

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**ST. MARY'S COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING**  
**September 25, 2023**  
**Department of Aging & Human Services Building, 23630 Hayden Farm Lane, Leonardtown, MD 20650**  
**Dial-In Number: 301-579-7236 Participant Pin: 985097**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

- Janet Perryman called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

- Ms. Janet Perryman
- Ms. Carolyn Guy
- Ms. Christine Morgan
- Ms. Catherine Coates
- Ms. Rowena Bossio
- Ms. Nicola Barr
- Ms. Jean-Marie Hansen
- Ms. Kimberly Quade
- Department of Aging & Human Services staff members present: Mercedes Jones, Coordinator

**ABSENT:**

- Ms. Barbara O'Neal
- Mr. Thomas Ridley
- Ms. Omonigho Olumese
- Ms. Kathryn Kennedy

Approval of Minutes of August 28, 2023.

I move to approve the minutes of August 28, 2023.

Motion by Catherine Coates, seconded by Jean-Marie Hansen motion carried.

**SENIOR FOCUS AREAS:**

- Department of Aging & Human Services Update - Ms. Mercedes Jones provided members with an update of programs, services and events.
- Senior Transportation - The next Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting is October 19th at 1:00 p.m. Ms. Bossio will share call-in information. A citizen attended the meeting and expressed concerns with the ADA bus arriving up to 90 minutes past the scheduled arrival time, and not allowing riders time to get out of the house to the bus. The citizen also has a concern with lost and found. Also, the citizen and another COA member shared that they both had poor experience with the transportation employees. COA plans to reach out to Public Works and Transportation regarding these items.
- Senior Housing - No update.
- Veterans' Issues - No update.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Discussion of Outreach Events: Three outreach events were held in August and September. The team felt they were a good use of time, garnering interest with the community and providing useful information. Members will provide other venues and dates/times for outreach events.
  - August 4: Spoke with 25 people at Garvey (2 hours)
  - September 22: Spoke with 15 people at Loffler (3 hours)
  - September 25: Spoke with 14 people (2 hours)

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Status of Items Ordered - All items have been ordered and will arrive this week.
- 2024 Tri-County Meeting - COA Chair will meet with Charles and Calvert County Chairs on October 6th to discuss option for each county to present their own plans and priorities as part of the main agenda rather than the last topic on the agenda.
- Status of Letter Regarding STS Website Updates - Letter and improvements to the website sent to the Director of Public Works and Transportation, and cc to County Administrator, David Weiskopf, as well as the Commissioners on September 22. Director, Jim Gotsch replied to the email stating that the the website had been updated and font size can be adjusted by user.
- Tri-County Commission on Aging Meeting - Hosted by St. Mary's County
  - Members are discussing themes and speakers.
- Identify Outreach Events Venues and Times
  - A website was created for members to sign up for Outreach events.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- Health Fair - Friday, October 13, 2023, 9:00am - 3:30pm University of Maryland Southern Maryland, 44219 Airport Road, California, MD 20619

**ADJOURN:**

Meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Motion made by Christine Morgan, seconded by Catherine Coates, motion carried.

**NEXT MEETING:**

October 25, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.

Garvey Senior Activity Center

23630 Hayden Farm Lane, Leonardtown, MD 20650

**Commission on Aging (Monday, September 25, 2023)**

*Generated by Mercedes P Jones on Friday, October 20, 2023*