

**MEETING MINUTES
ST. MARY'S COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING**

June 28, 2021

**Department of Aging & Human Services Building, 41780 Baldrige Street, Leonardtown, MD 20650
Dial-In Number: 301-579-7236 Participant Pin: 985097**

CALL TO ORDER:

- AnnMarie Abell called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

- Ms. AnnMarie Abell
- Mr. Gail Murdock
- Ms. Sandra Simmons
- Ms. Carolyn Guy
- Mr. Walter Boswell
- Ms. Virginia Morris
- Ms. Janet Perryman
- Ms. Omonigho Olumese
- Department of Aging & Human Services staff members present were Lori Jennings-Harris, Director and Mercedes Jones, Coordinator

ABSENT:

- Ms. Veda Willis

Approval of Minutes of May 24, 2021.

I move to approve the minutes of May 24, 2021 as presented.

Motion by Gail Murdock, seconded by Janet Perryman, motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS:

- Sarah Miller, Community Programs and Outreach Manager, Department of Aging & Human Services, presented. The Community Programs and Outreach Division is responsible for communicating information to the senior community through the bi-monthly newsletter, website updates, Facebook, and local media. This Division is also responsible for the planning and implementation of the Department of Aging & Human Services signature events, including Law Enforcement Appreciation Day, the Community Health and Wellness Fair, Veterans Resource Day and Keys to Senior Independence, to name a few.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Homeless Coalition - Carolyn Guy
 - The last meeting was held on June 16th. One issue discussed included the shortage of housing in St. Mary's County and increase of evictions. The second issue is with the end of the COVID crisis, there is a concern that the federal funding may dry up in the fall. The eviction protection ends on August 15th. St. Mary's County Housing Authority housed over 13 families in the month of May and as of June 16, they have housed 2 families. There is funding still available for the Emergency Rental Assistance Program, if anyone needs assistance with utilities or rent, they can contact the Department of Social Services. The library is starting the summer program and there are reading programs for children. St. Mary's County School Board will have daycare and a summer school program from K-12 and have transportation available.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Tri-County COA Meeting
 - The Tri-County COA Meeting will be held on June 30, 2021, at Garvey Senior Activity Center. Charles and Calvert County will attend virtually. The draft agenda and the virtual meeting logistic were discussed.

ADJOURN:

Motion to Adjourn

Motion by Gail Murdock, seconded by Janet Perryman, motioned carried.

NEXT MEETING:

July 26, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.

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