

Minutes of the Commission On Aging Meeting
Garvey Senior Activity Center, Leonardtown, Maryland
Monday, June 27, 2011

CALL TO ORDER

Start Time: 1:00 p.m.
Location: Garvey Senior Activity Center, Leonardtown, MD
Chaired By: Elfreda Mathis - Chair

PRESENT

COA Members: Bettie Broadhurst, Florence Lanham, Elfreda Mathis, Peggy Reardon, Sheral St. Clair.

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

ABSENT

Sam Brown, Claudia Knowlton, Norma Pipkin, Andree Wells.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda with addition was made by Sheral St. Clair and seconded by Florence Lanham; all were in favor and the motion carried.

Addition: Add "New Members" bullet to New Business section.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the May 2011 minutes, with clarification, was made by Peggy Reardon and seconded by Sheral St. Clair; all were in favor and the motion carried.

Clarification: Elfreda Mathis recommended that all three candidates for appointment to the Commission On Aging be appointed, Dana DiGregorio sent a correspondence to the Board of County Commissioners Office concerning this recommendation.

OLD BUSINESS

Friends of Ripple Projects:

- Sheral St. Clair gave a brief overview of things that are going on at St. Mary's Adult Medical Day Care Center.
- The annual 5K Run/Walk is scheduled for October 15, 2011.
- The Friends of Ripple Group continues to raise funds to assist the facility in funding participant activities.
- The Friends of Ripple Group opened a Certificate of Deposit (CD) to begin putting funds away to assist the center in the purchase of a new van for transporting participants.
- Lori Jennings-Harris noted that the center has hired a new Nurse Manager.

Site Information Visits /Presentations:

- Dana DiGregorio provided a schedule of dates for visits to Taylor Farms and St. Mary's Nursing Center, as well as a tour of the Senior Activity Centers and Nutrition Site.

Bylaws:

- Dana DiGregorio provided copies of the newly approved bylaws for the Commission On Aging to all members, which were designed and written by the Office of the County Attorney.
- The Commission Members voiced their concerns and questions regarding the document.

NEW BUSINESS

New Members:

- Andree Wells has requested to be relieved of her appointment to the Commission On Aging.
- Three volunteers have been appointed by the Board of County Commissioners to the Commission On Aging. Elfreda Mathis will contact each member and invite them to the July meeting.

- Bettie Broadhurst recommended a “meet and greet” with the new members following the July meeting, allowing everyone to get to know each other better.

ACTION ITEMS and UPCOMING EVENTS

- A Re-Open House for the Loffler Senior Activity Center is scheduled for September 29, 2011.
- The Annual Community Health Fair sponsored by the Department of Aging is scheduled for October 21, 2011.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Lori Jennings-Harris gave an update on the Loffler Senior Activity Center construction. Staff should begin to move things back in starting the week of July 5th.
- The four-year Area Plan for FY2012-2015 is coming up and the Department is preparing.
- Lori Jennings-Harris provided the commission members with an updated version of the proposal of reconstruction costs that the Department intends to present to the Board of County Commissioners. Lori Jennings-Harris answered questions posed by the members.

PERSONNEL CHANGES

- A candidate has been chosen for the Sr. Office Specialist vacancy at the Loffler Senior Activity Center, and will begin work on Monday June 27 2011.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

- Elfreda Mathis noted that this was the last meeting for two of the Commission Members: Florence Lanham and Sheral St. Clair. They have both served on the Commission for two 2-year terms. Ms. Mathis presented each of them with a commemorative frame and may thanks from the Commission members.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, July 25, 2011 at the Garvey Senior Activity Center.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by Peggy Reardon and was seconded by Bettie Broadhurst; all were in favor and the motion carried.

Prepared by:
Dana DiGregorio
Sr. Administrative Coordinator