

Minutes of the Commission On Aging Meeting
Garvey Senior Activity Center, Leonardtown, Maryland
Monday, September 24, 2012

CALL TO ORDER

Start Time: 1:00 p.m.
Location: Garvey Senior Activity Center, Leonardtown, Maryland
Chaired By: Bettie Broadhurst

PRESENT

COA Members: Norma Pipkin, Elfreda Mathis, Crystal Menear, Sam Brown, Peggy Reardon, David Ryan, Cindy Williams, Gail Murdock.

Department of Aging Staff: Lori Jennings-Harris, Director; Jennifer Hunt, Community Programs and Outreach Division Manager

ABSENT

Agnes Butler.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Gail Murdock and seconded by Peggy Reardon; all were in favor and the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the August 2012 minutes was made by Gail Murdock and seconded Peggy Reardon; all were in favor and the motion carried. Some members did not receive the minutes by e-mail. Email addresses will be verified.

OLD BUSINESS

Friends of Ripple Projects:

- Sam Brown reported October 13, 2012 is the 5K Run/Walk. This is a major fundraiser for the Ripple Center. Registration begins at 7 a.m. that day or pre-register via active.com. The race starts at 8 a.m. It will be held at the Harry Lundeberg School of Seamanship.

NEW BUSINESS

- There was brief conversation about the waterborne virus; *Vibrio vulnificus*. Several statistics to be aware of are:
 - Most affected population are males between 40 – 60 years of age
 - Fatality rate is 50%
 - Enters body through existing wound or raw seafood
 - Symptoms including vomiting, diarrhea, dizziness, and a decrease in blood pressure
 - Goes dormant in cold water; however, thrives in water temperature of 68 to 84 degrees.

Realizing this is a Health Department issue, the commission encourages a timely press release because the water is still warm enough for individuals to be affected by the virus. Lori Jennings-Harris will draft a press release for Tony Jones, Public Information Officer, review.

ACTION ITEMS

Capital Improvement Project – Garvey Rebuild

- A draft letter has been composed by the Board Chair thanking the Board of County Commissioners for including the Garvey Senior Activity Center project on the CIP calendar.
- Jennifer Hunt announced advertisements for the Senior Forum scheduled for September 28 were done in a timely manner. Additional logistics discussed were parking, directing traffic to the back of the building, sitting among visitors, using index cards and pens for questions, volunteer badges, and directing guests away from the cookie and coffee table.

Bettie Broadhurst will ensure the forum will be conducted in such a way that focuses on senior issues. Letters have been written to each panel member informing them of the purpose of the forum and the permitted time.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Annual Health Fair is scheduled for Friday, October 26, 2012 at the Hollywood Fire House.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Received 44 applications for the Senior Administrative Coordinator position.
- Remember to complete RSVP time record, which includes travel time.
- Planning for the Health Fair at the Hollywood Fire House is ongoing.
- There will be two COA vacancies, as some members of the COA have reached their maximum term length. Members up for reappointment must notify the administrative assistant for the county administrator to remain on the commission.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday, October 22, 2012 at the Garvey Senior Activity Center in Leonardtown, Maryland.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by Gail Murdock and was seconded by Sam Brown; all were in favor and the motion carried.

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