

Minutes of the Commission On Aging Meeting  
Chesapeake Shores – Great Mills, Maryland  
Monday, July 26, 2010

**CALL TO ORDER**

Start Time: 1:00 p.m.  
Location: Chesapeake Shores, Great Mills, Maryland  
Chaired By: Elfreda Mathis - Chair

**PRESENT**

**COA Members:** Sam Brown, Vicki Brown, Claudia Knowlton, Florence Lanham, Elfreda Mathis, Norma Pipkin, Peggy Reardon.

**Department of Aging Staff:** Dana DiGregorio, Sr. Administrative Coordinator.

**ABSENT**

**COA Members:** Bettie Broadhurst, Sheral St. Clair, Andree Wells

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion to approve the agenda as written was made by Peggy Reardon and seconded by Florence Lanham; all were in favor and the motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion to approve the June 2010 meeting minutes as written was made by Sam Brown and seconded by Florence Lanham; all were in favor and the motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Privatization of Ripple Center Update:**

- Lori Jennigs-Harris was not at this meeting so this item will be carried over to the August meeting.

**Friends of Ripple Projects:**

- Sam Brown gave an update on the Friends of Ripple Group. The group will continue to be a fundraising advocate for the needs of the clients, as well as have a member of the Friends of Ripple group on the advisory board for the Medical Adult Day Program. Sam Brown will be a member on the Advisory board.
- Friends of Ripple group is continuing to raise funds to supplement the Medical Adult Day Program with needed supplies, decorations and prizes for the participants.
- The Medical Adult Day Program is still waiting for the "OK" to begin the reconstruction/renovations of the kitchen and the addition of the deck outside.
- The 5K Run/Walk is scheduled for October and will start at the Paul Hall Center (formerly the Harry Lumberg School of Seamanship).

**New Commission On Aging Members:**

- Elfreda Mathis welcomed the newly appointed Commission On Aging member Norma Pipkin, and gave her an overview and brief description of the purpose and mission Commission On Aging and what the commission is currently working on.

**Site Information Visits /Presentations:**

- As discussed at a previous meeting the next focus the Commission would like to look at is Hospice of St. Mary's. Dana will follow-up with Hospice of St. Mary's and arrange for Hospice of St. Mary's to do a presentation at a future Commission On Aging meeting.
- A visit to St. Mary's Nursing Center will be postponed until after the first of the year, to allow St. Mary's Nursing Center time to get settled.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **CSM Production Schedule:**

- Elfreda Mathis is a member of the Southern Maryland Foundation Board and at a recent retreat they attended a production by College of Southern Maryland (CSM). Elfreda Mathis recommended the Department of Aging contact CSM about senior trips to some of the productions presented at CSM. Dana DiGregorio will follow up with the Operations staff at the Department of Aging.

### **CSM Pool Update:**

- Dana DiGregorio provided the Commission members with information on the new pool opening up in September at the College of Southern Maryland (CSM), information on the fees for the pool, and the discount for senior citizens (60 years and older).

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **Update Department of Aging Service Matrix:**

- Dana DiGregorio updated the service matrix and provided copies to the Commission members. Elfreda Mathis made a few more recommendations and changes to the matrix. Dana DiGregorio will update the matrix.

### **Capital Improvement Project Update:**

- Elfreda Mathis put it on the Commission members to stand behind the Department of Aging regarding the relocation of the Garvey Senior Activity Center, advocating in agreement with the letter that Lori Jennings-Harris provided the Commission at the last meeting. Elfreda Mathis would like to start a committee to discuss and follow up with this issue. Elfreda Mathis would like Lori Jennings-Harris to identify additions and building upgrades needed for the armory (the current Library site) to make it adequate for a Senior Activity Center.

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

### **Loffler Senior Activity Center Update:**

- The Loffler senior Activity Center has moved to an temporary interim site at the Seek and Ye Shall Find Church (SAYSF) in Lexington Park Maryland and programming is up and running.

## **PERSONNEL CHANGES**

- Dr. Ted Grant passed away earlier this month. Dr Grant conducted the Alzheimer's Support and Development Aging sessions.
- The Program Manager for the RSVP Program resigned, her last day will be July 30, 2010.
- The Community Programs and Outreach Manager resigned. Her last day will be August 5, 2010.
- The Office Specialist position at the Northern Senior Activity Center has been filled. The new employee began this month.

## **ADDITIONAL COMMENTS**

- Elfreda Mathis offered condolences to Peggy Reardon on the passing of her grandson.
- After the meeting the Commission will take a tour of Chesapeake Shores.

## **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Monday, August 23, 2010 at the Garvey Senior Activity Center.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn was made by Sam Brown and was seconded by Peggy Reardon; all were in favor and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned 2:10 p.m.

Prepared by:

Dana DiGregorio

Sr. Administrative Coordinator