

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**ST. MARY'S COUNTY HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION**  
**THURSDAY – JANUARY 09, 2014**  
**HUMAN SERVICES CONFERENCE ROOM \* POTOMAC BUILDING**  
**LEONARDTOWN, MARYLAND**

**CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting was called to order at 4:15 p.m. (This is a recorded meeting)

**ROLL CALL** – Members present were Theo Cramer – Chair, Joshua Brewster, Calvin Brien, Agnes Butler, Deborah Dennie, Wayne Lockley and Sarah Tyson. Charna Lacey and Leisha Wood were excused. Department of Aging and Human Services staff members present were Lori Jennings-Harris – Director, Kelsey Bush – LMB/Youth Coordinator, and Amber Norris – Office Manager and Recording Secretary.

**DISCUSSION OF OLD BUSINESS** –

- Quarterly Diversity Book/Film Series – Mr. Bush has contacted the College of Southern Maryland, St. Mary's College of Maryland, and the libraries to set a meeting for the January/February timeframe to discuss setting quarterly workshops/gatherings to discuss films or books pertaining to various diversity dynamics beginning in calendar year 2015.
- Cultural Discussion Group – Mr. Brien volunteered to speak with Commissioner Russell to begin planning an informal group discussion on current cultural topics.
- Choose Civility Initiative – The College of Southern Maryland is taking the lead on the choose civility initiative. This is a community-wide initiative that intends to enhance respect, empathy, consideration, and tolerance in our community. The entire community, as well as other communities around the region, are encouraged to participate. More information can be found at <http://www.csmd.edu/ChooseCivility/>.
- The Human Relations Commission gave a presentation on December 17, 2013 to the Board of Education's Diversity Equity Advisory Committee as an overview of the commission, membership and current initiatives/projects, the presentation was well received.

**DISCUSSION OF NEW BUSINESS** –

- 2014 Human Relations Commission Breakfast Brainstorming – In the coming months, the commission will begin to plan the next breakfast. The commission decided to tentatively set the next breakfast for October 25, 2014, topics to be determined at an upcoming meeting.
- Nominations and Election of Chair – Commission members nominated Joshua Brewster for the chair position, Mr. Brewster accepted the nomination. The commission thanked Mr. Cramer for his dedication and hard work as acting-chair.

**CALENDAR** –

- The commission decided on future meeting dates for calendar year 2014: March 13, 2014, May 8, 2014, August 14, 2014, October 9, 2014, and December 11, 2014. These dates will be published through the boards, committee, and commission meeting dates schedule at <http://www.co.saint-marys.md.us/docs/BoardsCommitteesCommissionsSchedule.pdf>.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS –**

- The 10th Annual Southern Maryland Martin Luther King, Jr., Prayer Breakfast will be held Monday, January 20, 2014 at St. Mary's College of Maryland in the J. Frank Raley Great Room of the Campus Center. Breakfast service begins at 6:00 am (\$ payable at the door) and the program begins at 8:00 am.

**NEXT MEETING –** March 13, 2014 in room 14 of the Potomac Building at 4:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT –**

- Mr. Lockley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:13 p.m. and Ms. Tyson seconded, the motion passed.