

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**ST. MARY'S COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING**  
**May 23, 2022**

**Department of Aging & Human Services Building, 41780 Baldrige Street, Leonardtown, MD 20650**  
**Dial-In Number: 301-579-7236      Participant Pin: 985097**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

- Carolyn Guy called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

- Ms. Carolyn Guy
- Ms. Janet Perryman
- Mr. Walter Boswell
- Mr. Thomas Ridley
- Ms. Rowena Bossio
- Ms. Marie Bennett
- Ms. Christine Morgan
- Department of Aging & Human Services staff members present: Lori Jennings-Harris, Director and Mercedes Jones, Coordinator

**ABSENT:**

- Ms. Janet Newman
- Ms. Omonigho Olumese

Approval of Minutes of April 27, 2022.

I move to approve the minutes of April 27, 2022 with changes.

Motion by Janet Perryman, seconded by Marie Bennett, motion carried.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

- Michelle Cariaso, Director, Charlotte Hall Veteran's Home, provided an informational brief about the Veteran's Home. Ms. Cariaso provided an overview of the admission requirements, activities offered at the home, and challenges the facility has faced since COVID.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- Outreach Committee - Marie Bennett, Carolyn Guy
  - The next deadline for New Beginning is July 6th.
- Senior Housing - Walter Boswell, Christine Morgan, Omonigho Olumese
  - The Housing Committee reached out to Debbie Barker with the Department of Aging & Human Resources to inquire about the possibility of connecting seniors in need of housing to those providing housing.
- Homeless Coalition - Carolyn Guy
  - ERAP Funding Round 2 has been approved to assist with housing and utility costs. Current homeless stats: 53 homeless households, 43 sheltered, 10 households receive street outreach, and since the 1st of July, 96 families have been housed.
- Senior Transportation - Janet Perryman, Rowena Bossio
  - Comments and recommendations concerning the improvement for the STS website were sent to the Department of Public Works and Transportation on April 27th. The committee members plan to attend the Transportation Advisory Committee meetings.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Tri-County Meeting
  - In-Person Event to be hosted by the Calvert County COA on June 2, 2022.
- How to Answer the Survey
  - COA members are interested in developing a briefing for the County Commissioners to summarize the results and recommendations from the December survey. Draft slides have been sent to members for review and input with the hope of finalizing the slides at the next meeting.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- Men's Health Day
  - June 4th, 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at Garvey Senior Activity Center

**ADJOURN:**

A motion was made by Marie Bennett to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Christine Morgan.

**NEXT MEETING:**

June 27, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.

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**Commission on Aging (Monday, May 23, 2022)**

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