of the elderly.