

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, Sam Brown, Agnes Buttler, Claudia Knowlton, Elfreda Mathis, Gail Murdock, Norma Pipkin, Peggy Reardon.

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

**Guests:** Linda Gottfried, Alzheimer's Association

**ABSENT**

Veda Willis

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion to approve the agenda with additions was made by Sam Brown and seconded by Peggy Reardon; all were in favor and the motion carried.

Addition: Add Guest Announcement to Upcoming Events.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

Correction: Remove Department of Aging Staff members' name from list of attendees that were not in attendance at this meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Friends of Ripple Projects:**

- Sam Brown gave a brief overview of St. Mary's Adult Medical Day Care Center.
- The annual 5K Run/Walk is scheduled for October 15, 2011. Sam Brown provided flyers and applications for the members.
- St. Mary's Adult Medical Day Care is postponing the date of the Open House for the facility until some repairs can be made to the facility.
- A new road sign and a new building sign have been put up on the site.
- 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.

**Bylaws:**

- Elfreda Mathis thanked Claudia Knowlton and Bettie Broadhurst for their hard work in reconstructing the bylaws to reflect the guidelines set forth by the Board of County Commissioners and the County Attorney's Office.
- Elfreda Mathis briefly went over the content of the bylaws and Rules of Order that have been approved by the Board of County Commissioners.
- Dana DiGregorio will follow up with the County Attorney's Office to obtain answers to questions raised by the Commission members.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**New Members:**

- Elfreda Mathis welcomed the newly appointed Commission members and gave a brief overview of the Commission On Aging and what they are currently working on, have recently worked on and future plans the Commission will be working on.
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- Each new Commission Members took a moment to tell the existing members about themselves and their backgrounds.
- Linda Gottfried took a moment to introduce herself to the members and gave a brief overview of herself and her background.

#### **ACTION ITEMS and UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Linda Gottfried presented information regarding the upcoming National Alzheimer's Program Act (NAPA) Input Sessions Breakfast. The session is scheduled for Tuesday August 16, 2011 at the College of Southern Maryland, La Plata campus from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

#### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- Lori Jennings-Harris noted that the Department of Aging will be having representatives from each division attend a Commission on Aging meeting to give a brief presentation and overview of that division.
- The reconstruction of the Loffler Senior Activity Center is scheduled for completion by August 8, 2011, at which point the staff will begin moving back into the facility. There is a "Grand Re-Opening celebration scheduled for September 29, 2011.
- The 4-year Area Plan for FY 2012 – 2015 is currently being prepared by the Department for submission to the Board of County Commissioners. The Department will host a public meeting at each of the centers and nutrition sites to obtain input from the senior community to add to the Area Plan.
- An Advocacy training is tentatively scheduled for September 16. The location of the training is yet to be determined.
- The Annual Community Health Fair sponsored by the Department of Aging is scheduled for October 21, 2011, to be held at the Hollywood Volunteer Fire Hall.
- Lori Jennings-Harris and the commission Members discussed some potential changes within the Department. Lori asked that the Commission members continue to support the Department as they have been.

#### **PERSONNEL CHANGES**

- No personnel changes.

#### **ADDITIONAL COMMENTS**

- Claudia Knowlton spoke to the Commission Members about "Mission Of Mercy", a gathering of dentists to bring oral health care to the poor and working poor. This event is tentatively scheduled for June 28 and 29, 2012 at Chopticon High School.

#### **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 Sam Brown; all were in favor and the motion carried.

Prepared by:  
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