

MEETING MINUTES
ST. MARY'S COUNTY COMMISSION FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES
THURSDAY – JANUARY 16, 2014
ROOM 14 POTOMAC BUILDING * LEONARDTOWN, MARYLAND

CALL TO ORDER – The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:08 p.m. (This is a recorded meeting)

ROLL CALL – Members present were:

Eric Colvin	Citizen Rep, Chair
David Ryan	Citizen Rep, Vice Chair
Sherri St. Clair	Citizen Rep
Felton Rothwell	Citizen Rep
Joshua Brewster	Greenwell
Georgianna Rovito on behalf of Sandra Dent	Center for Independent Living
Sarah Schaefer & Kourtney Baker	Center for Life Enrichment
Patrice Roberts	Resource Coordination
Lois Coryell	St. Mary's County Libraries
Christina Bishop	Department of Recreation & Parks, ADA Coordinator
Melissa Seigman	Social Services
Lisa Berry	Pathways, Inc.
Iris Wedge Parker on behalf of Michelle Tilman	Bay Community Support Services

Non-members present were:

Lori Jennings-Harris	Director, Department of Aging & Human Services
Amber Norris	Department of Aging & Human Services
Monika Williams	Department of Aging & Human Services
Bonnie Elward	Southern Maryland Community Resources
Joanna Colvin	Citizen

Cynthia Brown, Rebecca Kessler, Sarah Vahle, Mary Ann Blankenship, Linda Clem, Crystal Frederick, Carole Woodward, and Tomica Scriber were excused.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – Motion to approve the November 21, 2013 minutes was made by Ms. St. Clair and seconded by Mr. Ryan, the motion passed.

BUDGET REPORT –

Account	Budget	Balance
Supplies & Materials	\$600.00	\$5.65
Other Contract Services	\$1700.00	\$750.00
Total	\$2300.00	\$755.65

- The giveaway grocery bags were delivered and available as handouts at Commission for People with Disabilities events.
- All invoices from the annual Christmas party have been paid.

ADA COORDINATOR REPORT –

- Ms. Bishop stated there will be many upgrades coming to the Potomac Building in the next few months to make the building more ADA accessible.

DISCUSSION OF OLD BUSINESS –

- Commission Christmas Party – The commission, Helpful Hooves, and the Pals Program held their Christmas dinner dance at the Loffler Senior Center on Friday, December 13, 2013, it was a great success and the County Times published an article in their December 26, 2013 edition of the paper. 85 persons attended the event.
- By-Laws Sub-Committee – Mr. Brewster provided the commission suggested amendments to the by-laws. Mr. Brewster will meet with George Sparling, County Attorney, to discuss the process for amendments to the by-laws.

DISCUSSION OF NEW BUSINESS –

- Election of Officers – The commission members nominated Mr. Colvin for the chair and Mr. Ryan as the vice-chair, both members accepted the nominations. Ms. St. Clair made a motion to elect Mr. Colvin as the chair and Mr. Ryan as the vice-chair of the commission and Ms. Coryell seconded, the motion passed. The commission discussed the secretary position and decided to revisit at a later date.
- 2014 Calendar of Events – Mr. Colvin presented a draft calendar of events to the commission membership. A final version will be e-mailed to the membership.
- 2013 Annual Report – Mr. Colvin provided the draft annual report to the commission membership. Ms. St. Clair made a motion to accept the 2013 annual report and forward to the Board of County Commissioners and Ms. Bishop seconded, the motion passed. Once the report is forwarded to the Commissioners, an electronic copy will be uploaded to the commission's webpage.

ANNOUNCEMENTS –

- The Southern Maryland Community Resources along with Helpful Hooves Equine Therapy will host a Winter Gathering on Saturday, January 18, 2014 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Our Lady Star of the Sea – Providence Room in Solomons, Maryland.
- Spring planning for therapeutic recreation has commenced, with many new and returning programs. Registration for summer camps opens March 1, 2014, and spring programs on March 3, 2014, more information can be found at <http://www.stmarysmd.com/recreate/TR.asp>.
- Bay Community Support Services will now offer day rehab services, more information can be found at <http://www.baycss.org/>.

NEXT MEETING –

- February 20, 2014 in Room 14 at 4:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT –

- Ms. St. Clair made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:50 p.m. and Mr. Rothwell seconded, the motion passed.