

Minutes of the Commission On Aging Meeting
Chesapeake Shores – Great Mills, Maryland
Monday, August 23, 2010

CALL TO ORDER

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

PRESENT

COA Members: Bettie Broadhurst, Sam Brown, Vicki Brown, Claudia Knowlton, Florence Lanham, Elfreda Mathis, Norma Pipkin, Peggy Reardon, Sheral St. Clair, Andree Wells.

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

Guest Speaker: Kathy Franzen, Director for Hospice of St. Mary's

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda as written was made by Sheral St. Clair and seconded by Bettie Broadhurst; all were in favor and the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the July 2010 meeting minutes with corrections was made by Peggy Reardon and seconded by Sheral St. Clair; all were in favor and the motion carried.
Correction: Date of next meeting is incorrect.

WELCOME NEWLY APPOINTED COMMISSION MEMBERS

- Elfreda Mathis welcomed the two newly appointed Commission On Aging members, Norma Pipkin and Andree Wells. Elfreda provided the new members with information about the Commission On Aging and its purpose.

GUEST SPEAKER – Kathy Franzen, Director for Hospice of St. Mary's

- Kathy Franzen, Director for Hospice of St. Mary's, attended the August meeting of the Commission On Aging to provide information on services provided by Hospice of St. Mary's and answered questions posed by the Commission members and Department of Aging Staff.

OLD BUSINESS

Friends of Ripple Projects:

- 5K Run/Walk is planned for October 16, 2010.
- Collected another \$400 for bingo prizes and necessities for the Ripple Center.

Site Information Visits /Presentations:

- The Commission On Aging held their July meeting at Chesapeake Shores and were provided with a tour of the facility. Sam Brown will follow-up with the staff at Chesapeake Shores and give her feed back and observations from the Commission members.
- The Commission On Aging September meeting will be held at Cedar Lane Apartments, continuing the Commission On Aging goal of being up to date on local facilities providing short and long term care, assisted living services for seniors, and other services to the senior community.

CSM Programming:

- Elfreda Mathis would like to have the Department of Aging provide information to the Senior Community on trips and events that are free through the College of Southern Maryland. Dana DiGregorio provided the Commission with an update.

ACTION ITEMS

Upcoming Events:

- AARP Presentation "The New Health Care Law and You" at the Northern Senior Activity Center on September 1, 2010, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.
- Long Term Care Awareness Forum, hosted by the Department of Aging, is scheduled for October 8, 2010 and will be held at the Dr. James A. Forrest Technology and Career Center located at 24005 Point Lookout Road in Leonardtown, Maryland.
- The Department of Aging Community Health Fair is scheduled for Friday, October 22, 2010 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. to be held at the Hollywood Fire Hall located at 24801 Three Notch Road in Hollywood, Maryland.
- The Dementia Care Conference is scheduled for November 3, 2010 and will be held at Greater Waldorf Jaycee Community Center located at 3090 Crain Highway in Waldorf, Maryland.
- The Annual Caregiver's Conference is scheduled for April 15, 2010 to be held at the Loffler Senior Activity Center providing the reconstruction efforts at the Loffler Senior Activity Center are complete.

Update Department of Aging Service Matrix:

- Dana DiGregorio was unable to update the service matrix before this meeting, but will have it for the September meeting.

Process Update – Capital Improvement Program Update:

- Elfreda Mathis would like the Commission on Aging to begin generating information and proper paperwork relating to a new site for the Garvey Senior Activity Center to present to the Board of County Commissioners.
- Claudia Knowlton suggested requesting a feasibility study or recommend site for a new center.
- Lori Jennings-Harris has asked the Department of Aging staff to put together information and 'wish lists' of needs and immediate necessities, including demographics. Once this is complete the Department can then begin to prepare to have this presented to the Board of County Commissioners and possibly added to the Capital Improvement Program.
- Elfreda would like to set up a session for the Department and the Commission to get together and work on each part of the process to get this process going. This committee will meet on Friday, September 17, 2010.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Victory Woods Senior Housing Project:

- The ground breaking ceremony for the Victory Woods Housing Project is tentatively scheduled for September 29, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. Commission On Aging members are welcome to attend. Lori Jennings-Harris will follow-up with members to confirm that date.

Department of Aging Welcome Video:

- The Department of Aging, with the assistance of the Information Technology Department, has added a "Welcome" video to the front page of our web site. It is a video of Lori Jennings Harris, Director for the Department of Aging, giving a brief welcome message and description of the Department and the services they offer.

State Commission On Aging Website:

- Dana DiGregorio provided website information for the new Maryland Commission On Aging website by e-mail as well as a hard copy of the information to each member.

Egg Recall and Home Delivered Meals:

- The resent recall on eggs has not impacted the Department of Aging Meals on Wheels program. The food that the Department provides does not contain eggs that are included in the recall. It is also noted that if the eggs are cooked properly and completely there is little to no chance of a problem.

PERSONNEL CHANGES

- The Department of Aging is currently reviewing applications for the RSVP Project Manager position and the Community Program and Outreach Manager position openings.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday, September 27, 2010 at the Cedar Lane Apartments.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by Sheral St. Clair and was seconded by Peggy Reardon; all were in favor and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned 2:27 p.m.

Prepared by:

Dana DiGregorio

Sr. Administrative Coordinator