

MEETING MINUTES
ST. MARY'S COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING
February 25, 2019
St. Mary's County Nursing Home

CALL TO ORDER: The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. (This is a recorded meeting).

ROLL CALL: Members present were Gail Murdock, Margaret Forrest, Catherine Bush, Catherine Herndon, Linda Fry, Delores Thompson, and Dr. Bernice Williams; Department of Aging & Human Services staff members present were Lori Jennings-Harris, Director and Mercedes Jones, Coordinator I.

ABSENT: Marie Bond, Sandra Simmons, Rose Frederick

PRESENTATION: Sharon Ferris, Administrative Assistant of St. Mary's County Commissioners, introduced the Committee to BoardDocs. John Deatruck, Director of Public Works and Transportation along with Jacque Fournier, Supervisor of Public Works and Transportation, discussed transportation challenges and explained how paratransit works. Alice Allen, Department of Aging & Human Services Senior Centers Operation Manager, provided information about the Senior Activity Centers, nutrition, and health promotion.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion to approve the January 28, 2019 minutes was made by Margaret Forrest and seconded by Dr. Bernice Williams; the motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Outreach Committee – Linda Fry
Feed St. Mary's is hosting a community meeting March 18, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Chesapeake Building. The focus is to inform the community about food issues.
- Legislative Update – Gail Murdock
There are not many bills that specifically address seniors, but there are a lot of bills about opioids, medical marijuana, prescription drugs and disability. Most bills are getting unfavorable reports.
- Garvey Council – Margaret Forrest
Mr. Murdock will start a cash blast next month.
- Homeless Coalition – Bernice Williams
The Mission is currently working on the round houses that were donated. They are being converted into livable space for homeless individuals. Dr. Bernice picks up bread from the Commissary and delivers it to the Mission and to the seniors at Victory Woods.

DISCUSSION OF OLD BUSINESS:

- Transportation – John Deatruck and Jacque Fournier addressed transportation concerns.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: March 25, 2019 at 1:00 p.m.
Charlotte Hall Veterans Home
29449 Charlotte Hall Rd
Charlotte Hall, MD 20622

Purpose: To advise and assist in the content, administration, and financing of county programs designed to serve the elderly residents of the county; to work with the community to develop awareness and understanding of problems and concerns of the elderly.