

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**ST. MARY'S COUNTY COMMISSION FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES**  
**THURSDAY – MAY 15, 2014**  
**ROOM 14 POTOMAC BUILDING \* LEONARDTOWN, MARYLAND**

**CALL TO ORDER** – The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m. (This is a recorded meeting)

**ROLL CALL** –Members present were:

Eric Colvin	Citizen Rep, Chair
David Ryan	Citizen Rep, Vice Chair
Christina Bishop	Department of Recreation & Parks, ADA Coordinator
Rebecca Kessler	Department of Aging & Human Services
Cynthia Brown	Department of Aging & Human Services
Mary Ann Blankenship	Department of Public Works & Transportation
Melissa Seigman	Social Services
Sherri St. Clair	Citizen Rep
Lisa Berry	Pathways, Inc.
Denise Sulerzyski	Resource Coordination
Rocco Aiello	St. Mary's County Public Schools

Non-members present were:

Amber Norris	Department of Aging & Human Services
Monika Williams	Department of Aging & Human Services
Bonnie Elward	Southern Maryland Community Resources

Lois Coryell, Joshua Brewster Felton Rothwell, Sandra Dent, Michelle Tilman, Sarah Schaefer, Sarah Vahle, Linda Clem, Carole Woodward, and Tomica Scriber were excused.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** – Motion to approve the March 20, 2014 minutes with amendments was made by Ms. St. Clair and seconded by Ms. Blankenship, the motion passed.

**BUDGET REPORT –**

<b>Account</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Balance</b>
Supplies & Materials	\$600.00	\$5.65
Other Contract Services	\$1700.00	\$50.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2300.00</b>	<b>\$55.65</b>

- Award paper and holders will be purchased with the remainder of the funds.

**ADA COORDINATOR REPORT –**

- The 2010 ADA Standards Manual is available for review in Ms. Bishop's office.
- Ms. Bishop met with the County Administrator and requested a full-time ADA Coordinator be included in the budget.

**DISCUSSION OF OLD BUSINESS –**

- Mr. Colvin stated the online website and calendaring system is now up and running along with a news section. Ms. Bishop stated there is a banner that displays on the home page that gives tips

and information. Events and activities can be submitted directly to the website at <http://www.stmarysmd.com/voluntr/CommissionforPeoplewithDisabilities.asp>.

- Ms. Bishop informed the commission that four nominations had been received to date for the awards program. Nominations will be accepted until June 1, 2014. The awards ceremony will be tentatively placed on the Board of County Commissioners agenda July 22, 2014.
- The Earth Day Celebration was well attended; Mr. Colvin manned the booth at the event. Ms. Kessler stated the Caregivers' Conference was well attended and provided an opportunity for the caregivers to network during the event. Ms. St. Clair and Mr. Colvin attended the Special Olympics Event.

#### **DISCUSSION OF NEW BUSINESS –**

- Ms. Kessler provided an overview of the Home and Community-Based Services Division of the Department of Aging and Human Services. As the number of older adults in the county increases, more and more individuals and families must face the challenge of caring for older persons whose ability to provide for their own care and needs has declined. A primary goal of the department is to help these individuals and families find the means of remaining as independent as possible within their own homes and communities. To respond to this goal, services are made available to eligible persons in their home or nearby community facilities and eliminate or minimize the need for services in more costly health care institutions. The services offered through the Home and Community-Based Services Division (HCBS) include: Aging & Disability Resource Center/Maryland Access Point (MAP), Caregiver Support/Respite, Medicaid Waiver for Older Adults (Community First Choice), Options Counseling, Senior Care Program Senior Rights & Advocacy/Ombudsman, and Public Guardianship. For more information, please visit <http://www.co.saint-marys.md.us/aging/hcbs-overview.asp>.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS –**

- Summer Camp registration opened March 1, 2014, Recreation and Parks offers a wide variety of programs to entice the many interests of children today. Choose from your traditional Day Camp programs full of activities from group games to arts and crafts or one of our Sports Camp programs. More information can be found at <http://www.co.saint-marys.md.us/recreate/camps.asp>.
- Stuff a Bus Event takes place Saturday, May 17, 2014 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 pm. at the Foodlion in Charlotte Hall, Giant in California, and McKays in Leonardtown. Having a year round, well stocked food supply in our community's food pantries is a good idea for a number of reasons, according to St. Mary's County Health Department. Generous giving is a hallmark of our citizens, and keeping in mind that pantries are an important source of food during the recovery phase of a disaster gives citizens another reason to donate regularly.

#### **NEXT MEETING –**

- June 19, 2014 in the Garvey Senior Center Billiards Room at 4:00 p.m.

#### **ADJOURNMENT –**

- Ms. St. Clair made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:09 p.m. and Ms. Kessler seconded, the motion passed.