

**ST. MARY'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT
DEPARTMENT OF THE
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

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ST. MARY'S COUNTY COMMISSION FOR WOMEN

DATE: October 15, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. Room 14, Potomac Building

PRESENT: Norma Pipkins, Chair Erin Walker, Vice-Chair, Katie Werner, Secretary, Jennifer Brown, Joanna Colvin, Diane Danaher, Marta Kelsey, Beth Knisley, Mary Ludwig, Juanita Nether, and Debra Kane. Taylor Spencer Davis, Dr. Stephen Michaels, Chief Medical Officer at St. Mary's Hospital, Bob Richards, Kelly Ulloa, Executive Director, Second Chances of Southern Maryland, Dawn Utracis, Chief Nursing Officer at St. Mary's Hospital, and Lori Werrell, Director of Population and Community Health at St. Mary's Hospital were also present at the meeting.

ABSENT Brenda Scheufele

Item # 1

Motion: A motion was made to accept the September 17, 2018 meeting minutes and notes (notes provided by CFW Secretary).

By: Beth Knisley

Second: Juanita Nether

For: All

Against: None

Item # 2

Motion: A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 pm

By: Joanna Colvin

Second: Erin Walker

For: All

Against: None

Notes from the
St. Mary's County Commission for Women Meeting
October 15, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 5:40 p.m. Members present were: Norma Pipkin (Chair), Erin Walker (Vice-Chair), Katie Werner (Secretary), Jennifer Brown, Joanna Colvin, Diane Danaher, Marta Kelsey, Beth Knisley, Mary Ludwig and Juanita Nether. Also present was Debra Kane. Brenda Scheufele was unable to attend the meeting. Taylor Spencer Davis, Dr. Stephen Michaels (Chief Medical Officer at St. Mary's Hospital), Bob Richards, Kelly Ulloa (Executive Director, Second Chances of Southern Maryland), Dawn Utracis (Chief Nursing Officer at St. Mary's Hospital) and Lori Werrell (Director of Population and Community Health at St. Mary's Hospital) were also present during all or part of the meeting.

Guest Speakers (from St. Mary's Hospital) - Lori Werrell wanted to assure us that Domestic Violence and SAFE programs services are not impacted and to answer any questions we may have. She suggested creating a work-group with the community to make sure they remain good stewards. There should not be any changes to what happens in instances of domestic violence or sexual assault. They have Memorandums of Understanding in place with other hospitals, including Calvert Memorial Hospital. They have reduced the coordinator position.

Dawn Utracis explained the processes and make community resources available. Community groups. Staff education is performed by Kristen Kyle, an emergency department nurse. SAFE is fully funded; the budget has increased a little this year. MOU with Calvert (has 2 SAFE nurses), St. Mary's has 5, Civista has none, Prince George's Hospital Center has 2. The back-up program for the State is at Mercy in Baltimore. There is funding available for 6 additional nurses to go through SAFE training.

Though they could not speak for Walden, they are developing a similar message. Pyramid has taken over many of its operations as a for-profit organization. Walden Sierra will remain non-profit; the hot line and rape crisis center will continue.

Dr. Michaels wants us to know they are committed to providing service and their program is one of the broadest and deepest in Southern Maryland.

Lori Werrell added they are working on ways to get the word on prevention out to the community and they have reached out to Michael Wyant with St. Mary's County Public Schools.

Additional information to the community.

SAFE - always coordinated and led by the Emergency Department directory (currently Mary Sullivan). They whole program was not working so they have regrouped and are improving.

Dr. Michaels - give them a chance as they move in a new direction. They have been trying to work out since the winter of 2017.

Budget - The money came back from the Southern Maryland Higher Education Center; they will invoice us after the Banquet.

Minutes and Notes - Beth Knisley moved and Juanita Nether seconded that the minutes and notes from the September 17, 2018, meeting be accepted as presented. All voted in favor of the motion.

Banquet - Marta Kelsey needs someone to meet with Judge Abrams to get her biography and a press release done prior to Christmas. Mary Ludwig and Marta Kelsey will meet with the guest speaker, Rear Admiral C.J. Jaynes; they will get information for the program and to do her introduction. The cards for announcing nominations are ready; Norma Pipkin asked that the cost be taken from our printing and binding budget. They can be distributed at the Oyster Festival and Health Fair. Kelly Ulloa volunteered to distribute at the Dream Queens meeting.

Family Violence Coordinating Council - Mary Ludwig noted that the next meeting will be on October 24th.

Healthy Relationships - There has been no meeting with Mr. Wyant, they are trying to get something set-up for early November. Since our last meeting the Cause Theater presentations occurred at Esperanza Middle School (Marta Kelsey attended), Margaret Brent Middle School (Juanita Nether attended) and Spring Ridge Middle School (Norma Pipkin attended); the presentation at Leonardtown Middle School was covered in the notes from our September 17, 2018 meeting. They seemed to be more about bullying than healthy relationships.

Veteran's Day - Will be going to Charlotte Hall Veteran's Home on Saturday, November 10th. The ice cream social will be for female veterans and dependents. Plan to arrive between 10:30 and 10:45 for the social which will be from 11:00 until 12:00. Volunteers are needed to serve ice cream and go to rooms and speak with residents who are unable to leave their rooms. Bringing spouses and children are encouraged. Please let Mary Ludwig or Beth Knisley know if you're able to attend.

Holiday Celebration - Will be on December 10th at the Leonardtown Grill at 5:30. We also agreed to participate in providing gifts to those in the public guardianship program. Norma Pipkin has been in touch with Rebecca and she will send a list for gifts.

Old Business

Proclamation Domestic Violence Report to the Commissioners - The written report has been sent to the County Commissioners; Norma Pipkin will forward members a copy. The Domestic Violence Proclamation will be tomorrow at 9:00 a.m.

Upcoming Events:

October 16, 2018 - Domestic Violence Proclamation

October 16, 2018 - League of Women Voters/NAACP Candidate Forum at Lexington Park Library (House of Delegates 29A, 29B & 29C, County Commissioners District 2 & District 3, Clerk of the Circuit Court)

October 22, 2018 - Visit Harford County Family Justice Center, departing Leonardtown at 8:00 a.m. (Kelsey Bush will drive.)

October 28, 2018 - Trauma Recovery Resource Fair (Jamie Kane) at the Lexington Park Library. Do we want to have a table at the event?

November 9, 2018 - College of Southern Maryland Scholarship Luncheon at the La Plata Campus at noon. Reservations due by November 1st. Let Norma Pipkin know if you're able to attend.

November 19, 2018 - Commission for Women Meeting.

December 10, 2018 - Commission for Women Meeting/Holiday Gathering (see above).

January 14, 2019 - Commission for Women Meeting.

February 11, 2019 - Commission for Women Meeting.

Norma Pipkin announced that this would be Diane Danaher's last meeting as she has resigned. Her term was scheduled to end in December; she will be on travel in November. Diane and her contributions will be missed.

Joanna Colvin moved and Erin Walker seconded that the meeting be adjourned. All voted in favor of the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Werner, Secretary

**OUR NEXT MEETING IS November 19, 2018
5:30 P.M., POTOMAC BUILDING, ROOM 14**

SEE YOU THEN ☺