

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**ST. MARY'S COUNTY HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION**  
**THURSDAY – DECEMBER 11, 2014**  
**ROOM 14 \* POTOMAC BUILDING**  
**LEONARDTOWN, MARYLAND**

**CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. (This is a recorded meeting)

**ROLL CALL** – Members present were Joshua Brewster – Chair, Joanna Colvin, Sarah Tyson, Vante Burkes, Jesus Godinez, Gary Younger, Bernadette Shannon, and Deborah Dennie. Members excused were Wayne Lockley and Agnes Butler. Department of Aging and Human Services staff members present was Kelsey Bush – LMB/Youth Coordinator.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** – Motion to approve the October 9, 2014 minutes was made and seconded, the motion passed.

**OLD BUSINESS** –

- Diversity Series Update – The commission decided that the HRC will focus on community/police relations as a subject of our community conversation series next year, rather than tackling several different topics. As we discussed, this issue will, unfortunately, likely be timely and important for the foreseeable future. The commission will plan to convene a conversation, along the lines of the Ferguson meeting in September, 3 or 4 times at various locations throughout the county in 2015. A sub-committee will convene next year to discuss the details.
- Volunteer Breakfast Debrief – The commission discussed improvements for the breakfast next year and better communication. Also, the commission will review the calendar so the breakfast doesn't coincide with other events.
- MLK Breakfast – The commission was informed that the keynote speaker for the breakfast will be former Lieutenant Governor and current MSNBC commentator Michael Steel. The breakfast will be held January 19, 2015 at the St. Mary's College of Maryland.

**DISCUSSION OF NEW BUSINESS** –

- The commission discussed planning for the annual southern Maryland Martin Luther King, Jr. Prayer Breakfast which will be held in January 19, 2015 at St. Mary's College, breakfast begins serving at 6:00 a.m. with program beginning at 8:00 a.m.

**CALENDAR** –

- The commission confirmed future meeting dates for calendar year 2015: February 12, 2015, May 14, 2015, August 13, 2015, and November 12, 2015. These dates are published through the boards, committee, and commission meeting dates schedule at <http://www.co.saint-marys.md.us/docs/BoardsCommitteesCommissionsSchedule.pdf>.

**NEXT MEETING** – February 12, 2015 in room 14 of the Potomac Building at 4:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT –**

- A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 6:00 p.m., the motion passed.